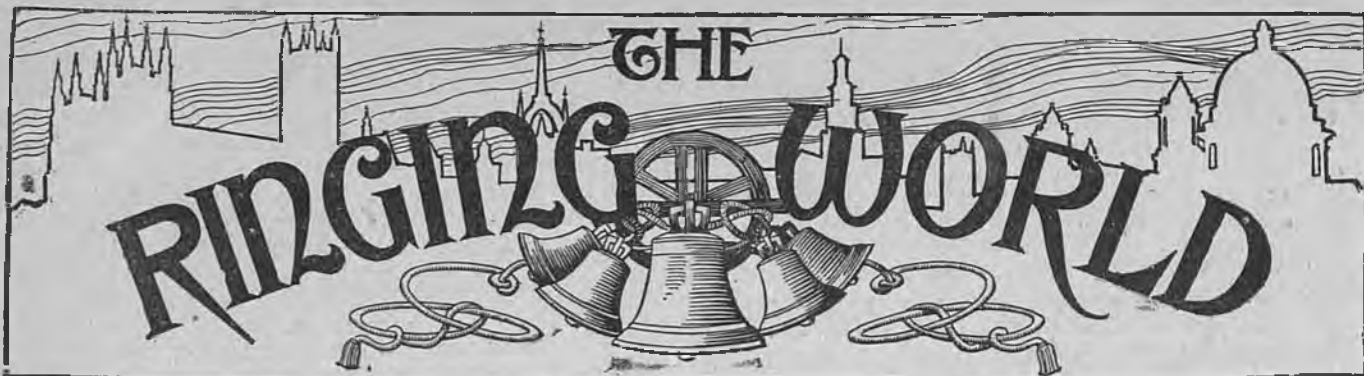


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NAMING THE SURPRISE METHODS.

The announcement, made in 'The Ringing World' a fortnight ago, that in the book on Surprise Major Methods, which the Methods Committee of the Central Council has now got ready for the Press, names have already been given to all the methods that are to be printed, has disinterred an old bone of contention. The point at issue is, who shall name a method? It seems, in one sense, a small matter, and yet it involves one of those 'rights' to which ringers attach considerable importance and which they like to retain in their own hands.

There has been an unwritten law that those who ring the first peal in a new method should have the right to name it; on the other hand authors of new methods have also exercised the right of giving a name to these children of their brain, and these conflicting claims each have something to be said for them. Up to a few years ago each method was produced as an individual effort, and, as such, the author had an unquestioned right to give it a name if he so desired, although some of the most distinguished men left the naming of their products to the ringers. But even so there were exceptions.

With the advance in the science of method evolution and mass production, when—and the Methods Committee were the first to advance the idea—no individual can claim to be more than a producer, the position has altered and the rights as 'author' would seem to have largely disappeared. On the face of past practice, therefore, the rights remaining are the rights of those who first ring the methods. But it is not, we imagine, with the idea of usurping these rights that the Methods Committee proceeded to find names for all those methods not previously titled. The experience in the naming of the Minor methods, which got into a welter of confusion, led them to name the plain Major methods before they were published and, in giving names to the Surprise methods, they have only followed this precedent.

Whether, in view of the much wider practice of new Surprise methods, this is advisable is a question open to discussion, and the committee might well reconsider the position. There is unquestionably a desire among ringers of new methods to associate them, either with the place at which they are first rung, or with some other place which they wish, in a way, to honour, and the naming of all these new methods before they are rung may, as Mr. Gabriel Lindoff points out, cause trouble and heartburning. Indeed, until a method has been rung and given a name by those who ring it there is no guarantee that the name inserted in the Council's volume will be accepted or not. There is nothing to prevent ringers

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upsetting the well-intentioned aims of the committee. Mr. Lindoff's proposal to number those methods not already rung—as was done in the case of the first issue of the Minor Collection—is worth considering before publication has gone too far, but there should be some reservation with regard to a proper register of the names of those rung in future for the first time.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	BERT HORTON 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 10
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 5	ARTEUR E. PEGLAR 11
*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

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

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

BERT HORTON Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN C. ADAMS 8
ROBERT PICKERING 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 10
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	HARRY BOSWELL 11
HOWARD HOWELL 6	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Arranged and rung as a welcome to Canon John Brierley, M.A., as Rector of Wolverhampton.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN FREEMAN Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 2	HAROLD MARCON 8
GEORGE W. CREASEY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 9
CECIL J. MAYER 4	HERBERT LOWMAN 10
LEWIS SNELL 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON 11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 6	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

This was the conductor's first peal and rung at the first attempt.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL,
8040 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 31½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* Fiftieth peal together for the association. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Spliced Royal by all the band and by the association. There were 96 changes of method. It was rung as the annual peal for the association.

DUDLEY, WORCS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*HARRY WYRE Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
JOHN LLOYD 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 7
JOHN BASS 3	FRANK BURLEY 8
JOHN GOODMAN 4	THOMAS HEMMING 9
ROBERT MATTHEWS 5	*JACK PAGETT Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. First attempt on ten as conductor. Rung in honour of St. Thomas' Day, and also as the annual peal for the Guild.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*KENNETH LEWIS Treble	*LIONEL CLOUGH 6
†ERNEST BENNETT 2	†WILFRED STEVENSON 7
*JAMES FERNLEY 3	†DAVID VINCENT 8
*JAMES A. MILNER 4	†GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 9
*FRANK TWIGG 5	†JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Bob Royal on tower bells.
† First peal of Bob Royal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. F. Twigg for standing in at a minute's notice.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*REGINALD WOODYATT 7
GEORGE HINTON 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 8
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 9
DENNIS R. MORRIS 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters in the tower, and of Caters on the present bells. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

At the Cathedral Church of St. James, in the Norman Tower

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. (approx.) in D.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble	*ERNEST F. POPPY 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
TONY PRICE 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 8
JOHN SPARROW 4	DANIEL COOPER 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

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

*THOMAS TRASLER Treble	JOHN A. GREEN 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS 6
FRANK J. GREEN 3	THOMAS C. TOMKINS 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT

* First peal of Major. First in the method as conductor. Rung for St. Thomas' Day.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S, No. 1.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 6
ARTHUR BRAINES 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. W. Worthington, Esq., J.P., of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, an esteemed hon. member of the association.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CRAYFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY HOVED Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

This method is now rung for the first time.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

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

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 3	ROGER W. DANIELS 7
WILLIAM A. STONE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal on eight bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Eric J. Cole, of the Edgbaston band, who was married to Miss Alice P. Aiken at this church earlier in the day.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY HOPKINSON Treble	ALFRED W. H. BOWLER 5
EDWIN HOPKINSON 2	VICTOR E. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR 7
HUGH W. GREGORY 4	THOMAS DENT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

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On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

THOMAS JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
*KENNETH LEWIS 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY 7
WILLIAM P. DEANE 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method away from treble. Rung for the wedding of Mr. T. G. Hawkins and Miss Ida Wolstencroft, which took place at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, the same day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE A. PARSONS Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST WILSON Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
*REGINALD ELT 2	*RALPH SAYERS 6
*ALLEN MORGAN 3	REGINALD WOODVATT 7
*DENNIS SAYERS 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method. Seven of the above are members of the Claines band.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 14) Treble	†GEORGE H. LIMMER 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	PERCY DYKE 6
†GORDON W. LIMMER 3	†THOMAS J. FOWLER 7
†REGINALD W. DARVILL 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First attempt for Treble Bob. † First attempt in the Oxford variation. ‡ First of Oxford away from the treble. 100th peal as conductor for the Guild.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON 3	THOMAS J. FOWLER 7
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 4	ERNEST BRETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 67). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, ECCLESTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM LEACH Treble	WILLIAM BAGLEY 5
J. NORMAN BROWN 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN 6
†WILLIAM JOHNSON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
GEORGE THOMAS JENES 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Brown and A. B. Britzell, of Poolstock.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
*MARIE R. CROSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*ROBERT G. CROSS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First attempt for a peal of London. The first peal in the method in these bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 5
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
THOMAS J. FOWLER 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
WILLIAM H. SEABROOK 4	PERCY NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

MISS HILDA SNOWDEN Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
*GEORGE TRENBELL 2	CLAUDE SNOWDEN 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
ALAN M. GENERY 4	ERNEST BOWHILL Tenor

Composed by WM. KEEBLE. Conducted by MISS H. SNOWDEN.

* First peal on eight bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

*MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
†GEORGE F. GOSHAWE 2	JAMES E. BAILEY 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	LEONARD P. BAILEY 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. L. FISHER.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt; aged 14 years. First peal of Major as conductor.

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On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN... .. 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	FREDERICK T. COOKE 7
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Waldron on the 30th anniversary of their wedding day, and to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wybrow, late of Fakenham, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE HARVEY Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 5
ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 6
JOHN E. HOBBS 3	TOM CLARKE 7
EDWARD F. GOBEY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

RICHMOND, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	HARRY KILBY 6
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... 3	WILFRED G. WILSON 7
THOMAS COLLINS 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES FIRTH. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	ROBERT H. VIGOR 5
JOHN LYDDIARD 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
MOLLIE REDPATH 4	LESLIE KELLY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal by the tenor man. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. Miss Redpath is the first lady to attempt a peal on these bells, which are notorious in the district for the length of rope without sally guides.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	*RAYMOND OVERY 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 50th peal. The conductor's 300th peal of Stedman Triples.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	FREDERICK SEAGER 7
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal in the method away from the treble, and first attempt. First peal of Double Norwich rung at Ossett, and first peal of Major on the bells since they were recast by J. Taylor and Co. Rung after meeting short for Royal, and on the 37th anniversary of Mr. T. B. Kendall's wedding day.

HOBINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Five Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,368 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	LAURENCE POULSON 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

Longest peal of Kent Treble Bob rung in Suffolk and for the Guild, and longest peal by all.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

KENNETH LEWIS Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
LIONEL CLOUGH 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
JAMES A. MILNER 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... Treble	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 4
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 2	RALPH HARRIS 5
J. WILLIAM HEATH 3	*STANLEY TRAGUR, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. The Southern Branch quarterly peal.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Ipswich, York, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Duke of York and Woodbine.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ELLIOTT COOPER ... Treble	JAMES STANWAY 4
*FRANK BRADBURY 2	WILLIAM HAZELDINE 5
JOHN BEECH 3	J. COTTRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of and to commemorate the conductor's 40 years' service as a bellringer.

MARGATE.—On Thursday, December 12th, for Confirmation service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band: E. Spickett 1, F. Gadsden 2, A. Dadds 3, J. Waghorn (conductor) 4, F. Reeves 5, F. Fifield 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*KENNETH DALE Treble	HARRY ROBBINS 4
GEORGE L. CORNWALL 2	JOHN J. WEBB 5
THOMAS BEVAN 3	*FRANK WILKS Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.

* First peal. It is 30 years since H. Robbins rang his last peal.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN H. ARBON Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 4
ALDERMAN LING 2	HENRY J. VINCE 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by BENNETT, JUN.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

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 13 cwt. 1 qr.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble	FREDERICK HOOPER 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
GEORGE FOSTER 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

First peal on the bells since the addition of the new tenor. Rang as a wedding compliment to Miss P. Stimson and Mr. H. Johnson, who were married just before the peal took place.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HAZEL LITTLEWOOD ... Treble	ROGER CADAMY 4
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 2	F. C. SMITH 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	GEORGE R. TOWNES Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS GWEN M. SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM J. POWELL 4
LESLIE BAYNHAM 2	*ROBERT SMITH 5
*SIDNEY BAMFORD 3	*GEORGE JOHN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Four Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of each of the following ten methods: Kent, Wath, Killamarsh, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Burton, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal. Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. HILTON SYKES ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Longest length by ringers of treble, fourth and tenor, also longest length on the bells. Rang after failing to ring 18,000 of Treble Bob Minor at Hoylandswaine, through the clapper of the fifth breaking after two hours' good ringing.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE OPENING OF WIGAN BELLS.

POMP AND CEREMONY AT IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION.

A Memorable Service.

Seldom has a peal of bells been opened with more impressive ceremony than was witnessed at Wigan Parish Church on the Saturday before Christmas, when the recast ring of eight bells was rededicated and two new trebles, given in memory of Mrs. Mary Ellen Rigby, hallowed by the Lord Bishop of Warrington. Civic pomp accompanied the religious rites, and the event was one to be long remembered by those who shared in it.

A civic procession was formed at the Town Hall and, led by the mace bearer, proceeded to the church, where the Mayor, aldermen, councillors, magistrates and borough officials took their places in the Mayor's gallery. The Bishop's procession of clergy, bellringers and others with the choir made a circuit of the church, the crucifer leading the Decani file by the south aisle, and the banner bearer leading the Cantoris file by the nave, while the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' was sung. The marshal directed the members of the procession to their allotted seats, but the president of the Lancashire Association (Canon H. J. Elsee) and the Archdeacon of Liverpool awaited the Bishop at the choir screen, the Bishop, in the meantime, having proceeded to the Mayor's gallery to greet the Mayor and his company.

Then, with the Bishop leading the way, the Mayor's procession went to the choir screen, where the opening prayer was said, and the large congregation joined in singing the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell.'

THE BISHOP'S QUESTIONS.

Next followed an interesting ceremony, in which the Bishop was petitioned to re-dedicate the restored bells and to hallow the new ones. His Lordship thereupon demanded and received assurance from the representative of the Bell Founders that the work had been fitly done, and from the building contractor that the masonry and fitting had been 'well and truly done so that the bells, the tower and the fabric of the church are secured from damage.'

Then the Bishop asked: Will the congregation of this church and the citizens of this ancient and loyal borough have care of the tower, the belfry and the clock?

To which the people's warden replied: The wardens and Council of this parish will do their part.

The Bishop asked: Will the citizens of this town maintain the clock as heretofore?

The Mayor having intimated that the aldermen and councillors of the ancient and loyal borough of Wigan had subscribed to the work of repair, the Town Clerk added: The maintenance and repair of the Parish Church clock will be continued at the public charge, according to our agreement and custom.

The Bishop then intimated that he was ready to proceed with the hallowing of the bells, and while the hymn, 'Ye holy angels bright,' was sung, the Bishop and his attendants, followed by the Mayor's procession and the ringers, went to the north door, whence the Apparitor, with the Book of Record, the Bishop, the Archdeacon, Canon Elsee, the wardens, the representatives of the late Mrs. Rigby, the secretary of the Parochial Church Council, the Mayor, the town clerk, the borough engineer, the representatives of the bell founders and builders, together with the bellringers, went to the ringing chamber, while the rest of the procession returned to their seats.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER.

In the ringing chamber the Bishop hallowed and dedicated the bells and then handed his rope to each of the ringers in turn, from treble to tenor, saying to each respectively:—

1. See that you ring these bells to the glory of God.
2. Call God's people to his house.
3. See that yourselves answer the call.
4. Bid the careless heed the summons of the Gospel.
5. Let the sick and infirm rejoice with the congregation.
6. Let the marriage peal invoke God's blessing on Christian homes.
7. Let the people's rejoicing be heard in your ringing.
8. Let the whole earth give thanks for the coming of the Incarnate Son of God.
9. Let the people's sorrows be tolled in your solemn peal.
10. Let the faithful be called to the rest of Paradise.

Each ringer, in response, answered 'Amen' and struck his bell three times. Meanwhile, in the church, while the Rector stood at the altar, the Rev. F. H. Gripper read from the lectern, between the hallowings, portions from King Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple (1 Kings viii. 22-61). Then, at the sounding of each bell, a verse from Psalm 98 was recited, the first by a junior boy,

the next by a junior girl, followed in turn by a senior boy, a senior girl, a chorister, a server, a member of the choir, the organist, a sidesman and the Rector.

When the ceremony in the ringing chamber was concluded, the Book of Record was signed by the Bishop, the Mayor and others, and the procession returned to the church, where, after the hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord,' the Bishop gave a stirring address, and in the course of his remarks spoke in terms of high praise of the work of the bell founders.

The anthem was from Psalm 96, 'Let all the world in every corner sing,' followed by special prayers, and the inspiring and impressive service ended with the hymn, 'O Worship the King,' the National Anthem and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

MANY RINGERS PRESENT.

In the large congregation were many ringers, among them, in addition to Canon Elsee, being Messrs. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary), C. I. Davies (hon. treasurer), G. R. Newton, T. Hammon, T. W. Gilmour, J. Martin and R. Edwards (Liverpool), P. Crook, J. Wright, J. Halsall, T. B. Worsley and W. Dickenson (Bolton), B. Knights, F. Rigby and F. Bradley (Preston), S. Holt, B. Thorp and C. Gudgeon (Manchester), A. Prince (Gresford), W. Bibby and Miss N. Bibby (Frodsham), Messrs. N. Brown, A. Parker, S. Forshaw, E. Birchall, J. Booth, J. W. Grounds, J. Taylor, J. Genks, J. W. Hall, W. O. Farrimond, A. Shaw, E. Shaw, J. C. Sharratt and J. Baxendale (Wigan), etc. In the regretted absence of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, through indisposition, the bell founders were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler, through whom Messrs. Taylor and Co. received many congratulations upon the result of their work.

At the conclusion of the service three courses of Stedman Caters were rung by a representative company of ringers under the conductorship of Mr. G. R. Newton, and the bells were then at the disposal of visiting ringers.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS' DINNER.

The second annual dinner of the St. Stephen's Ringers' Guild, Rotherham, was held at Davy's Tudor Cafe on Friday evening, December 27th, when a party of over 30 in number sat down to dinner.

After dinner the Rev. W. Platt deputised for the Vicar of St. Stephen's, who was unfortunately indisposed and unable to attend, much to the disappointment of those present.

The company was ably entertained by Miss H. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. J. Hancock, the Rev. W. Platt, and the handbell ringers, until about 10.15 p.m., when some jolly community singing and 'Auld Lang Syne' concluded the proceedings.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A YEAR'S WORK IN SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

In spite of the thick fog prevailing, a very good number of ringers attended the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association at Writtle. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Upton), who gave the association his usual very warm welcome and a very encouraging and interesting address. The lesson was read by the District Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips.

The Vicar presided at tea, to which 34 sat down.

At the business the Hon. Secretary reported that eight new ringing members had been elected during the year, and they had lost by death Mr. W. Lincoln, of Chelmsford. The division had 134 paid-up ringing members. Nine peals had been rung, consisting of four of Minor, two of Triples and three of Major. The conductors were Mr. G. Green (3), Mr. L. W. Wiffen (2), and Messrs. A. Bradley, W. Burgess, H. Mansfield and T. Lufkin (1 each). Five members had rung their first peal. Five meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 33 against 28 for 1934.

Little Waltham bells had been rehung and a new treble added, making a ring of six, and Purleigh had had their old treble recast and a new treble added, making another ring of six. The district secretary concluded by thanking the District Master, the tower secretaries and all those who had helped to make the various meetings successful.

Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips was re-elected District Master, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack hon. secretary, and were thanked for their services.

Four new members were elected—Messrs. R. Gee, J. Gee, A. Watling and R. Grooves, all of Chelmsford Cathedral.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Little Waltham either in January or early February.

A letter was read asking for copies of old peal boards and tablets recording peals rung prior to 1826 for the Central Council's register, also a letter from the Rector of Purleigh asking for assistance in teaching his ringers.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the District Master to the Vicar, to the organist, and to Mr. T. Lincoln for making the arrangements, to which the Vicar replied.

Handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower for further ringing. The following towers were represented: Great Baddow, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Ford End, Danbury, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Writtle, Little Waltham and a visitor from Sudbury.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Editor desires cordially to thank the host of friends who have sent him Christmas and New Year greetings. They have come not only from all parts of the British Isles, but from other parts of the world as well. They included a cable from Melbourne, a letter from Kashmir, in Northern India, and a message on California redwood from Los Angeles. From whoever and wherever they have come, all these tokens of greeting and goodwill have been warmly appreciated.

After a lapse of 30 years since his last peal, Mr. Harry Robbins, of the Hereford Guild, has taken part in another 5,040. Thirty years is a long time between two peals.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers will be held at Leicester on Saturday, February 8th, and on Monday, February 10th, a band of policemen will attempt a peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester to commemorate the centenary of the Leicester City Police Force. In connection with the celebration a church parade of the force to Leicester Cathedral will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 9th. Quite a busy and interesting week-end for the police.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Boxing Day at St. Thomas' Church, Eccleston, St. Helens, Lancs. The bells were originally a peal of six that were in another tower in St. Helens, which was burned down. After the fire the bells were buried in the cemetery, where they thus remained for 25 years, until this new church at Eccleston was built and opened last year, when the two trebles were recast, the others tuned and two bells added to make the octave. They are now a very musical peal.

The first peal of London Surprise on the bells at St. Mary's, Slough, was rung on Boxing Day. A peal of London, the first in the town, was rung on the old octave in the former tower of St. Mary's Church, conducted by Harry Passmore.

Bill Fussell, who spent last Christmas on the Pacific Ocean and thus missed his Christmas ringing, was at it again during the festive season last week. He 'rang in' Christmas morning for the first time exactly sixty years ago. He's done a bit of ringing since then, including more than a thousand peals! More power to your elbow, Bill.

In our issue of December 20th it was stated: 'St. Mary-le-Tower band have added to their laurels peals in other Surprise Maximus methods, some of them the "first ever."' We should have said all of them the 'first ever.'

The first peal of Cambridge Maximus was conducted by the late Mr. James Motts on August 15th, 1908; the first of Yorkshire Maximus by Charles J. Sedgley on November 30th, 1929. The first of the remaining four Surprise methods were conducted by G. E. Symonds.

Mr. W. P. Garrett, still going strong, has the unique distinction of having rung in all six 'firsts.'

Here is another interesting point. St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, is the only steeple in which 5,040 and 5,088 changes have been rung to Surprise Maximus.

The longest peal of Kent Treble Bob rung in Suffolk was accomplished on Boxing Day, when Thomas Day's 10,368 was rung at Horringer.

John Freeman, of Lincoln, son of Mr. J. A. Freeman, must surely be the youngest ringer to call a peal of Stedman Cinques as his first peal? This he did on Saturday. Few people of any age have done it, and he was only 16 years old on October 17th last. Well done, John!

In the list which we published last week of ringers who have rung one thousand peals no mention was made of that well-known ringer, Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton. Although modesty has prevented him announcing the fact, we learn from another source that Mr. Hart is well past the one thousand mark. If that be so, there are now nine living ringers with a four figure peal total.

'Many congratulations to Edwin A. Barnett on composing and conducting a peal of Superlative Surprise Major,' writes Mr. W. P. ('Tich') Whitehead, who adds that he made an unsuccessful attempt to accomplish a similar peal before the age of 16. However, the peal was 'scored' six weeks after his attaining the age of 16 years.

ATTEMPTS ON RECORDS.

MISHAPS AT WARNHAM AND HOYLANDSWAINE.

Neither of the two attempts on peal records on Boxing Day was successful.

At Warnham, Sussex, where a band met for the 14,144 London Surprise Major, the attempt only lasted 50 minutes, when a 'change course' brought some perfect ringing to an end. Afterwards a peal of ordinary length was knocked off with excellent striking.

The attempt at Hoylandswaine, Yorks, for twenty-five 720's in Treble Bob methods came to grief through the breaking of a clapper. The ringers settled down to their task in confident style, and the bells went merrily for two hours when, nearing the end of the fifth 720, the fifth clapper broke.

After being entertained to a substantial meal by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Brookes, the band, nothing daunted, proceeded to Penistone, where they rang a peal of 7,200 in ten methods, before returning again to Mr. and Mrs. Brookes', whose guests they were at supper.

It was thus a day of mixed luck, but it is hoped to make another attempt on the record at some early date.

THE PEAL AT QUEEN CAMEL.

AMONG THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALL TIME.

In our last issue we gave the bare facts of a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods rung at Queen Camel, Somerset, on the heaviest ring of six in the country. That was possible by the use of the long distance telephone. We are now able to say something more about this wonderful achievement, which ranks with the finest heavy-bell performances of all time.

First of all, just contemplate the weights of the bells in this fine old Somerset tower:

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	8	2	27
2nd	10	0	9
3rd	15	3	9
4th	20	0	11
5th	26	3	6
Tenor	36	3	7

Here is the story of this great achievement. The bells were rehung in 1908 in a wooden frame, and were going extraordinarily well in 1925, when a peal of Bob Minor was rung on them. In 1934, ball bearings were fitted all round, and in the autumn of that year a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung. It was found on this occasion that the swing of the tenor affected at least one of the smaller bells. This effect was judged to be due to frame movement, as the tower movement is not particularly obtrusive.



QUEEN CAMEL CHURCH.

The idea was then conceived that seven Surprise Minor methods might be rung. The band, obviously, had to be chosen with care. It was not only necessary that they should ring seven methods without question of trip, but the ringers of the smaller bells had to be able to 'hold' them with precision and certainty. Let it be said at once that the smaller bells were rung magnificently, although it meant constant overpulling and the inevitable holding.

A preliminary canter in the shape of a peal in seven Surprise methods had been rung at Doulting on the previous Saturday. Here

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED FROM CHRISTMAS TO EASTER.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at All Saints', Newport, on Boxing Day, when a splendid muster gathered from both dioceses, and there were visitors from Bath, Bristol, Hereford, Ross, etc. The bells were off soon after two o'clock in various methods, and the new young band recently formed at Penarth tried their hands in round ringing.

Service took place at 4 o'clock, the Vicar, Canon S. G. Morgan, officiating. Tea followed in All Saints' Mission Rooms, where a large number sat down to an excellent meat tea hospitably provided by the Vicar and his wife, both of whom were busy carving and attending to the wants of the ringers.

The business meeting was presided over by the Canon. There were reports on restorations and augmentations, which included during the year the rehanging of Aberdare and Cowbridge rings of eight, the recasting of Penarth ring of six with the completion of the octave, and the overhauling, etc., of Aberavon bells. After discussion and various propositions with regard to the date of the annual meeting, it was decided to alter the date from Boxing Day to Eastern Monday. The next annual meeting will be held at Cardiff.

The next Glamorgan meeting is to be held at Bridgend, and the next Monmouth meeting at Usk, the Vicar of Usk having sent an invitation to the association to hold a meeting there.

Mr. G. Wines, of Pentre, was elected Master, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) and auditors were re-elected. Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. C. H. Perry were elected as representatives on the Central Council.

The whole of the Bonvilston, Penarth and Pontypridd ringers and various others were elected, and Miss Boon, of Bristol, elected a life member. Congratulations were extended to Mr. A. W. Heath, of Cardiff, on having been honoured by receiving the King's Jubilee medal. Expressions of regret to Mr. H. Page and Mr. F. Chamberlain in their extended illness were passed and shown in a tangible form to Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. John Clark, of Ross, proposed the best thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality, and this closed the meeting, which was a pleasant and happy one.

The bells of All Saints' and St. Woolos' were afterwards rung until late in the evening.

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the tenor weighs some 24 cwt., and on the day the peal was rung went very heavily. When Saturday, the 21st, arrived, the chief means of transport was in Bristol, having been abandoned there owing to fog, the previous night. The train by which the owner went to retrieve the car next morning was hopelessly late, and came to what seemed to be a permanent standstill some two miles from Temple Meads station. Something had to be done about it speedily. With his collar turned up, the owner of the car left the train, walked along the line, down an embankment, climbed through a fence and found himself in a works yard. He walked through the office as to the manner born, and emerged from the front entrance. A brisk walk brought him to the car, with bare time to collect three of the band. Lunch was out of the question.

At two o'clock the conductor was picked up. His day had started at 4 a.m. A mile above ground to the pit, a mile underground in steamy heat, seven hours' hard labour dragging coal from an eighteen-inch seam, and into the sunlight again at 1.15 p.m. Home, a bath, a change and a meal—if he had time—and he was on parade at 2 p.m. Thence to Queen Camel, with sundry stops to clear ice from the windscreen and to purchase glycerine to rub on it. Five minutes late is an unusual thing with this band, but it happened on this occasion, to the annoyance of the driver.

As to the peal itself, it was rung with 'bold and regular striking.' The tenor man, with his usual lack of attention to details, merely ascertained that there was a rope on the tenor, and proceeded to ring it. Not until he had been to lead for the first time did he find out that the sally was so low that at times he had to use the bare rope, and that he had a single rope at backstroke whenever the bell had to be cut at backstroke. However, on the principle of never turning back, he carried on.

The methods had been chosen with care. It was anticipated that Lightfoot, with its seven-pull dodge twice in each course, would cause the greatest difficulty, but Durham, Wells and London proved to be the most difficult from the point of view of the tenors, Wells especially, with its treble work, 5-6-6, 3rd's, 6-5-6, 4th's, 3rd's, snap lead, 3rd's, dodge, 4th's, caused a lot of hard work. Cambridge was child's play to it. However, the job was done and done well, and no sooner was the car headed in the homeward direction than someone suggested that fourteen spliced Surprise methods would go well there. It might! The writer doesn't know, and he will require some pressing before he even thinks of it.

J. D.

THE DEATH OF MR. R. A. DANIELL.

HIS SERVICES TO RINGING.

The passing of Mr. R. A. Daniell, whose death at the age of 79 we briefly announced last week, removes a distinguished personality from the Exercise, better known to the ringers of a generation ago than to-day, but one to whom we owe a great deal for his historical researches. Graduating at Cambridge, Mr. Daniell was a man of great intellectual attainments, and while his actual ringing achievements were only of limited distinction, his work in other directions was of great value.

He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and joined the Central Council in its early days. His love of historical research led him to undertake investigations among the documents in the British Museum, the London Museum, and at Oxford and Cambridge, his chief research at the last-named place being in connection with Fabian Stedman. On a will of a civil servant named Fabian Stedman, discovered in London, Mr. Daniell set great store as the will of the Fabian of campanological fame, although since he published it considerable doubt has been raised as to whether these two Fabian Stedmans were identical.

Mr. Daniell's services to the Bibliography Committee of the Central Council were very valuable, and although ill-health and his consequent resignation prevented him completing the work he had begun, there are numerous papers in the Central Council Library as his contribution to the historical records of the art, in addition to the many articles in the ringing Press from his able pen. There is a melancholy interest in the short contribution which appears in our issue to-day—the last which he wrote for publication on the subject of bellringers.

Of his activities among ringers in London we may recall that he was largely instrumental, with Mr. T. H. Taffender, in reconstituting the old St. James' Society as the London County Association, and that he was instigator of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington. In recent years, however, ill-health had robbed him of the pleasure of ringing in the tower, but he followed ringing affairs closely to the end.

He had a gift of language, and was a ready speaker, although from the point of view of the hearer his delivery was poor, for he spoke in a muffled voice. But of his readiness as a speaker none could doubt. The writer remembers him at the annual dinner of St. Mary Abbot's Guild last year. Called upon without warning to propose a toast, through the absence of the prearranged speaker, he made a speech of intense interest lasting something like a quarter of an hour, dealing with the historical relations between the Church and bellringers.

Had he lived another month Mr. Daniell would have been eighty years of age.

Mr. Daniell was the pioneer of St. Mary Abbot's Guild when the old round ringers were formed into a change ringing band and, with others, came under the instructorship of the late Mr. W. Garrard.

He served as Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and represented the Society on the Central Council from 1900 to 1911. The following year he was elected an honorary member of the Council, retiring in 1923.

'Robert Arthur Daniell,' writes his old friend, Mr. Challis Winney, 'was a diligent worker for the ringing Exercise, like others who were at Caius College, Cambridge. Among them Squire Proctor, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, the Rev. H. Law James and the Rev. E. Banks James. In addition to ringing he was passionately fond of music, and was taught singing by the late Dr. Hunter, of St. Peter's, Eaton Square. Mr. Daniell often attended Westminster Abbey evensong, and delighted to sit in the choir stalls. Mr. Daniell used to name Westminster Abbey, King's College, Cambridge, and St. Luke's, Chelsea, as three of the best buildings for acoustic properties. His cousin, the Rev. Daniell Bainbridge, was at one time on the staff of the Abbey.'

Mr. Daniell's end was somewhat sudden, and he was apparently in his customary health a day or two before his death.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at Fulham Cemetery, North Sheen. Owing to the fact that there was little opportunity of letting ringing friends know of the place of interment in time, only four ringers were present in addition to the mourners. The service was impressively read, and at the close rounds were rung in slow time on six handbells; the three whole pulls rung thrice, with a pause between, being followed by a course of Grandsire Doubles.

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It is quite right to record the doings of ringers of the past, for, like those of other men, they are matter for history. But history should be fair, and unreasoning censure is not fair history, and is avoided by competent historians. Our present environment, whatever its real value may be, is not the standard by which to judge men who did not live in it, and if, when considering bygone ringers, we take the only right course and carry our minds back into their environment, we find nothing in their conduct calling more justly for censure than in that of other men in general, living under similar influences, in any period of their bygone world.

R. A. D.

BYGONE RINGERS.

HABITS OF ENVIRONMENT.

Mr. R. A. Daniell on the Standards of the Past.

Among the customs that survived in not a few places even within living memory was that of drinking in the belfry at Christmas time and New Year, when beer, and sometimes more potent liquor, was dispensed in the tower to ringers, and, maybe, their friends. Drinking took place within the sacred precincts at other times, but particularly was it usual at this festive season.

With the realisation among all classes of churchpeople that the belfry is a part of the House of God, this custom has happily disappeared, although such reminders of it as Ringers Jugs and Flagons, preserved as 'heirlooms' in some places, serve to emphasise the fact that in the days when indulgence in this direction was common, there was in no quarter among Churchmen any thought that such practice was one to be reprobated. It was an accepted custom. In what follows Mr. R. A. Daniell, who formerly contributed so much to our knowledge of ringers and ringing in the past, explains the circumstances of those bygone days.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE TIMES.

It is, he wrote (for we have already recorded the melancholy fact of his death), impossible to form a just estimate of men unless we take full account of the influence on their conduct of the conditions in time and place when and where they live or have lived—that is, of their environment; and what that environment at any time was social history tells us. And if, when scrutinising what we may choose to think faults of bygone ringers, we attend to their environment, we find the same faults manifesting themselves in the same or varying ways among men in general of their contemporaries.

Ringers have never been a cloistered body, but like other men have been subject to the general influences of their time; and it is unscientific and foolish to isolate them into a separate class and then find fault with them; to censure their conduct about drink, or anything else, as though it had been peculiar to themselves alone, when we know perfectly well that it was not, or to blame them for irreverence in towers when Church authorities were setting them no standard of reverence to observe.

Ringers and Church authorities alike were men of their day, and so they got on well enough together. For instance, if there was drink in towers, where, in old times, was it not? I can say of my own knowledge that the practice of drinking in vestries was not extinct when I was a young man, and that men in good positions in life took part in it. One of the former clergy of a London church told me that formerly dinners had been sent in from a tavern and enjoyed in the vestry, and I have read of a church organist, reckoned a fine performer, who had beer in the organ gallery, and of a church where the Sunday School teachers used the altar table for having their tea. There is abundant evidence that, when our modern ideas of reverence for churches came to birth, Church authorities had first of all to reform themselves, and, when they began to do so, anything they found calling for reform in towers was only what their own predecessors had permitted, if not encouraged.

It is probably due to a want of understanding of environment that some last-century writers, when writing about ringers, adopted a harsh, narrow and abusive tone, which rightly disgusts us and which stands condemned by the tone now used by clergy and laity of all kinds who, in various ways of religious and social effort, are working to help the more backward of our population.

Of course, we cannot infer from these petulant outbursts that at the time they were written the conduct of ringers as a body was unsatisfactory, but when we remember that the abused ringers were born a century or more ago, and know the backward and neglected condition of large portions of the population, both in town and country, at the time when these men grew up, we can see that it is not surprising if there were some places where—if better informed or better placed men took no interest in ringing—there were ringers unsatisfactory to reformers. But in such cases this was not due to any particular wickedness of those ringers; it was due to the misfortune of their environment, wanting in elevating influences and in almost all now deemed necessary or desirable for the welfare of our people. Their faults were not peculiar to them as ringers; they were shared with their neighbours, and are no more than an insignificant incident in our general social history.

In proportion as men get to understand environment, their mental attitude towards others changes from fault finding to an understanding of and consequent sympathy with the human beings behind the faults.

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1,000 PEALS.

MR. JOHN H. CHEESMAN, OF GREENHITHE,
who has just completed 1,000 peals.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
VISIT TO CRADLEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Peter's, Cradley, where the bells were made full use of in various methods.

The service was fairly well attended, the usual Guild form being used, the Vicar of Cradley (the Rev. E. A. Poulouse) officiating and giving a very interesting and inspiring address; indeed it was considered one of the best delivered at a Guild meeting for some considerable time. After an excellent tea in the Schoolroom, the business meeting was held. Before leaving to fulfil another engagement, the Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome to Cradley, and expressed a wish that they might come again on some future occasion.

The chair was taken by Mr. A. H. Meredith, one of the churchwardens. Before the commencement of the business, the secretary referred to the lamentable death of Mr. Harry Mason, a vice-president of the Guild, and one of its founders. The secretary also referred to the death of Mrs. B. Gough, wife of Mr. Ben Gough, of Coseley, an esteemed member of the Guild. He had, he said, sent letters of condolence to Mrs. Mason and Mr. Gough, asking them to accept on behalf of the members their respectful sympathy in their sad and irreparable loss.

The members supported the secretary and stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Several new members were added to the roll, and the Vicar of Cradley and the chairman were elected hon. members.

It was proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Cradley.

The next meeting, which is the annual meeting, will be held at Dudley.

At the close of the business, Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master) proposed, and Mr. F. Molineux seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Cradley; to Mr. Meredith for presiding at the meeting; to the donors of the tea and the ladies for preparing and serving it; to the organist for the musical part of the service; to the Cradley ringers for making the necessary arrangements; and to all who had in any way contributed to making the meeting a happy and successful one.

Further ringing afterwards took place.

FOR BEGINNERS.**WORDS OF ADVICE.**

There is no special season of the year when beginners are introduced to the belfry to start their career as ringers. Those who have a desire to learn are welcomed at any time—that is, in belfries where learners are welcomed. Unfortunately that is not the case everywhere, especially in some of those places where a small annual stipend is paid, and the 'old hands' want to keep the loaves and very small fishes to themselves. Generally speaking, however, a keen youngster is a great acquisition to any tower, and for the benefit of those who, just at this moment, may be taking up the art with the beginning of the year, we offer one or two words of advice.

First of all, do not take on ringing too lightly. Of course, you cannot tell whether it is a pursuit that will appeal to you until you have tried it, but, remember, the study of the art requires real application, and the office of ringer—an honourable position among active servants of the Church—demands that you should attend punctually and regularly to your duties.

Because it is 'only ringing for service' or 'only a ringing practice' do not imagine you are justified in lightly neglecting to be in your place. Do not continue with your ringing unless you intend to treat it seriously—in justice to yourself, to the other members of the band and to the Church.

When you are in the belfry on a general practice night, do not be disappointed if all the ringing that is done is not done for your special benefit. You must have patience. Patience is a virtue in all things, especially in ringing. Before you have been in the craft very long you will find you will need a deal of it. For one thing, even when you have learned to ring a bell, you may not be able easily to pick up change ringing, but, with patience, you will grasp it in time.

Most ringers, when they start, find themselves groping in the dark for a while, and then suddenly the light comes, and they wonder why they couldn't see it before. Do not, therefore, be discouraged if at first you find yourself unable to grasp the first thing in change ringing.

With patience you must have perseverance. Stick to it and do not give up because you feel you are a failure. And one other thing about your first experiences in the belfry. Do not take offence if your instructor or other senior members of the band seem to be a bit 'short' to you. First of all, remember they are not angels; then recollect that, when ringing is going on orders have to be short, sharp and decisive, and that what you are told is intended for your benefit and the benefit of the ringing that is in progress. After all, what you may be told and the manner of saying it will probably be nothing like as rough as the chiding which some young men in some other pursuits receive when beginning serious training.

If you are keen to learn and show yourself ready to take the advice given you, if you are regular and punctual and possess the virtue of patience, some day you will be as able and, perhaps, more able than the man who in your own belfry calls the bobs and tells others what to do.

RINGERS' WEDDING.**HAWKINS—WOLSTENCROFT.**

On Saturday, December 21st, the marriage of Mr. T. G. Hawkins and Miss Ida Wolstencroft took place at St. Peter's Church, Ashlon-under-Lyne.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, a name long familiar to readers of this journal. Miss Wolstencroft has been a ringer at St. Peter's Church since she was eight years old, and the bridegroom has also been a ringer for many years at his Parish Church at Stoke Poges, Bucks.

It is to be regretted that the wedding had to be performed without bells, St. Peter's peal having been dismantled for rehanging. However, regret is outweighed by the knowledge that at last the work of rehanging has been put in hand, and, anyway, we learn that lack of bells did not prevent the satisfactory 'ringing' of the most important item of the day.

The couple will live in London, where they hope to attend ringing meetings as often as their new circumstances will permit.

A peal in honour of the wedding was rung at Norbury, Cheshire.

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BELL BROADCASTS.

THE B.B.C. 'STANDARD PRACTICE.'

The following further correspondence has taken place between the B.B.C. and Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., of Crayford, with regard to the broadcast of bells before Sunday evening services:—

Under date, December 24th, the representative of the Religion Executive of the B.B.C. wrote:—

We are sorry that it has not been possible to reply earlier to your letter of November 4th.

Our standard practice, when we broadcast bells, before a service, is now to begin with five minutes of 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 emphasize that the ringing should always be quite audible behind the announcement, and that the announcement is normally very brief. After careful consideration, we have decided that this is the most satisfactory arrangement; if an announcement were made before the bells began many listeners who tuned in only a minute or two before the service would not hear from where it came.

We are arranging to mention the bells before services in the 'Radio Times' whenever it is known in time that they will be broadcast, but the 'Radio Times' goes to press well in advance, and it cannot be guaranteed that the information will always be available.

We are grateful for your criticism, and hope that you will find this arrangement satisfactory in future.

RINGERS' POINT OF VIEW.

Mr. Groombridge replied on December 30th:—

Dear Sirs,—I beg to acknowledge yours of the 24th inst. with thanks, but am sorry to note that you appear determined to ignore the ringer's point of view—or should it be hearing—which I tried to explain in simple everyday language in my last letter.

I would like to point out that no amount of reiteration on your part of the statement that 'the ringing should always be quite audible behind the announcement' will obviate the fact that the keenest ear cannot detect anything beyond that somewhere in the dim distance bells are being rung, which is totally different from hearing what is being rung.

Furthermore, the brevity of your announcements may be a matter of opinion; doubtless, to those uninterested in ringing, it is brief, but I cannot concede that point as a ringer. To quote an instance, you broadcast a service, preceded by ringing, from Richmond Parish Church, in the North Regional programme on Sunday, the 22nd inst. Personally, I tried the London Regional first (this, of course, will be obviated when you put your arrangement for publication in the 'Radio Times' into effect, so I do not make any point in this), and finding the organ being broadcast from St. Margaret's Lee, I switched over the North Regional just in time to hear the bells going to Treble Bob Major with the 7th just leaving the slow, when your opposition began, and beyond a hum in the background, which might have come from any percussion instrument, I definitely claim that the bells were not audible. By the time the announcements were finished and the bells faded in again, they were 'in rounds.' I have purposely used technical terms here, and invite you to approach anyone with a knowledge of change ringing to bear out my statement that Treble Bob cannot come 'into rounds' from 'the 7th leaving the slow' in less than 64 changes. As the rate of striking would be about 25 changes per minute, I leave you to figure out how much of the five minutes' broadcast was available to interested listeners.

As a contrast, I would refer to your broadcast from Worsley the previous week, when the Vicar gave a five-minute talk, followed by five minutes' uninterrupted ringing, which could be followed and appreciated.

I do not propose to bother you further personally, as the position is either, as I stated in opening, that you appear determined to ignore the ringer's point, or alternatively, that I am unable to express myself clearly enough by this means to the uninitiated, and if this be so I shall be making myself a nuisance without serving any useful purpose, which is far from my desire.

If you should care to have other opinions on the statements I have made, doubtless the secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers (who has already been in touch with you), or any of the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths who have been in the studio would oblige.

Scores of my colleagues in this district share my views, except that they add that 'it is a waste of time to tackle the B.B.C.' You alone can disprove this latter statement, and, if you succeed, none will be more pleased than I.

In a letter to 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Groombridge comments:—

The only course now appears to me to be that all those interested should bombard Broadcasting House with a well-voiced protest the next time they follow 'their standard practice,' and for those ringers at churches where services are broadcast to show some self-respect and take 'J. D.'s' advice and 'pack up when the announcer barges in.'

I have taken the liberty of referring the B.B.C. to certain of our fraternity who have already been in touch with Broadcasting House without obtaining their consent. I have no doubt that these ringers will stand their ground if called upon, a happening which I cannot foresee. I wished, if possible, to convince the B.B.C. that the opinions expressed were not merely those of a few isolated individuals.

NOTICES.

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. 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.

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.

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. 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. —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: Norwood Green (6) 4 to 5 p.m., Heston (8) 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. District annual meeting at Twickenham on February 1st.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

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.

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. Visitors welcomed.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

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.

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.

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.

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 Washingham 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southampton District.—Annual meeting at Southampton on Jan. 11th. St. Mary's (10), Holy Rood (8) and St. Michael's (8) bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at Holy Rood at 4.15. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Jan. 9th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Leonards, Samlesbury, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. This is the time of the year for making new resolutions. Let yours be: 'I will attend our meetings regularly.'—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Owing to St. Mary's Church bells being down for repairs, the towers at Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be open for ringing from 3 to 6 p.m. Buses are frequent from both places. Tea, 9d. each, at the Station Restaurant, at 6.30 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. D. Potter, 35, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley, by Thursday, Jan. 9th. Business meeting afterwards in tea room.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting for the election of officers will be held at Islip on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Adoption of balance sheet.—J. Nickerson, 47, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Quadring on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Jan. 6th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual and silver jubilee meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells available 3 p.m. Kindly notify by Tuesday, Jan. 7th.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aylesford (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at The Chequers. Subscriptions for 1936 may be paid at this meeting. Tower secretaries please send a card stating number of members expecting to come.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Gas Company's Offices, Bridge Street, at 5.15. Will those who want tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 7th?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, Jan. 11th, 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Derby on Saturday, Jan. 11th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, etc., will be held in the belfry at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, and there is plenty of room for a large gathering.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30. Visitors will be welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Sat., Jan. 11th. A bumper crowd wanted. Names for tea to me, please, by Jan. 8th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Wigan branch heartily invited. For tea apply to George Newton, 4, Langham Avenue, Liverpool 17, before Thursday, Jan. 9th.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Tower subscriptions should be forthcoming before meeting. Please notify L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare, if requiring tea.

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

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome, only please let me know. Best wishes.—J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the Rutland branch will be held at Uppingham (8 bells) on Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers (both sexes) will be made welcome. Please notify for tea early to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, but please inform me not later than Tuesday, 7th. Subscriptions are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham Saturday, Jan. 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, B.A. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Meat tea in Church House 4.45 by ticket. Members of branch 1s. Visitors 1s. 6d. Application for tea tickets *before* Jan. 13th. Usual ring- ing arrangements. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Sidmouth (8) and Ottery St. Mary (8). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Jan. 25th. Tower open at 4.15. The memorial tablet to late master will be unveiled at 5 p.m. by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30 and numbers must reach me by the 21st inst. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF- FORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DON'T WAIT FOR THE WAGON. Come by train or coach to Watford, Jan. 18th.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 15th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at the Cadena Café, Wine Street, Bristol. Commence 6 p.m. Chairman, Mr. H. Knight (Wrington). Afternoon ar- rangement include 12-mile drive, with a ring on 8 bells and a cup of tea (visitors only). Ringing arrangements (probable): Temple Church, 2 p.m. Drive commences at 3 p.m. Other City bells available during afternoon and a cup of tea at St. Thomas', 4 to 4.45 p.m. Tickets for dinner 4s. 6d. from Messrs. W. Rose (Cheltenham), J. Austin (Gloucester), W. Kynaston (Swindon), A. Prince (Bath), J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), G. Nailor (Chippenham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), all officials and stewards of B.U.R.G., or direct from hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2. All un- sold tickets to be returned by Jan. 10th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: Parish Church (8 bells) and Christ Church (6 bells) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Band), followed by meet- ing at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road. Those re- quiring tea please notify Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Merton, S.W. 19, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. A. T. Greenwood, hon. sec. of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, is, now 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth, Hants.

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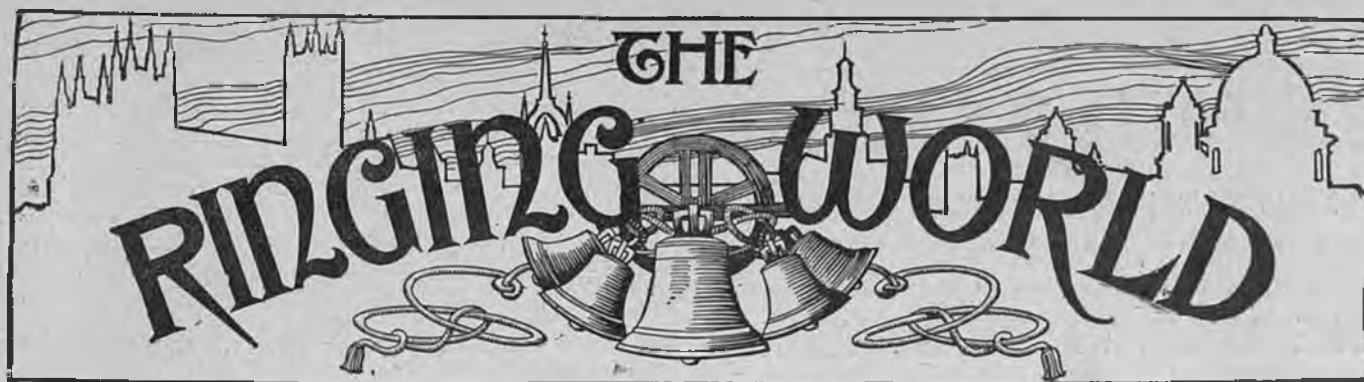
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Where a band at any one church cannot be persuaded to go forward with something new, they frequently hold back two or three who are anxious to get on, but cannot do so for want of opportunity. Unless there happens to be a nearby tower where practice is possible with others like minded, the only chances are those offered by occasional district meetings. But district meetings cannot be monopolised by those who want the higher methods. They have to serve the interests of all, down to the humblest beginner, and it is unfair to take up an undue proportion of time for advanced methods. Indeed, it is far more in the interests of ringing to devote the bulk of the available time to elementary work.

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times gives rise to a little discontent, if not to any deeper feeling. There is often a difficulty, at numerous attended meetings, in fitting in something for everybody so that all may get just one step further; special practices should at least halve the difficulty. But even here, some plan of procedure is necessary. Meetings of this kind can be largely wasted unless those who hope to profit by them know beforehand exactly what methods are to be practised. It is usually, also, a mistake to introduce too much variety. One method well practised is better than dabbling with half a dozen. Organised on right lines, these special practices can be of great value in raising the standard of method ringing without sacrificing the interests of the ringers of lower qualifications.

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At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

CHARLES E. READ Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	WILLIAM NEWBERRY 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
WILLIAM SPARROW 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	LAURENCE POULSON 5
*ARTHUR R. WOODARD 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
GEORGE W. ABLITT 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the tenor has now 'completed the circle' in this, his Sunday service tower.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Church of the Annunciation,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
WALTER SMITH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	*LESLIE KELLY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Canon Serle, and to record the erection of the tower and installation of the bells during his incumbency.

BIGGESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburg,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWES Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
EDWIN HIMS 4	REGINALD S. WYATT Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

Rung at the request of the Vicar, the Rev. W. O'Reilly, with half-muffled clappers, as a mark of respect to Mr. C. A. King, who was laid to rest at the above church previous to the commencement of the peal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHARLES H. SONE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

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

* 250th peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Jacques, B.A., L.Th., who is leaving for St. Mary's, Milton Regis. Rung after meeting short for Caters, Mrs. H. Baker kindly standing out. The composition, No. 424, is rung for the first time.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' THREE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

*KENNETH N. WHITE Treble	*NORMAN G. KNEE 5
MRS. W. C. WEST 2	SIDNEY HILLIER 6
*PERCIVAL W. HARDING 3	ERNEST F. WHITE 7
WILLIAM C. WEST 4	†HARRY N. KNEE Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung as birthday compliments to the ringer of the 5th (21st), wife of the ringer of the 7th, and mother of the ringer of the 2nd. Mr. E. F. White has now 'completed the circle' in the tower.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM COLLISHAW ... Treble	FRANK BELSEY 5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 6
†FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E. ... 7
RONALD HUMPHRIES ... 4	ALFRED H. HAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDGAR HUMFREY Treble	CHARLES W. POLLEN 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF BROOK'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... 4	*WILLIAM J. PRING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Clutterbuck, of Cardiff, on reaching his 83th year. He is one of the original members of the association.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED FROST Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER 5
BENJAMIN THORP 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
THOMAS JONES 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
SAMUEL HOLT 4	HAROLD JONES Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by A. PRINCE.

Arranged for A. Prince, of Bath, Somerset.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*THOMAS HARRISON ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	HAROLD WALMSLEY 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Surprise.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE IVES Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN 5
HAROLD HERBERT 2	ARTHUR SANDERS 6
THOMAS CHINERY 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
HARRY R. FELTON ... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY WEBB Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
*BERRY WAYMAN 2	LEONARD FIDLER 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	†ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
CHARLES W. COOK ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association, and 70th peal as conductor.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 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 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
ROBERT ROFFEY 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
*CHARLES W. WARD ... 4	JOHN W. LANGLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ambrose,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SKIDMORE ... Treble	ERNEST PALMER 5
ALFRED KNIGHT 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 6
GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 3	*BERTRAM C. WORSDELL ... 7
ALBERT C. BAKER ... 4	†ALFRED C. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM C. WORSDELL.

* First peal in the method and first peal as conductor. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving Bristol for Trowbridge, Wilts.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANK FILER Treble	*EDWIN H. NASH 5
†NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	RONALD G. BECK 6
†KENNETH FORD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
*WILLIAM SHERBOURNE ... 4	||DAVID MACKAY Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal of Triples. † 80th peal. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside' and 25th peal. § First peal of Triples 'inside.' || First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung half-muffled on Holy Innocents' Day.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*THOMAS PRICE Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
†FREDERICK PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
†REGINALD CHESTERS ... 4	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)*On Sunday, December 15, 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 of St. Dunstan's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK DEAN Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
TOM WORRALL 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY Treble	G. LESLIE LUNN 4
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 2	NOEL THURLEY 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

WEST LULWORTH, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 10 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 15 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

H. CHARLES CLUETT ... Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
*STANLEY FOOT 2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB 5
*CECIL H. SMART 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

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

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)*On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two 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, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*HOWARD MEEK Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	TOM WORRALL 5
FELIX CARTER 3	†HAROLD MEEK Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Banks, James Arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	*JOHN H. BOTHAM 4
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY... 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal of Minor in the method. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mr. J. H. Botham and Miss Humphrey.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob (360 each combined), Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN BUCKENHAM Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
LEWIS BUSH 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in eight methods by all.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Plain Bob and 20 six-scores of Grandsire.

HARRY PARROW Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
*ALBERT J. HUBBLE 2	HAROLD SMITH 5
HOWARD HOWELL 3	JOHN H. STOKES Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside' and first in two methods.

STOKE TRISTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Stedman, 10 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 16 callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
*ALBERT E. PODND 2	†WILLIAM A. OSBORNE ... 5
†HARRY H. SANGER 3	*SYDNEY J. POUND Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles in three methods. ‡ First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells.

PENN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
WILFRED EDWARDS 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
*ARTHUR MULVEY 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL... 3	*G. LESLIE LUNN Tenor

Conducted by MISS GRACE BURCHNALL.

* First peal in four methods on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a hearty welcome to the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, who was inducted to the living of Gamston the previous week.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

*WILLIAM HUNT Treble	†PERCY W. SMITH 4
HARRISON SMITH 2	JACK WALTER 5
FREDERICK A. RYE 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal and the first Mongeham ringer to score a peal. He stood behind the conductor when he first attempted to ring rounds at this church on October 14th, 1928. Since then Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung in 500 towers in 33 counties, in England, Ireland and Wales; 140 have been in Kent. † First peal of all Bob Minor.

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

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of London Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARVEY E. BURRELL ... Treble	CYRIL R. BURRELL 4
*GEORGE W. BURRELL 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	HAROLD BARSLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. BARSLEY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society, Ipswich.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

*WILLIAM TILLET Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 4
*MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5
FREDERICK J. TILLET 3	JOHN F. TILLET Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor, and have now completed peals in this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Ringers of 2, 3 and 6 are three generations.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*J. HENRY MARCOM Treble	EDWARD SANDERS 4
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN 2	CYRIL E. LANKON 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANKON.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

On Friday, December 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 17, MANDRAKE ROAD, S.W.17

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 1-2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5-6
JAMES R. MACKMAN 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First peal in the method on handbells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

THE RIGHT AND WRONG WAYS TO HOLD A ROPE.

As one goes about the country one sees many 'awkward ringers'—ringers who do not know how to hold their rope correctly, and therefore have not proper control over their bells, with the result that they are indifferent strikers. Indeed, their bad handling may spoil what otherwise would be some perfectly good ringing.

There is a story told of one 'ringing parson,' a notoriously bad striker, who never could handle his bell properly. He once took part in a peal, and his striking, as a result of his bad handling and his lack of 'ear' for his bell, was atrocious. Afterwards, one of the other ringers was asked how the parson got on, and his reply was, 'Awful. He only made one good blow, and that was when he missed the sally.' That is an example of the way not to ring.

The first aim of a beginner should be to hold his rope properly. Both at rope-end (that is, backstroke) and sally (the handstroke), the hands should be raised as high above the head as possible. It gives the best control, and, of course, the longest and, therefore, the most effective pull. Many ringers at handstroke grasp the sally at a spot which does not permit their hands going much above their nose, or even their chin, and their hands go up very little higher at backstroke.



This photograph shows the proper way to hold the rope end and sally at handstroke.

You go into towers and find that all the ropes are low. You can be sure that, unless it happens to have been caused by a sudden spell of dry weather, which has resulted in the ropes stretching badly, it is because the ringers of that tower do not raise their hands high enough in grasping the ropes. The hands should go well above the head at both strokes, and steeplekeepers and those responsible for instructing beginners, should see that ropes are so adjusted that this is made more or less obligatory on the learner. A rope is not too high, if, when the bell is set at handstroke, the bottom of the sally reaches no lower than the ringer's eyes.

And then there is a right and a wrong way of grasping the rope. The hands should always be close together when holding either the rope end or sally. If they are wide apart it means not only an

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ungainly and slovenly style, but loss of power, because the lower hand cannot 'pull its weight,' or, ought we to say, its full distance. Those few extra inches with that one hand make all the difference to effective control.

Then there is the actual grip on the rope. Both the sally and the rope end should, in turn, be gripped with all the fingers of both hands. Often one sees at handstroke the rope grasped only by the thumb and two fingers of the hand holding the rope end, the other fingers being gripped round the tail of the rope, as if the ringer were afraid of dropping it. Do not get into that habit; or, if you have acquired it, get out of it at once.

The ideal way is to hold the end of the rope in the crutch between the thumb and forefinger and let it come on the side of the sally next to the ringer. In that way the fullest possible use can be made of the hand. Indeed, if you ring in many places in the North of England, where there is a tuft, like a short sally, on the end of the rope, you will find any other way both difficult and uncomfortable. Where, however, there is only a double rope at the end, some ringers—and many good ones among them—grasp both the rope end and sally together. But try, if you can, to get the rope end each time under the thumb only. The proper way to hold the rope and sally at handstroke is shown in the accompanying illustration, which we are permitted to use by the courtesy of the Central Council. And, by the way, if you have not got a copy of 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' published by the Council, from which this illustration is taken, send twopence to the Hon. Librarian, Walsoken Rectory, Wisbech. You will find in it some of the best advice it is possible to obtain on how to ring a bell, with a number of illustrations on the right and wrong ways of holding your rope.

When you start to ring, stand close under the rope, with heels almost together; pull the rope straight down, keeping your hands close to the body, and let them go as far down as possible. If you don't pull straight and don't pull all the way down you lose power.

Get a good start and a good style, and half the preliminary battle is over.

FIRST 1936 DATE TOUCH.

On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at St. Helen's Church, Sandal, Wakefield, in 1 hour, 9 minutes, a date touch of Minor, 1936 changes, made up of 496 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 each of Sandal Exercise and Kent Treble Bob: H. Spencer 1, J. W. Moxon 2, W. Robinson 3, H. Cutt 4, G. Cutt 5, E. Cutt (conductor) 6.

WEST CORNWALL RINGERS BUSY.

QUARTER-PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BUT NO PEALS.

During the past three weeks there has been great activity amongst the method ringers in West Cornwall. Commencing on St. Thomas' Day (December 21st), an attempt was made to score a peal of Grandsire Triples on the recently rehung and augmented eight at Redruth, but, unfortunately, this came to grief suddenly in the eleventh part of Parker's well-known peal, after nearly three hours' excellent ringing. The band was E. Sanders 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, P. J. Hitchens 3, C. E. Lanxon 4, W. H. Southard 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Seymour 8. The ringing was long enough to test the work, which has been excellently done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Redruth bells are now a musical octave. On December 31st special arrangements were made to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to enable Mr. E. C. Carvolth, the donor of the two new trebles, who was staying in the district, to hear the bells rung on his birthday. This was brought round by S. Seymour (first quarter on eight) 1, E. Sanders 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, C. E. Lanxon 4, H. Williams 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, P. R. C. Williams 8.

On Boxing Day a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Helston, on a splendid light ring, cast in 1807 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.), but the illness of one of the band compelled 'Stand' to be called half-way. A further attempt was made at the same tower on January 4th, but after 1 hour and 10 minutes the conductor missed a call. A quarter-peal was then rung by F. Harris 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, G. W. Tayson 3, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 4, A. S. Roberts 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, P. J. Hitchens 7, J. Reed 8.

On December 30th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Enoder (tenor 13 cwt.): F. Harris (first quarter-peal on eight) 1, A. S. Roberts 2, W. E. Minors 3, Miss E. J. C. Angwin (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, E. Sanders (first quarter on eight) 6, C. E. Lanxon 7, P. R. C. Williams (first quarter on eight) 8.

Those who took part in the above, and in visits to other towers for practice, wish to thank Messrs. P. R. J. Williams and H. J. Morcom for the use of their cars.

If, in the future, any visitors to Cornwall wish to be accommodated with ringing in the Truro district, or in any part of Cornwall, a line to Mr. P. R. C. Williams, Fore Street, Redruth, or to Mr. C. E. Lanxon, 11, Ferris Town, Truro, will assure them of a hearty welcome.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Three generations of the Tillett family were represented in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Rushmere, Suffolk, on December 28th. Miss Phyllis Tillett, at the age of 16, has now rung peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells!

Mr. Alfred Bowell has recently rehung the old five bells at Scottow, Norfolk, and added a treble to make a handy ring of six. Mr. W. C. Duffield, of Buxton, has given six local men their first lesson in ringing.

Two attempts were made by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association to celebrate the centenary of the first peal of London Surprise Major, rung at Norwich in 1835. A peal of London on December 28th came to grief on Boxing Day after 1 hour 55 minutes' ringing, and a second attempt two days later failed after about an hour and a half.

It is unusual for a man to score his first peal at 70 years of age, but on the last day of 1935 Mr. Wm. Digby, who has been sexton of St. Andrew's Church, Buxton, Norfolk, for 42 years, made his first peal attempt successfully. He rang the treble to 7 720's of Bob Minor.

The ring of six bells of Horncastle Parish Church, Lincs, has this week been removed to Loughborough to be tuned and refitted prior to being hung in a new framework.

In the course of the last 50 years many hundreds, if not thousands, of the peals that have been rung have been compositions by Mr. Arthur Knights, the celebrated composer, of Chesterfield. It is strange, therefore, to learn that his composition, No. 1, composed in September, 1883, has now been rung for the first time. It is a 5,152 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and was rung at Penwortham on Saturday.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, has got a new address. It is 1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, Hants. He hasn't moved. All that has happened is that the local authorities have changed the name of the Avenue.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Streatham, will be broadcast from the London stations on January 19th for the Sunday evening service.

Nine ringers at Bridlington Priory can boast an aggregate of approximately 200 years' service as ringers at their parish church. Mr. W. Robinson has been ringing for nearly 60 years, Mr. J. Welburn for 36, and Mr. M. Forbes for nearly 30 years. Four others started 16 years ago, and of the other two, one has put in five years and the second two years.

On Tuesday evening, December 24th, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Finchley, were rung for an hour, half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Bernays, wife of the Rector of St. Mary's, who was interred during the afternoon.

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Regarding your note re Surprise methods, you state 'Names have been given to all the methods.'

I, for one, strongly object to these 'ready made' names, and would ask, 'Has the authority of the Council been obtained for such a procedure?'

Up to the present, the band ringing the first peal has had the privilege of naming the method.

If names are provided as suggested, places will be saddled with methods they don't want, and methods they would wish to adopt would have already been allotted, say, to some place not interested in them.

Take, for example, a method the Chester men have been practising, as I presume, under the name of 'Chester Surprise.' Are they to be robbed of that name and some useless method labelled 'Chester'?

Another example. A short time ago I was asked for a method for a certain name. It was to be capable of extending to ten and twelve. I doubt whether the method that has been given to that name in this collection would suit them.

This naming in advance is causing trouble and heartburns, even before they are printed; it will cause more after. A certain number have already been named and rung. Let those who have adopted methods claim them now and so register their names, and let the remainder be numbered only. I am sure this would give greater satisfaction and less expense.

Dublin.

G. LINDOFF.

[This letter was referred to in our leading article last week.—Ed., 'R.W.']

PEAL BOARD INSTALLED.

On Saturday, December 28th, the Kingsley ringers, together with Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, paid a visit to St. Margaret's Church, Draycott, Staffs, where, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. Codling, they installed in the belfry a beautifully designed oak peal board recording the first peal rung on the bells, by the Kingsley band, a peal of Minor in seven methods conducted by Mr. H. Carnwell.

The dedication touch consisted of a 720 of Norwich Surprise Minor, rung by the band, who rang in a peal with the exception of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, who deputised for Mr. F. Edwards, who has recently left the district: H. Carnwell 1, G. Hulme 2, E. Twigg 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, W. Carnwell (conductor) 5, A. W. Hall 6.

LANCASHIRE STALWART PASSES ON.**DEATH OF MR. J. H. COLLIER.**

On Sunday, December 23th, the death occurred of Mr. James Henry Collier, of Flixton, Lancashire, after a very short illness. He had rung for service on Christmas morning, and was taken ill on his way home. After recovering slightly during the next day or two, he passed away peacefully early on Sunday morning.

Born in Flixton in 1869, he had spent the whole of his life there, and after serving as a boy chorister had been connected with the belfry for over 50 years, and had been the conductor for the past 34 years.

Of a quiet but genial disposition, he had an ever-ready welcome for visiting ringers to Flixton, where he took great pride in maintaining a band for service ringing. This he did with success, in preference to seeking ringing honours for himself, for seldom has it been that Flixton bells were not fully manned for service. The present band, which includes a son and daughter, was raised and trained entirely by his own efforts.

The upholding of old customs, such as the curfew, ringing for Guy Fawkes' night, and other events, in which old-world Flixton seems to delight, were to him another source of pleasure and pride.

He had rung several peals, his first being for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887, when the bells were reopened, and in December, 1933, he rang his last peal, one of Grandsire Caters, by five fathers and five daughters.

He retired from the service of the Manchester Collieries, Ltd., in January, 1935, after 43 years' service.

The funeral took place at Flixton on Thursday, January 2nd, and was attended by many relatives and upwards of 200 friends.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one from the local ringers.

The full local company of ringers was present, six of whom acted as bearers. Other ringers present were Messrs. W. H. Shaker (general secretary of the Lancashire Association), C. Gudgeon (Manchester Branch president), T. B. Worsley, D. Vincent, W. Moss, A. Barnes, B. Thorp, C. Ollier, A. H. Bond and D. Brown.

The bells were rung fully muffled as the cortege approached the church, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

Immediately after the interment and as the mourners were leaving the churchyard the tower bells were again rung by deceased's tower associates. Later a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately was lost near half-way.

Thus was laid to rest yet another of the stalwarts, and it will take local ringers and friends alike some time to get accustomed to the absence of Jim Collier from the belfry.

RICKMANSWORTH TO HAVE TEN BELLS.**LOCAL RINGERS' SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS.**

The second annual supper arranged by the local ringers at Rickmansworth, Herts, was held on New Year's Eve. A company of 18 sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Mr. Woolard, of the Red Spider. Mr. J. E. Jones presided, and the visitors included Rev. W. B. Belcher (Vicar), Mr. Clubbe (senior church warden), and Messrs. Oakley and Crowsley, ringing friends from Watford. After the toast of 'The King' had been loyally honoured, Mr. A. E. Millett proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' to which the Vicar responded. He thanked the ringers for their services during the past year, and congratulated the young ringers especially on reaching the Stedman stage.

The annual business meeting followed. An attendance book was kept during the past year, marks being given for attendance and punctuality, small money prizes being offered. The ringers with most marks not wishing to claim the prize, the 1st and 2nd prizes were won by J. Foster and T. Long, two young ringers, the prizes being given by Mr. J. E. Jones and Mr. A. E. Millett. Next on the list was Mr. C. Lord, who is nearing 80 years of age, and the Vicar kindly provided a 3rd prize and gave it to him.

One new rule was adopted, that of a voluntary levy of 3d. per week, per member, to provide a fund for belfry renovation, new ropes, etc.

The hon. secretary of the bells appeal fund, raised almost entirely by the efforts of the local ringers, announced that the order for the new trebles had been given to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the bells would be installed about the middle of February. Some £20 was still required, and it was hoped this would be obtained by the time the bells were opened.

Gramophone records, and wireless, including the broadcast from the Loughborough Foundry, helped to pass a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

At 11.30 the bells were rung half-muffled, and, after the 12 strokes of midnight, were rung open till about 12.15 a.m.

Ringers who took collecting cards for the bell fund are asked to be good enough to send in what they have collected, and any ringers who would like to contribute should send their donations to Mr. G. D. Tryer, Hon. Treasurer, National Provincial Bank, Rickmansworth, or to Mr. F. W. Elliott, 8, Bury Lane, Rickmansworth.

MARRIAGE OF MR. W. H. J. HOOTON & MISS D. M. LEWIS

Many well-known ringers attended the marriage ceremony at Brasted, Kent, on Saturday, of Mr. Wilfred H. J. Hooton, of Nuneaton, and Miss Dilys M. Lewis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Moorcocks, Brasted. Like the bride's father, who is president of the Central Council, Mr. Hooton is a well-known member of the Cambridge University Guild, and after the ceremony six members of the Guild rang a peal of Minor at Brasted.

While this was in progress a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Westerham by Major J. H. B. Hesse 1, S. H. Green 2, A. A. Hughes 3, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher 4, T. Groombridge 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6, J. O. Weller 7, G. W. Fletcher 8.

At St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, the local band attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event, but lost it a few changes from the end.

At Guildford, a handbell peal was attempted, as no tower bells were available. This was lost after an hour, but amends were made the following day, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored.

AN INSTRUCTOR FOR TASMANIA?**HOBART BEGINS TO RAISE MONEY**

We hear that in Tasmania a fund has been opened, through 'The Mercury' newspaper, to enable a ringing instructor to be obtained from England in order to teach change ringing, and particularly to instruct a band for the new bells to be erected at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart. The fund has been opened with a donation of £5 from Mr. George Fitzpatrick, formerly of Parramatta.

This effort is part of the scheme put forward in 'The Ringing World' on October 11th, 1935, when a letter from the Rev. A. A. Bennett, Vicar of St. George's, Hobart, was published, pointing out the need of instructional help, and a hint was thrown out in our editorial that, if Tasmania itself was prepared to do its share, the Exercise in England might be prepared to help.

If the best is to be made in Tasmania of the seed sown by the English ringers who visited Australia, a competent instructor from this country is a necessity, and if the Tasmanians themselves rise to the occasion we feel sure there are many ringers in England who would be ready to give financial help to promote the art in that out-post of the Empire.

A little later we hope to be able to give further details of the proposals, and if they are called upon we believe the ringers in England will see the scheme through.

BELLS 14,000 FEET UP.**AN ENGLISH RINGER AMONG THE HIMALAYAS.**

Mr. L. H. Baybut, a well-known member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, formerly connected with St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, who now holds an important post in the State of Kashmir, Northern India, among the Himalayas, has sent us an interesting letter describing the country in which he is now living.

His 'home' is in the town of Srinagar, thousands of feet up in the mountains, where, he says, there is a very pretty English church. Canon Stokoe, the Vicar, started to learn ringing on handbells in England long ago, and, as may be imagined, was very interested when Mr. Baybut took along his peal of twelve to the Vicarage when going there to dinner.

These bells, says Mr. Baybut, have been a great source of interest to many Europeans, as well as to natives. He has had the twelve going once or twice with the natives, and thinks he must have made at least one record, for he doubts if any other ringer has rung changes at 14,000 feet above sea level. This he did with 'four in hand' at Pahalgam, Kashmir.

The district where Mr. Baybut lives is known as 'The Paradise of the Indies,' and is, he says, well worthy the name. It is a glorious valley in the heart of the Himalayas, with snow-capped mountain ranges all round. Some of the peaks rise to over 20,000 feet, and one is 26,000. The hills abound with black and red bear, leopards, panthers and other wild animals.

At the time of writing, Mr. Baybut had not seen a train for eight months, but was on the point of leaving for Bombay to meet his wife and two children, who have gone out to him.

As supervisor of furnishings in the palace and state houses at Srinagar and Jammu, Mr. Baybut has had the good fortune to see many native functions, including Durbars and religious festivals.

He asks us to convey his good wishes to all readers of 'The Ringing World.'

FOR THE GRUMBLERS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of December 20th is long overdue. May all grumblers thoroughly digest it. I, for one, would be very sorry to see a change in your weekly 'lay-out.' I suppose it is a member of the N.O.P.G. that would (if he had his way) dispense with the column for beginners. Congratulations, not brickbats, from

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED PRACTICES OF ADVANCED METHODS.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Cottingham on Saturday, when there were 45 ringers present from Beverley, Cottingham, Headingley, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, Nunburnholme, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, and also from Barton-on-Humber and Ulceby, Lincolnshire. The methods were Bob Minor and Major, Treble Bob Minor and Major, and Grand-sire and Stedman Triples. Evensong, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. W. French, M.A.), was followed by tea in the King Street Rooms.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, and gave a very hearty welcome to the association to Cottingham.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Wilfred Lawson and Ernest Cuttill, of Cottingham, C. Robinson, of Sutton, and H. Kneeshaw, of Market Weighton.

Beverley Minster was selected as the place for the annual meeting in March, the meeting to be held previous to the departure of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Rigg, D.D., to a living in Cornwall in March.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and local company were responded to by the Vicar and Mr. Lawson, and a hearty welcome was also extended to Rev. A. Ferguson, the Vicar of Market Weighton, who accompanied his ringers to the meeting, and who was formerly Vicar of Cottingham.

The secretary was instructed to write the B.B.C., protesting against the fading away of bells during broadcasting for church services.

Mr. Vigor, of Sherburn, raised the question of holding extra meetings for practice of more advanced methods, and after a discussion it was decided to try and arrange these at suitable dates. The secretary pointed out the expense incurred by these extra meetings could not be a charge on the association's funds.

A suggestion to hold a joint meeting with the Northern District was deferred until the next meeting.

WESTERN DIVISION'S NEW SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Bramley, and at St. Peter's Church service was held. In the absence of the Vicar, through illness, the president, Canon Marshall, officiated. Tea was served in the schools to 50 members, and a hearty welcome was extended to friends from Sutton-on-Hull. The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Nine new members were elected, viz., seven from Oxenhope and two from Haworth. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Liversedge or, failing that, Bingley.

As the secretary had previously intimated a desire to retire on account of work, Mr. H. Lofthouse proposed, and Mr. S. Helliwell seconded, that Mr. F. Rayment be elected to the position of secretary. This was carried, and, in welcoming Mr. Rayment to the position, Mr. Johnson hoped that he would be happy in his office. At the same time he regretted the retirement of Mr. Ambler from taking an active part in the association, but, in the light of his good work for ringing, sincerely hoped that work would soon permit him to return to office.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, also to the Rev. G. Harper for presiding at the organ, was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, and seconded by Mr. R. Bottomley. Hope was expressed for the Vicar's speedy recovery, and thanks were given to Canon Marshall for conducting the service, and for his helpful address. A vote of thanks was also passed to the local company for making the arrangements, and to the ladies for providing tea.

The Rev. G. Harper, Mr. A. S. Boyes and Mr. S. Helliwell replied on behalf of the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company respectively.

Canon Marshall proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, which was carried. Mr. Johnson replied in his own inimitable way.

The meeting was then entertained with some delightful handbell ringing, Mr. A. E. West and Mr. D. M. Sharp giving a course of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Mr. Sharp ringing 1.2.3.4 and Mr. West 5.6.7.8, a feat which the company thoroughly appreciated. This brought to a close a very pleasant and happy meeting.

Members are asked to note that the address of the new secretary, Mr. F. Rayment, is 235, Green Hill Road, Bramley, near Leeds.

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NEW RING OF EIGHT AT CAMPSALL, YORKS.

A TRIUMPH OF MODERN BELL HANGING.

On Monday evening, December 23rd, the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. H. L. Burrows), of Campsall's recast and rehung bells was due to take place at 7 p.m. The county of wide acres, however, was, like other parts of the country, in the grip of a dense fog, and the congregation which filled the ancient church had a forty minutes' wait until His Lordship arrived.

For the actual ceremony the clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the foot of the tower, where Mr. Cyril Johnston, on behalf of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., the bellfounders, handed the ropes to Mr. J. Henry Smith, diocesan lay reader, and secretary and treasurer to the bell fund. The wardens then received the ropes and handed them to the Bishop for dedication. The local ringers chimed the bells as the procession returned to the chancel.

In his sermon the Bishop gave an interesting review of the origin and history of bells and bellringing, and spoke of the important part which bells had played in history. He said he did not believe in bells being rung for trivial things, but they should certainly be rung at times which were of national importance. The ringing of bells had now become a science, and one might almost call it a mathematical science. Apart from that, bells also had a very sweet musical sound; they had a great and beautiful harmony. Bellringers to-day had become as much a part of the church as the choir, and they were a very strong, vigorous and active set of churchworkers. He was very strongly of the opinion that the ringers should be recognised as churchworkers, and the same standard should apply to them as to other churchworkers.

The Bishop added that he thought it was right that bells in a church should be rededicated with a religious service. 'In a magnificent old church like Campsall,' he said, 'it is fitting that there should be a service to rededicate and hallow the bells that have been used for many a long year.' He thought the fact of there being such a good congregation on a bad night like that showed that the people thought it right that they should have a religious service to rededicate the bells.

After the service the bells were kept going till 10 p.m. with Stedman, Grandsire Triples, and other methods, by a company of the Yorkshire Association, and the Doncaster and District Association, under the direction of Mr. G. Halksworth, vice-president of the latter society, and drawn from the towers of Doncaster, Arkesey, Pontefract, Adwick, Burgwallis and Campsall.

The bells are a ring of eight, with a tenor weighing 11½ cwt. in A flat. They have all been recast and tuned perfectly on the five tone harmonic principle, and are a fine musical example of the Croydon Foundry's craft.

The bells have been fitted with cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, and the latest fittings, and are hung in a new metal frame of H and A castings on heavy steel girders. They have been lowered in the tower, and as space is at a premium in the tower, the bells have been hung in two tiers of four each, but the care displayed in the general arrangement in the tower, and the attention to detail, have resulted in an ideally handy ring, of which it is impossible to tell in the ringing room or outside the tower which bells are mounted, or which are below. It is a triumph of modern bell hanging.

The bell foundry have also erected a ringers' gallery, in oak, to shorten the draught of rope, and have reorganised the clockwork in the tower.

Mr. H. Bradley, of the local company, has set himself the task of learning the art of change ringing and organising a band. In the furtherance of this task he asks for expert assistance, and hopes that an instructor may come forward to lend a helping hand in teaching a willing band of learners.

Among those at the service were the Vicar of Campsall (the Rev. W. Abel Turner), the Vicar of Woodlands (the Rev. L. L. Knightall), and the Vicar of Doncaster (Canon L. Davies).

MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET'S DISTINCTION.

IPSWICH GIRL'S UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENTS.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung at St. Andrew's Church, Rushmere, on December 28th last, brings to the forefront Miss Phyllis Tillet, who, at 16, is the youngest person to accomplish peals in this method on all numbers, she having previously rung peals of Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus.

Her first peal of Bob Minor was rung at Rushmere on November 11th, 1932, and during her fourteenth year she succeeded in scoring Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, thus completing peals on 6, 8, 10, 11 and 12 bells.

She also had the honour of taking part in the 'youths' peal of Bob Major at Crayford on April 21st, 1934, a performance of which she is, rightly, very proud, and since she has rung peals of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Bristol Major and Cambridge, Superlative and Rochester Maximus. She has, however, yet to ring a peal of Caters.

DEATH OF OLD LEICESTER RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the 'passing on' of an old Leicester ringer, Mr. Jeremiah Vernon. Deceased was never a prominent peal ringer, but over a long period of years was connected with St. Saviour's belfry, and during that time taught and interested many youngsters in the art. He had been in failing health for a long time, but a serious fall accelerated his death, which took place on December 24th at the age of 77 years.

He was a life ringing member of the Midland Counties Association, and to his memory a floral tribute was sent from Leicester ringers. The bells of St. Saviour's were rung half-muffled for the funeral, and over the grave a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells by Josiah Morris 1-2, Edward Whitehead 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Ernest Bagworth 7-8.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB IN KENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' for December 20th Mr. A. P. Cannon claims a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung at Mere-worth, Kent, on December 7th, 1935, as the first of its kind in Kent and for the Kent County Association. I beg to inform him that the Aldington, Kent, band rung a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with seven different callings, at St. Martin's Church, Aldington, on January 5th, 1886, in 3 hours 17 mins., conducted by W. Hyder, and all members of the Kent County Association. I rang the 4th in this peal, and W. Post (Redhill, Surrey), F. Wanstall (Aldington), as well as myself, are still surviving. This peal is recorded on a tablet in Aldington Church tower.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

Headcorn.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.—For evening service, on Sunday, December 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples to mark the installation of electric lighting to the building: A. Hawkins 1, W. Wigmore 2, Miss E. Mathews 3, G. Stocker 4, A. W. Davis 5, J. Hazell 6, Miss S. Davis (conductor) 7, S. G. Brown (first quarter-peal) 8, First quarter-peal of Stedman by 1 and 4. Grandfather and grandson rang in this quarter-peal, the former, Mr. W. Wigmore, being in his 80th year.

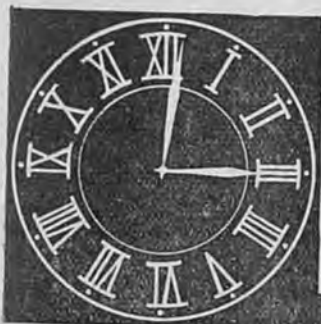
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'RING OUT THE OLD.'**BROADCAST FROM LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.**

Bells, as usual, played their part in the new year celebrations on Wednesday of last week, and ringers all over the country spent the last hours of the old year in peal and touch.

The B.B.C. programme gave listeners an opportunity of hearing many tower bells ringing the advent of the new year, visits being paid by the microphone to several towers between London and Berwick, and the snatches of the various methods proved an attraction which was well worth while.

The most instructive as well as entertaining feature, however, was the 15 minutes spent in the works of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the well-known bell founders, of Loughborough. Here Mr. Denison Taylor, in a short talk, gave some interesting facts on bell work, and one of the firm's oldest employees gave an account of the work entailed in the moulding and casting of Great Paul, on which he was engaged as a young man, and which listeners were to hear later in the programme. The striking of several bells of varying sizes from a huge bourdon to some of the small bells of a carillon brought a most entertaining part of the programme to a close.

At the Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. T. Prior 1, Miss D. Wacey (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. A. Wacey 5, F. Bird (conductor) 6, E. Rochester 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also rung as a farewell to the curate (Rev. A. D. R. Brooke).

Probably the oldest ringer to speed the parting year by taking part in the ringing was Mr. Coombes who, 93 next March, took part in a touch on New Year's Eve at All Saints' Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight. There were two others in the touch who might be regarded, under other circumstances, as veterans, but who are really only boys by comparison—Mr. George Williams, of North Stoneham, and Mr. Norris, vergers of All Saints', who had not rung together for nearly 50 years.

At St. Peter's Church, Colchester, previous to the watchnight service, after a peal of Superlative, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung, and to welcome the new year the bells were 'fired' and a touch of Superlative brought round. Those taking part were Messrs. F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, W. Dent, E. P. Duffield, G. Boyden, G. N. Rashbrook, G. R. Toones, H. T. Pye, G. A. Wrightman and V. E. Kerridge.

At St. Giles' Parish Church, Pontefract, on New Year's Eve, 1,008 Stedman Triples: J. H. Lenton 1, H. Walker 2, H. Fox 3, A. Walker 4, W. Tate 5, F. Newton 6, H. C. Walters (conductor), A. Heckingbottom 8.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Christmas Day, for 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise, 504 Kent Treble Bob, and 36 Plain Bob: F. Seager 1, G. W. Barber 2, F. W. Shynn 3, G. Hayward 4, E. J. Shynn (conductor) 5, W. V. Mills 6.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, before 7 a.m. Eucharist, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob; before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Annable's London, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. Bradley, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, F. Wright, G. Camp and L. Camp.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): C. Cooper 1, G. Went 2, G. Knight 3, A. L. Lucas 4, L. Jones 5, E. W. Luff 6, A. Hawkins 7, D. G. Clift (conductor) 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—At the Parish Church, on Boxing Day, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 of St. Simon's, 480 of Plain and 300 of Grandsire: B. Cornell 1, H. Day 2, V. Cornell (conductor) 3, W. Head 4, J. Andrews 5.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, for service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: N. Overington (first 720) 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss Doris Aslett 3, E. J. Heath 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

WILLESDEN.—At St. Mary's Church, for midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. G. Spears 1, C. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, Miss M. T. Barrett (first quarter-peal of Major 'inside') 4, E. B. Hartley 5, E. H. Kilby 6, F. Barrett 7, H. Kilby (conductor) 8. —For sung Mass on Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. T. Barrett 1, E. B. Hartley 2, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 3, R. G. Spears 4, F. Wilson 5, H. Kilby 6, E. H. Kilby 7, C. E. Lankester 8.

BURNHAM, RUCKS.—For 6 a.m. celebration, 924 Bob Triples by the local band: Miss S. M. S. Fleming 1, B. O'Neill (first 'inside') 2, R. G. Taylor 3, W. A. Cyster 4, G. W. Limmer (conductor) 5, J. D. Taylor 6, G. Gilbert 7, G. H. Limmer 8.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, for matins on Christmas morning, John Freeman, the sixteen years' old son of Mr. J. A. Freeman, conducted his first quarter peal. It was Stedman Cinques. It was the first quarter-peal on 12 bells by ringers of 2 and 5. J. Freeman 1, G. M. Mayer 2, L. Snell 3, J. Walden 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, C. J. Mayer 6, D. R. White 7, C. Chester 8, J. A. Freeman 9, H. Marcon 10, H. Lowman 11, A. H. A. Marcon 12.

NOTICES.

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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.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., South-over Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A special meeting will be held at Northchurch to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 11th, when the bells, just rehung, tuned and augmented to 8 by J. Taylor and Co., will be available from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting as usual.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blyth (6) to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. onwards. East Midland bus leaves Worksop 12.15, 2.15, 4.40 p.m., returns 5.49, 9.54. All ringers welcome.—R. Towler, Acting Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late Final.—On Saturday, Jan. 11th (to-morrow) the bells of Great Wymondley and St. Ippolyts will be available. Meet at Great Wymondley 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Green Man, and then on to St. Ippolyts. Please note that all 1934 subscriptions should have been in a year ago. Please 'buck up, and pay up, and turn up.'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

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.—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.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at Southampton on Jan. 11th. St. Mary's (10), Holy Rood (8) and St. Michael's (8) bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at Holy Rood at 4.15. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonards, Samlesbury, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. This is the time of the year for making new resolutions. Let yours be: 'I will attend our meetings regularly.'—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Owing to St. Mary's Church bells being down for repairs, the towers at Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be open for ringing from 3 to 6 p.m. Buses are frequent from both places. Tea, 9d. each, at the Station Restaurant, at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards in tea room.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Quadring on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual and silver jubilee meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells available 3 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aylesford (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at The Chequers. Subscriptions for 1936 may be paid at this meeting. Tower secretaries please send a card stating number of members expecting to come.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Derby on Saturday, Jan. 11th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, etc., will be held in the belfry at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, and there is plenty of room for a large gathering.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30. Visitors will be welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Wigan branch heartily invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Tower subscriptions should be forthcoming before meeting. Please notify L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare, if requiring tea.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Gas Company's Offices, Bridge Street, at 5.15.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

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

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome, only please let me know. Best wishes.—J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation. Subscriptions are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery.—At Lavenham, on Jan. 11th. Begin 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send a postcard to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, Jan. 11th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

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.

30th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham Saturday, Jan. 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, B.A. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Meat tea in Church House 4.45 by ticket. Members of branch 1s. Visitors 1s. 6d. Application for tea tickets *before* Jan. 13th. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Sidmouth (8) and Ottery St. Mary (8). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. General meeting 6 p.m., both in Clergy House. Service 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Members and friends attending will please make own arrangements for tea.—Plenty of cafés near church. A good meeting is hoped for, to welcome the new Vicar of Doncaster, so let us have a record attendance.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting on Jan. 18th. Meet at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Westminster, 3 o'clock to 4.30. Tea and meeting Napier Hall, Hyde Place, Vincent Square, 5 o'clock. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 6.30 to 8.30. Names and numbers for tea by 15th, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kidderminster (peal of 12) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church, with an address by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, at 4.15 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., will be provided for all those who notify me by the previous Wednesday (Jan. 15th). Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Hon. Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham. Phone: Kings Norton 1542.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells, a nice peal of 8, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Good bus service. So come, if possible. Please send that card to say you will by Wednesday, 15th, to A. Bigley, Dis. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Green Row Rooms, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Christ Church, Crewe (bells 10), on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Jan. 15th?—R. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at Church Room. It is hoped outstanding subscriptions will be paid at this meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting and social afterwards.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Hennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Sun Hotel, 1s. 6d. per head. Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his films of the Australian tour. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Parish Room. Please advise early.—H. A. Taylor, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held in the City on Saturday, Jan. 18th. The bells of St. Lawrence Jewry will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the evening ringing will be at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side. Tea will be arranged nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing at St. Peter's Church 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.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows' Church, Bispham (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BORED or DEPRESSED? Try Watford, Saturday, Jan. 18th, from 3.30 to 5.30. Tea and business meeting (5.30 to 6.30). Tower available till 8.30. Train or coach. Cheap tickets from all parts to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the Manchester branch will be held at the Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open at 5.45 p.m. All welcome. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's (12), Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Mar-tock, Somerset.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Further details next week. The subscriptions for 1936 are now due, and please pay as early in the year as possible.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South and North Norfolk Branches.—Meetings have been arranged at Pulham Market (South Norfolk) on Saturday, Jan. 18th, and at Hethersett (North Norfolk) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4.15, tea at 4.45 at each meeting. Please notify your intention to be present.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Shildon, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 15th.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 25th, when the Abbey bells (10, tenor 25½ cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after the business meeting to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. (Preacher, Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.) Tea (1s. 6d. per head) in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 9, Westbourne Road, Selby, by Thursday, Jan. 23rd. The business meeting will be held in the Hawdon Institute immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: Parish Church (8 bells) and Christ Church (6 bells) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Band), followed by meeting at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Merton, S.W. 19, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Jan. 25th. Tower open at 4.15. The memorial tablet to late master will be unveiled at 5 p.m. by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30 and numbers must reach me by the 21st inst. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Café, The Borough. Please let me have notifications for tea by Wednesday, 22nd. All welcome!—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but numbers for tea by the 23rd. Will members please come prepared to discuss the question of appointing a *District Committee* and a new secretary, as well as holding an annual district meeting. Members are particularly asked to attend this meeting, as it will be a 'farewell' to the Vicar.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Lyonshall. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, the number to expect for tea. — Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Bridge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 21st, Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Deddington on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) available after tea. Subscriptions now due. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 22nd?—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8). Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed immediately by the meeting, 5.30 p.m. Reports ready. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MODBURY, SOUTH DEVON. — On Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of 6 bells, rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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WILLIAM SHORT Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 7
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY Treble	THOMAS BEVAN 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	JAMES E. BAILEY 8
EDWARD J. BEER 3	GEORGE W. SIEERE 9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 4	HARRY HOVERD 10
CHARLES A. HUGHES 5	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 11
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 6	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

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On Wednesday, January 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES SHARPLES Treble	*FRED RIGBY 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
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*JAMES L. WRIGHT 5	†ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

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* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. The Rev. Canon Wallis met and congratulated the band on their fine ringing. First peal of Caters on the bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	ERIC YATES 6
KEITH WELSBY 2	FRED GRUNDY 7
THOMAS ALLRED 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 8
WILLIAM JONES 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 9
ROBERT ALLRED 5	*HARRY ALLRED Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

* First peal. First peal of Caters by all except the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Monday, December 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,**A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**
Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
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On Monday, December 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury.**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
* PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 2	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	HENRY TOOKER ... 7
THOMAS E. SPEIGHT ... 4	† WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. † 100th peal and first attempt to call Bob Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 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 23½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
RICHARD V. FULLER ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD HOLT ... Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 5
ERNEST G. FLETCHER ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 6
JOHN S. MASON ... 3	* F. HENRY HAWKINS ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	* ARTHUR E. RAISON ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal.

COLCHESTER.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM DENT ... Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 5
* GEORGE R. TOWNS ... 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	† VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 7
WILLIAM CHALK ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

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Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

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At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

* PHYLLIS F. KNIGHTS ... Treble	EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 5
* HOWARD S. IRELAND ... 2	ISAAC ATTWATER ... 6
ELSIE M. GREENALL ... 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
† WALTER L. C. BARLOW ... 4	JAMES PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

CHORLEY, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER ... Treble	FRED RIGBY ... 5
* CYRIL CROSSHWAITE ... 2	FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	ALFRED BLOGG ... 7
JOHN JACKSON ... 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 5
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 2	PETER CHARMAN ... 6
* CECIL H. WOOD ... 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 7
JOHN COOK ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. 50th peal by ringers of 1 and 2. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. T. Beeson.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	* RICHARD WALSH ... 5
* ALBERT MORLEY ... 2	JAMES HARRISON ... 6
THOS. CALDERBANK ... 3	* JACKSON PICKUP ... 7
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 4	WILLIAM CATLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung with muffled bells as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Yates, a devoted worker at the above church, and mother of one of the ringers, who was interred at Blackburn cemetery earlier in the day.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

* HAROLD S. BLACKETT ... Treble	MISS MOLLIE REDPATH ... 5
* MISS RENE REDPATH ... 2	* GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Blackett. The average age of this band is 20 years, and they are the youngest eight-bell band, all being resident in Kent, to ring a peal for the association.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOSHUA WORMALD Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY ... 5
*ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	*ALBERT WORMALD 6
*FRANK ELLIS 3	*PERCY MASSAM 7
*GEORGE COPLEY 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells by a local company, all being Sunday service ringers, at the above church.

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

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE
Arranged for Mr. J. Blackmore as a 70th birthday compliment;
also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	THOMAS HARRISON 5
JOHN JACKSON 2	THOMAS CALDERBANK 6
KENNETH HALL 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
CYRIL CROSSSTHWAITE ... 4	FRANCIS MCCARTHY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
The composition (the author's No. 1) was composed in September, 1883, and is now rung for the first time.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

A. NORMAN GEARY ... Treble	ALBERT L. WARD 5
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
PERCY AMOS 3	JOHN H. BLOFF 7
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4	EDWARD TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd and also to Mr. A. P. Cannon.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb.

KENNETH A. ROE ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	PERCY L. HARRISON 6
*HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 3	RICHARD F. ROE 7
MRS. HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major.

LINGFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

W. CYRIL SMITH ... Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	TONY PRICE 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	FRANK E. DARBY 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
JOHN FORD 2	† THOMAS H. CHAPPEL ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
*WALTER MARTIN 4	WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOKE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
GEORGE NAYLOR 2	*FRANK BELSEY 6
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 7
FRANK CHEAL 4	† FREDERICK G. STREVEENS Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

* 100th peal. † First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Charley Belsey, of Rainham, who has been a member of the St. Margaret band for a great many years. His health prevented him from standing in this peal.

ORAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES LAKER ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
CECIL NICE 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM T. BRISON 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. MORETON ... Treble	PERCY STONE 5
CHARLES E. RAYSON 2	JOHN GIBBONS 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 3	ERNEST STONE 7
JAMES DRAYCOTT 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the respected memory of Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G., of Arbury Hall, Nuneaton, and Harefield, Middlesex, Squire of the Parish of Chilvers Coton, and patron of the living, who was interred at Coton earlier in the day. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Coton.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*MAXWELL F. OAKSHOTT ... Treble	† HAROLD S. BLACKETT ... 5
ALLISON PURDON ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 3	JACK DAFTERS ... 7
JIM HURRELL ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. Rung, on the feast of the Epiphany, as a 23rd birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon. This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells, the previous quickest being 2 hours 54 minutes.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*JAMES W. GODDARD ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 4
*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	*WALTER M. GODDARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of the ordination of E. C. Varah, son of the Vicar of this parish, who is taking up duties in the parish of St. Giles, Lincoln.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 840's and 21 six-scores, twelve callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GORDON COSTAR ... Treble	† HARRY FARMER ... 4
CHARLES BOWSER ... 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW ... 5
PERCY TRINDER ... 3	BERTIE R. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight 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. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT JEFF ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
JAMES T. TITT ... 2	ROLAND PARK ... 5
WILLIAM OLIVER ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. R. Busby, a member of this band, to Miss E. A. Rogerson, which took place on December 21st, and of Mr. S. Oliver, son of the ringer of the 3rd, to Miss J. Stavily, which took place on December 26th.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5048 CHANGES;

Being seven six-scores of St. Simon's, 14 of Plain Bob and 21 of Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt. approx.

JOHN W. CROWDER ... Treble	WALTER M. GODDARD ... 4
JAMES W. GODDARD ... 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON ... 5
CHARLES TAYLOR ... 3	*ARTHUR CROWDER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Taylor.

SOHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JOHN BUCKENHAM ... Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... 4
WALLACE COUSINS ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal ever rung on this grand back six, which were cast by Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market, in 1788.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID WHITING ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4
HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... 2	EDWIN A. HARRISON ... 5
ERIC G. BENNETT ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores and six 240's of Morris'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS BEAVER ... Treble	† JAMES P. HYETT ... 4
*FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... 2	† ALBERT E. JONES ... 5
WILLIAM BEAVER ... 3	V. JAMES CARLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JONES.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal of Doubles in the tower and rung with 25 'firsts.' ‡ 25th peal. 25th peal together by ringers of 4th and 5th.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 different six-scores of Grandsire and 12 different six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 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, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED WHEELWRIGHT ... Treble	FRANK PHILLIPS ... 4
ALFRED NORMAN ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 5
GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... 3	THOMAS A. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.

* First peal.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES H. EDWARDS ... Treble	BERT F. LUGGETT ... 3
EDWARD LEGGETT ... 2	CPL. V. B. LUGGETT, R.A.F. 4
WILFRED V. GUSTERSON ... Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD LEGGETT.

First peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. Rung at first attempt.

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

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, and Wednesday, January 1, 1936, in
Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth and Rossendale, (2) Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and Chester, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose, (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Berwick and Hexham, (6) Lincoln and Coldstream, (7) London, Cuneastre and Wells.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLARD Treble	JAMES OSBORNE 4
FREDERICK W. FRENCH 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

The peal rang 'the old year out and the new year in.' 'Go' was called at 9.4 p.m. and 'That's all' at 12.8 a.m.

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

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Court and five 720's of Plain Bob, seven different callings.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR EVANS Treble	RICHARD BLABY 4
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	PERCY NEWTON 5
*ROBERT G. CROSS 3	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Minor. This peal was finished at 12 midnight.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DIGBY Treble	DOUGLAS E. RUST 4
ARTHUR S. BROTHERS 2	ERIC DURRANT 5
ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal at first attempt, and aged 70 years. Mr. Digby has been sexton at above church for 42 years.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

T. COLIN RYDER Treble	REGINALD PAYNE 4
*TOM BROTHWELL 2	ALBERT NASH 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 3	*ERNEST WAGSTAFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

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

BRASTED, KENT.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 2	(St. Cath's) ... 5
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3	FRANK E. HAYNES
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trin.) ... 4	(St. Cath's) ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Wilfrid H. J. Hooton, M.C., and Miss Dilys M. Lewis, eldest daughter of the president of the Central Council, which took place at this church earlier in the afternoon.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MASTER YOUR BELL FIRST.

Not until a beginner has thoroughly mastered the handling of his bell, so that he has got complete control of it, that is, can put it in its proper place after the bell he is following, so that he keeps the rhythm, and is able to set it either at handstroke or backstroke immediately on command, should he attempt method ringing. Many a young ringer has been spoilt—as a striker—by being allowed to try change ringing before he could properly control his bell. If he cannot put it into its proper place in rounds, where he pulls after the same bell all the time, at exactly the same interval, he certainly cannot 'place' his bell when he is not only striking after a different bell each time, but has to vary his own stroke by holding up or cutting down.

Therefore, if your instructor does not put you on to change ringing as quickly as you think he ought to, it may be that you are not accurate enough in your round ringing. If, before you can strike properly in rounds, you try to take a bell in changes, you will probably get into a slovenly style, and almost certainly develop defects in handling which will grow into a bad habit.

Constant practice will give you confidence. When you begin ringing you cannot, with successful results, try to give your attention both to the bell and to the method. The handling of the bell must be automatic before you can hope to do any good with method ringing. You cannot very well concentrate on both at the same time.

But while you are learning to handle your bell, by actual practice, there is no reason why you should not begin to study change ringing in theory. Get one of the many elementary books advertised in 'The Ringing World' and study it. Merely reading it through will not help you much. You want pencil and paper by you when you start, to work out for yourself the examples or illustrations that may be given you.

But first of all it may be just as well to explain here how changes are produced, for this particular article is meant specially for those who are at quite the beginning of their interest in change ringing.

What is aimed at in producing changes is that in every change every bell shall speak once, and that the next time they speak, it is in a different order. Moreover, the order is changed to the greatest extent possible, within certain prescribed limits. No bell moves up or down more than one place at a time, and (except for a covering bell when changes are rung on odd numbers) no bell stops in one place for more than two changes. Subject to this, the object in producing changes is to change as many pairs of bells as possible. If there are five bells, to change two pairs; if there are six, alternately three pairs and two pairs; if seven bells, three pairs each time; and if eight bells, four pairs and three pairs alternately; and so on. Every pair of bells that is changed must be bells in adjoining places, that is 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6; or 2 and 3, 4 and 5, etc.

In this article we are not going into the question of method ringing. We have only tried to explain how changes are formed. Would you like to try an experiment for yourselves? Write down the figures 1.2.3.4.5 to represent five bells, and draw a line under them. Underneath write out changes, by changing two pairs at a time in regular succession, first the two front pairs and then the two back pairs, varying it at the 6th, 16th and every succeeding tenth change by changing, instead of the two back pairs, the front pair and the back pair, leaving the bell in the middle where it is, the succeeding change being, of course, a change of the two front pairs. In addition, at the 14th, 34th and 54th change, make a similar variation—change the front pair and the back pair instead of the two back pairs. You should be able to produce 60 changes before you come back again to 1.2.3.4.5, and it will facilitate your work if you put a line under every tenth change. When you have done it, examine the path of the figure 1, which represents the treble, and see how regular it is.

In the meantime, get one or other of the following books for study:—

- 'Ropesight,' from the Jasper Snowdon Series.
- 'The Ringers' Handbook,' by E. S. and M. Powell.
- 'Village Bells,' by the Rev. R. Howes.
- 'Grandsire Doubles and Triples,' by I. Roe and M. Broome.
- 'Change Ringing,' by C. A. W. Troyte.

SEDBERGH'S PROUD RECORD

Sedbergh, in Yorkshire, can rival Bridlington Priory in the aggregate length of ringers' service. Bridlington's nine ringers can total approximately 200 years. Sedbergh's eight have an aggregate of 240 years, while with the addition of one other veteran, who gives assistance when required, the total is raised to 260 years!

The bells were put in in 1897, when Mr. G. F. Woodhouse got a band together, two of whom, Messrs. T. Sisson and E. Pennington, are still active members of the company. The 'extra' man referred to above, Mr. R. Atkinson, also joined at the same time. Messrs. J. W. Pennington and H. Haresnope began in 1900, J. Smith in 1906, H. Dawson in 1917, and Miss N. Harrison in 1932.

The average length of service is thus 30 years. Can any tower beat this?

SHEFFIELD LOSES A RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. T. O'HARA.**

The Sheffield ringers regret to record the loss, by death, of Mr. Tom O'Hara, for several years past a member of the St. Marie's Society. Mr. O'Hara commenced his ringing at St. Francis' Church, Holbeck, Leeds, under the tutelage of the late Mr. Robert Binns, and came to Sheffield about 1905, when he joined the St. Marie's Company, Norfolk Row.

On the break up of the company, owing to the Great War, he remained a free lance, visiting different towers and taking part in many peals round about Sheffield, on eight, ten and twelve bells, under the auspices of the Yorkshire Association. Possessed of a naive wit, his humour at the various district meetings was always a source of amusement, and he was particularly entertaining when he was exhibiting sleight of hand tricks.

For some time he was associated with the late Mr. Joe Sykes, of Huddersfield, in erecting gas works machinery in various parts of Great Britain, and wherever they were located the pair of them did what they could to further the cause of ringing in what spare time they had.

Mr. O'Hara lost his wife from bronchitis and heart trouble early last December, and probably this loss may have done something to hasten his demise.

He was ringing at St. Marie's on Friday evening, January 3rd, in connection with preliminary details for the broadcast, on Sunday, January 5th, of the service at that church. The following morning he was found unconscious in his home, evidently having had a seizure. He was conveyed to the Royal Hospital, but in spite of every skill and attention he never regained consciousness, and died on Sunday, January 5th, in his 70th year.

He was borne to his grave in Abbey Lane Cemetery on Thursday, January 9th, by workmates, and the family mourners were followed by a representative number of ringing friends. The customary honours of a course of Grandsire Triples were accorded at the graveside by four of his old colleagues, and the tower bells were also rung at night by various bands as a tribute of respect. A son remains to mourn his loss.

On Sunday, January 12th, before evening service, at St. Marie's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a tribute of respect: M. E. Wilson (Cathedral) 1, G. Holmes (St. Marie's) 2, F. Ward (Cathedral) 3, H. Thorpe (Cathedral) 4, R. Harrison (St. Marie's) 5, G. Lewis, conductor (St. Marie's) 6, R. Harrison, jun. (St. Marie's) 7, H. Hurst (St. Marie's) 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT MAKE A GOOD START IN NEW YEAR.**

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District took place on Saturday, January 4th, at Houghton-le-Spring, ringers being present from Darlington, Middlesbrough, Whickham, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Sunderland, Jarrow, West Hartlepool and Durham. The Rector visited the belfry during the afternoon and gave the ringers a very hearty welcome.

A short meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. L. Patterson presiding.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman said he was very pleased to see such a representative gathering, and welcomed ringers from other districts. He hoped this, the first meeting of the year, was a good augury for the coming meetings—it was a pleasure to see such a good meeting—and he hoped that ringers would support the district meetings during the year.

Mr. Pickering proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for use of the bells, and this was carried with acclamation.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Gateshead in March. The date will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

Further ringing afterwards took place, the methods including Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, the bells being brought down in peal at 7.30 p.m. It was a very happy gathering, and the learners were quite enthusiastic at this, their first meeting, all getting a good share at the bells. All those present are looking forward to the next meeting; others are asked to remember Gateshead in March and to watch 'The Ringing World' for the date.

RINGING IN WEST CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to the paragraph in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' headed 'West Cornwall Ringers Busy,' and signed A. S. R., I write to inform you that until the annual meeting, when our term of office expires, the Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild is Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, of Pengwedhen, Helford, and that I myself am the general secretary.

It would, perhaps, be wiser, therefore, for visitors to Cornwall to disregard, for the present, A. S. R.'s advice and communicate with one of us, as by reason of our official positions we are both well acquainted with the activities of ringing throughout the whole of the county.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A notice of the annual meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild says 'important business with regard to the Cathedral bells is on the agenda.' Is this the first 'whisper' of a coming augmentation? And will Chester have the next ring of twelve? At present there is a heavy ring of eight.

The parishioners of St. Clement's, Jersey, C.I., last week accepted the offer of Elizabeth, Lady Knott, to provide a carillon of 17 bells for the Parish Church tower, in memory of the late Sir James Knott. The specification provides for a bass bell of 7½ cwt. in A sharp.

Mr. George Grills, hon. secretary of the First Jersey Guild of Handbell Ringers, informs us that this will be the third chime in Jersey, the others being at St. Mark's, six bells, and St. Matthew's, eight bells. St. Thomas' Church (R.C.) has five bells hung for swinging in Continental style. 'We deplore the fact that we are still without a ringing peal of bells in Jersey,' he says, 'but while we live, we hope.'

In connection with the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on January 25th, Shoreditch bells (12) will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. It was hoped that St. Bride's, Fleet Street, would also be available, but, unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances prevent this.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles at Little Horkesley, on the last day of the year, was rung by a band, four of whom had not rung a peal before, while the other ringer rang his first as conductor. The peal was scored at the first attempt—a meritorious performance.

By the peal of Grandsire Caters, at Worsley, where recently the bells were augmented to ten, Messrs. William Jones and Joseph Ridyard celebrated 25 years as ringers, and Mr. P. H. Derbyshire 40 years as a ringer. It was also a birthday peal for the last-named, his 'brother strings' wishing him many happy returns. It was his first peal on the bells since the old ring of eight was recast and two trebles added by Taylor and Co. They were dedicated on Saturday, October 19th. Further interest is added to the performance by the fact that it was the first peal of Caters by all except the conductor.

Mr. Tom O'Hara, of Sheffield, whose death is recorded in another column, was proud of the fact that his was the first name printed in 'The Ringing World.' He was the ringer of the treble in the first peal that was recorded in the first issue.

Two items of news from New Zealand. At Christchurch Cathedral progress is held up for a time by the absence of three of the band—one gone to North Island, one to the extreme end of South Island and the other to Dunedin. It is not easy to replace ringers in this part of the world.

'It's an ill wind that blows nobody good,' and we hear that the visit of the Christchurch ringer to Dunedin has enabled the handbell practice of Bob Major to be taken up. Mr. J. S. Wilde and two others have for some time been meeting weekly, and can now ring 720's in six methods fairly well.

The ring of eight of Coscley Church, Staffs, is to be recast and rehanging in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. At present the bells are a very poor toned peal, and it will be a great acquisition to the district for this to be transformed into a musical and pleasing ring.

The venue of the meeting of the Western District of the Hartford County Association, fixed for Apsley on January 25th, has had to be changed to Redbourn.

DEATH OF THE REV. C. A. CLEMENTS.

MASTER OF THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A brief intimation has just reached us of the death of the Rev. Charles A. Clements, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild and one of its representatives on the Central Council since 1927.

He had been a member of Cambridge University Guild since 1887 and took part in many interesting performances with that society. He went to Cambridge in 1887, in the same year as the brothers E. B. and H. L. James and Herbert Drake, and rang the tenors to the Guild's first peal of Bob Major 'in hand' in November, 1890. In the following February, with the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and E. B. and H. L. James, he took part in the first peal of Double Norwich Major ever rung on handbells.

Having entered Holy Orders, he rang in 1894 in the first peal of Grandsire Triples for the Guild, at Sawston, Cambs, and it is interesting to note that in that band were G. F. Woodhouse, the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (then an undergraduate) and W. J. Conybeare (now Archdeacon of Nottingham). This was also the first peal rung by the Guild on tower bells. He also took part at Darlington in 1908 in a peal of Kent Treble Bob rung by clerical members of the Guild, and the names of this band are worth recalling. They were the Revs. H. Law James, H. S. T. Richardson, A. H. F. Boughey, E. W. Carpenter, H. J. Elsee, C. A. Clements, W. W. C. Baker and C. W. O. Jenkyn, every one of whom has occupied some prominent position in the Exercise and all of whom have served or are serving on the Central Council. The same day, with the exception of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones in the place of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the same band rang a peal of Bob Major at Bishop Auckland.

In more recent times Mr. Clements has been unable to take much part in peal ringing, but he kept his connection with the art through his office in the Chester Diocesan Guild.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOP MEETS MEMBERS AT ANNUAL DINNER.

President of the Central Council and Peal Ringing.

One of the most enjoyable in the series of dinners which have been held by the Guildford Diocesan Guild took place at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday. If the number attending was not quite so large as in the previous year—88 were present representative of all the four districts—the evening was an extremely pleasant one. The Bishop, who is president of the Guild, met the members for the first time, and, having greeted each one of the company as they entered the dining hall, presided over the proceedings. He was supported by the Provost (Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) and Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-presidents), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Canon E. M. Gilling (Farnham), the Rev. Bankes-Jones (Bagshot), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Capt. H. J. Cann, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes. Among those also present were Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. T. Greenwood, T. E. Taylor and Robertson (Portsmouth), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), H. E. Anderson (Croydon), M. R. Taylor (Hobart, Tasmania), etc. A telegram of good wishes was received from Mr. John Pelloe (son of the Rector of Chiddingfold), who is a member of the Guild.

After the repast, the loyal toast was honoured.

Our President was proposed by Mr. Walter Harrison, who reminded the assembly of the Bishop's record of achievement during his first year as diocesan of visiting 107 parishes in the diocese.

THE MINISTRY OF BELLRINGING.

Responding, the Bishop said he was reminded of a picture that appeared in 'Punch' at the end of the war of a Somerset lad who was in a French village which had recently been in the occupation of the Germans. He was mooning about the village and came across a notice in German, 'Zum understandeu,' which meant 'This way to the dug-out.' Not being a German scholar, the Somerset lad scratched his head and remarked, 'Zum understand and zum don't' (laughter). When it came to bellringing, he (the Bishop) was halfway between the position of 'Zum understand and zum don't.' He could not pretend he understood the mysteries and perplexities of change ringing. He had been talking with the Mayor and Provost about detective stories, and one of the most delightful he had read concerned bellringing—'The Nino Tailors.' In it there was a long column of figures which caused him to regard them with very great respect, for he must say, like the Somerset lad, 'Zum I don't understand.'

There was another side of ringing which he did claim to understand, and that was the very important character of the service which was rendered by bellringers. The sound of church bells was one of those things which touched a variety of simple human chords. That sentiment was embodied in Tennyson's famous quotation of the sound of the bells over the Lincolnshire wolds. 'You and I,' said Dr. Macmillan, 'have different kinds of ministries in the service of the Church. Yours is a ministry which may in some unconscious way mean a very great help to people when they need that help, and I think you can silently apply it to yourself.'

The Bishop expressed his pride at being president of the Guild, and appealed to the older and stronger branches in the diocese to make a great effort to hold out the great hand of fellowship to those who were doing the work in the smaller parishes and try and make the Guild cover the whole diocese. He was constantly grateful to the sound of the church bells, and he loved to come up their High Street in Guildford and hear the two peals ring (applause).

IMPORTANCE OF PEALS.

The toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild' was submitted by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers), who congratulated the Guildford Guild on its progress. They were one of the youngest of the diocesan guilds and a very fine child for their age (applause). He was told that the Guild covered 70 per cent. of the possible towers, which was very satisfactory. It was a much higher percentage than that covered by the Kent Association, although they were something like six times as old. At the same time he felt they should be 100 per cent. and rope in every tower in the diocese.

He understood there was one thing which was hindering their Guild and that was the difficulty of getting towers in which to ring peals. He did not want to advocate competition in the number of peals, but in the quality of peals. It was a little difficult to explain to incumbents why they wanted to ring peals. There was something about ringing a peal which taught a ringer to strike and handle his bell in a way which he did not think anything else could do. The ordinary short touch scarcely gave time to get used to the bell before it was all over. It was only after a quarter-peal that a ringer could settle down and polish up his ringing and the finer points of striking at which they all ought to aim.

Amid laughter, Mr. Lewis drew an analogy between ringing and rowing. He reminded the two Oxford men on his left (the Bishop and Canon Coleridge) that Cambridge's success was due to the fact that before they left Cambridge they had a ten mile pull every day for a fortnight. The long pull saturated the crew with the rhythm of rowing, and that was the same with peal ringing.

There were some people who objected to bells, but on the whole they were a very small minority. There were people to whom the

sound of bells was a positive torture—about the same proportion of people who could not stay in a room with a cat or to whom strawberries were poison. He was sure the vast majority of people in this country loved bells, provided the striking was good.

There were circumstances where the sound of bells wanted to be kept out, and that could be done with little expense. The sound of bells, particularly the modern harmonic tuning, sometimes required some modification. The idea was that the sound should be thrown upwards and not downwards, so that it stretched around the town and not in the immediate vicinity of the tower. The most famous example was Lincoln Cathedral, where Mr. Law James arranged for the bells to be dropped 40ft. so that they could hardly be heard in the Close, but could be heard in the town. At the new church at Chislehurst, acting on the advice of Canon Coleridge, they arranged to have no opening in the side of the tower, but in the roof. He listened outside, and it was possible to carry on an ordinary conversation. One had to go a quarter or half a mile away to get the full beauty of the bells. Where bells were noisy outside some steps should be taken to modify the sound by blocking up with 4in. brickwork a part of the inside of the louvres. They wanted to experiment with the bells while bricking up the louvres to find the right height.

MANY RESTORATIONS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who replied, said as far as the Guild was concerned they might say they had a successful year. He could say they were a happy family and got on remarkably well together. One of the things which pointed to the success of the Guild was the increasing number of bell restorations in the diocese. They had in their Master (Major Hesse) one of the most expert people in regard to bell engineering and bell hanging they could find in the country, and he only wished his services were more frequently called upon in the diocese. However, he had done some excellent work, and they hoped he would do more. During the past twelve months there had been six restorations. There was the recasting of Albury bells, restorations at Witley, Ewell and Dorking and the recasting of the bells at Ockham. He believed the bells at Shalford were to be recast from a peal of six to a peal of eight. That was an exceedingly good record for a diocese like theirs. Restorations were contemplated at Horsell, Ash and Croydon.

It was a pity that the number of peals they rang in the diocese last year was only 27, of which 25 were on tower bells. Of that number, 11 were rung during Jubilee week. Last year there were 27 peals rung without the incentive of the Jubilee. There had been a gradual drop in the number of peals since 1931, when they rang no fewer than 55 peals. Out of 26 eight-bell towers peals were rung in only eight towers, while out of 29 six-bell towers there was only seven where a peal was permitted. Peals were not the only thing that mattered, but it was no question that peal ringing meant good service ringing. Another thing the Guild had done was to start a benevolent fund for those members who might fall on evil times. That was a great step forward and showed an excellent spirit. They had still a number of towers outside the Guild, and they would welcome those ringers if they would come in. The only way was for the clergy and the Church authorities to take up the cudgels and induce the ringers to join, even if the Church authorities paid the subscription.

Major J. H. B. Hesse extended a cordial invitation to 'The Visitors,' especially the Mayor of Guildford, and expressed the hope that he would find time during his year of office to visit one or both of the Guildford towers (applause). He could not regard Canon Coleridge as a visitor. He had known him for 34 years and rung peals with him. Major Hesse also mentioned Mr. Lewis, Mr. F. W. Rogers and Mr. M. Taylor, from Tasmania.

The Mayor of Guildford, who replied, confessed to being one of those who did not understand the mysteries of bellringing. He was absolutely devoted to the sound of English church bells. Change ringing was a definitely English thing which only Englishmen had practised. The sound of English church bells was a sound which only the ears of an Englishman could appreciate. He always felt the B.B.C. did well to choose that beautiful gramophone record of Bow bells to signify the interval period in the programme. Most of them, although they started to criticise, had got to love that more than any other interval signal.

'ABSOLUTE PERFECTION.'

All of them in life found at one time or another some moments in their lives which reached absolute perfection. One such moment occurred to him in November, 1928, immediately after the death of Queen Alexandra, when he was walking along the North Downs to Shere. As he was descending in the half-misty dusk into Shere village the bells were ringing a half-muffled peal in honour of Queen Alexandra, and that cameo of life for those ten minutes he would never forget. It was one of the moments of absolute perfection that he had experienced (applause).

The entertainment was very happily chosen. There was community singing to accompaniments played by Mr. H. Cyphus, and handbell solos of great beauty and charm by Mrs. A. A. Hughes. Songs were sung by Mr. H. Platt and touches were rung on handbells. The surprise of the evening was the first public exhibition of a new 'ringing machine,' presented by the hon. secretary, which successfully rang a course of Grandsire Triples with no little merit. To the uninitiated the eight performers gave a very realistic demonstration of the art of change ringing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Mr. Vice-President J. H. Shepherd being in the chair, owing to the absence of the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett) through illness.

The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. Harry Mason. He had personally known him for 45 years, and could testify to his charming personality. He asked all to stand for a moment as a mark of respect.

An apology was read from the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes), who was that day attending the wedding of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton and Miss Lewis.

Mr. W. C. Dowding referred to the William Pye Memorial, and proposed that one guinea be subscribed from the funds of the Guild.—This was seconded by Mr. J. George and carried.

It was decided to purchase a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' latest book, 'Legends of the Bells,' for inclusion in the Guild's library.

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

Mr. W. Davies proposed the election of the Rev. H. McGowan, Vicar of Aston, as a vice-president, and, in doing so, referred to the enthusiastic way the Vicar had worked, often against much opposition, in order to get the new peal of twelve at Aston.—The motion was seconded by Mr. G. Swann.—Mr. Councillor Paddon Smith, in supporting the resolution, said that now the Guild had two peals of twelve for headquarters it was only fitting that the Vicar of Aston should be a vice-president.—The resolution was unanimously adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MASTER.

The secretary read a letter he had received from the Master, in which he referred to his advancing years and ill-health, and for that reason placed his resignation in their hands. They all regretted the absence of the alderman from that meeting, and wished him a speedy recovery. He was also sure he was expressing their wishes when he said they desired him to again accept the office of Master of the Guild, and he, therefore, had much pleasure in proposing his re-election.—This was seconded by Councillor Paddon Smith and carried unanimously. The secretary was also instructed to convey the congratulations and best wishes of the meeting to the alderman on attaining his 81st anniversary.

The Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, M.A.; the trustees, Messrs. Tom Russam and A. Paddon Smith; auditors, Messrs. Jonathan Preston and E. T. Allaway; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann, were all unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. H. Withers, seconded by Mr. J. George.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, was also re-elected on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Dowding, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

The treasurer presented the annual balance sheet and reported an increased balance in hand of £3. The auditors having given their report, the balance sheet was unanimously adopted.

Two new members were elected—Messrs. J. Gibson, of Erdington, and P. C. Honeybourne, of Sutton Coldfield.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Edgbaston and the bi-quarterly at Perry Barr.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

The secretary reported that he had booked the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for Saturday, February 29th, and it was unanimously agreed to invite the Rector of St. Martin's, Canon T. Guy Rogers, to preside.

This concluded the business, and the meeting then resolved itself into a very pleasant social gathering. This was the first meeting held at the Tamworth Arms since the Great War, and several of the older members of the Guild became very reminiscent of the former gatherings which had taken place in that room.

Several good touches were rung on the handbells as well as tunes, accompanied by Mr. Albert Walker at the piano. Mr. Harry Withers enlivened the evening with several songs, including the famous 'Bob Major.'

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IPSWICH SOCIETY'S BUSY YEAR.

116,000 CHANGES RUNG AT ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH.

At the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, held on Tuesday, January 7th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, John F. Tillett; Deputy Master, Phyllis E. Tillett; steeplekeeper, Frederick J. Tillett; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William F. Garrett; secretary, George E. Symonds. This is the first time a lady has been elected an officer of this society. The Tilletts represent three generations.

In his report for the year 1935, the secretary stated there was an increase in the number of changes rung, over those of 1934.

Six peals were rung, viz., two of Stedman Cinques and four of Maximus, viz., Cambridge (2), Superlative (1), Rochester (1). The conductors were G. E. Symonds (3), C. J. Sedgley (1), W. J. G. Brown (1) and W. H. Hewitt (1). These were the only Surprise Maximus peals rung during 1935.

The changes rung included:—

	Changes
The six peals	31,134
24 courses of Rochester Maximus	12,672
18 courses of Superlative Maximus	9,504
17 courses of Cambridge Maximus	8,976
Touches of Duffield, Forward and Plain Bob Maximus	1,188
Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques	13,993
Touches of Rochester, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Duffield, Forward and Plain Bob Royal	18,720
Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters	6,294
Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples	3,298
Touches of Bristol, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major	10,896

Grand total for 1935 ... 116,675

Average 2,244 changes per week.

These figures do not include peal and touch attempts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH DOING WELL.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held in Devizes on Saturday. The bells of all three churches were available, and ringing continued until 9 o'clock with the usual break for service and meeting.

Representatives attended from Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), All Cannings, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Bromham, Bath, Chilton, Holt, Hindon, Keinton Mandeville, Longbridge Deverill, Melksham, Market Lavington, North Bradley, Nailsea, Bristol, Potterne, Rowde, Seend, Swindon, Trowbridge, Radbourne Cheney, Westbury and Warminster.

The service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke).

Tea was prepared in the Parish Room, to which 86 sat down.

The annual business meeting followed, Mr. E. F. White (branch chairman) presiding. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Past Master), the Rev. C. R. Cottell, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (vice-president) and Mr. A. Taylor (hon. secretary, Marlborough Branch).

The Chairman gave a brief summary of the year's work and thanked those who had assisted him.

The Secretary reported an increase in the balance in hand, and in his report of the year stated all was satisfactory, the membership being just above that of the previous year. Sunday service ringing was good throughout the branch, and the standard of change ringing had slightly increased.

The officers for the year 1936 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. E. F. White (Warminster), vice-chairman, Mr. T. B. Holloway (Westbury); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West (Melksham); Ringing Masters, Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes) and Mr. J. Francis (Trowbridge); committee, Mr. C. F. Andrews and Mr. F. Green.

Six new ringing members were elected, and the Rev. A. Swann, Vicar of Potterne, as an hon. member.

The places suggested for the next three meetings were North Bradley, Potterne and Melksham.

The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

THE NORTH WEALD APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the appeal in your paper for assistance in rehanging the bells of St. Andrew's, North Weald, Essex and tower repair fund, I do earnestly solicit the help of friends in the Exercise on their behalf.

The parish is a small one, and £450 is a large amount to raise. They have a band, 20 strong—a large one for a six-bell tower—belonging to the Essex Association, so if any friends could help them in their time of need I am sure it will be greatly appreciated.

P. H. AVEY.

St. John's, Leytonstone.

FUN AND FROLICS AT HESTON.

SUCCESSFUL MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FUNCTION.

The fourth annual 'do' of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held on the first Saturday of the New Year—and a very good start for the year, too.

Ringing, naturally, commenced the proceedings. The six bells at Norwood Green, under the direction of Deputy Master W. H. Coles, and the octave at Heston, with Ringing Master G. M. Kilby in charge, had the full attention of many ringers during the afternoon. We hear 'surprising' things were done with some Minor—splicing and all that—now really, Bill, what would Jim Hunt say about it? It was a festive occasion and, shall we say, privileged?

Round about 6 o'clock the Village Hall became the scene of much activity. How nice it is to watch ringers meeting old friends, and—can ringers talk? There appeared to be the greatest reluctance to gather round the 'festive board' until the stentorian voice of the head waiter, an old friend, too, sent everyone scurrying to their seats!

The happy party of nearly eighty sat down to an enjoyable supper, under the chairmanship of the Vicar of Heston, the Rev. G. Craggs. He was supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), the Ringing Master, Deputy Ringing Master, hon. treasurer and Mrs. Collins, and the hon. secretary and Mrs. Goodfellow. Many well-known ringers were present, including Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, J. Bennett, H. Kilby, W. Williams, J. H. Riding, F. Corke, J. Herbert and Mrs. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elson, etc. Ten lady ringers were present (without the harmony being disturbed!), and numerous wives and girl friends were there to see fair play. The president (the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane) was delayed by car trouble, and was only able to pay a short, but none the less welcome, visit later in the evening. Apologies for absence were received from the Vicars of Brentford, Ealing and Isleworth, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.

At the conclusion of the supper, the loyal toast was duly honoured. The Vicar of Heston, whose presence was required at the old people's party, also being held that evening, gave the association a hearty welcome to Heston before leaving. Heston, he said, is now a very different place to what it was years ago. Then they had green fields, orchards and nurseries. Two of the things he liked best in Heston were the beautiful old church and the bells (applause). He thought the bells played a very large part in the life of Heston, and he heard very few complaints from people who objected to the ringing. Someone told him only the other day that he had had a letter from a friend in Canada, who would give anything to hear Heston bells again. Continuing, the Vicar said he was very grateful to the ringers for ringing the bells. It appeared to him that there was a very great problem confronting young people in these days of comparatively short hours of work, and that was what to do with their leisure. What better could they do than take up the fascinating art of change ringing? He was always pleased to do what he could for the ringers and their ringing.

The vice-president thanked the Supper Committee, Messrs. Chandler, Gladman and Goodfellow, for their labours, and was supported vociferously from all parts of the room.

The tables having been removed, the remainder of the evening was devoted to a social programme, which catered with apparent success for both young and old. Joe Herbert and Miss K. M. Bradford led the way with some rousing choruses to put everyone in good spirit. Double musical chairs followed with a prize for the winners. A very fine course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Miss F. Humphrey, Messrs. Kilby, Trollope, Turner and W. Williams, and received the applause it deserved.

Miss K. M. Bradford, who was frequently at the piano, was joined by her sister, and their duets on that instrument gave great delight to the many appreciative critics in the audience. Honorary members actively interested in the association are not often found figuring in a programme of this sort, and a genuine surprise item followed when Mr. F. Stamp, of Brentford, demonstrated some clever conjuring tricks. The Vicar, with his usual thoughtfulness, sent over two turns that appeared at the old people's party. Mr. S. Haywood, mouth organ soloist and champion of Great Britain, 1919-27, displayed his versatility over a range of nearly a dozen instruments of all shapes and sizes. 'Dr. Brown's' whirlwind entrance, performance and exit gave great amusement. His market place oratory—'since taking 987 boxes of your pills, I now have ball bearings in every joint'—threatened to have a serious effect on those whose laughter was becoming uncontrollable! As the two persistent amateurs sang later, 'You can't do that there 'ere!'

And so the evening passed. Games and dancing were very popular. Rugby enthusiasts had a treat when the male members played handball with a balloon (or balloons!). There were scrums, rushes, fouls and injuries as well! A real good 'rough house.' The ladies were more genteel, but not much! 'Auld Lang Syne,' with the company joining hands in the time-honoured fashion, concluded a most successful evening.

BRANSTON, Lincs.—At All Saints' Church, on November 1st, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: Moses B. Billings (first 720 as conductor) 1, Walter Tomlinson 2, Joseph Canham (first 720 of Cambridge) 3, Kenneth W. Mayer 4, Jack L. Millhouse 5, John Walden 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

MARRIAGE OF MR. W. H. J. HOOTON & MISS D. M. LEWIS
PRETTY CEREMONY AT BRASTED.

There were picturesque and animated scenes at Brasted, Kent, on Saturday week, when, as already briefly reported in these columns, Miss Dilys Mary Lewis, daughter of the president of the Central Council, and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, was married to Mr. Wilfred Henry John Hooton, M.C., eldest son of the Rev. H. G. Hooton and Mrs. Hooton, of Cambridge, headmaster of Lindley College Preparatory School, Leicestershire, and non-resident secretary of the Cambridge University Guild.

The bride is keenly interested in horticulture, and passed through Swanley College, securing her B.Sc. London (Hort.). She also serves on the Community Council of Kent, and at one time was a follower of the Bolebroke Beagles.

A large congregation, including some 200 guests, filled St. Martin's Church, the company including many well-known ringers.

The service was conducted by the bride's uncle, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford), and the Rev. E. V. E. Bryan (Rector of Brasted). The bridegroom's father, who was to have officiated, was unable to be present owing to illness.

A large crowd gathered at the picturesque old church to witness the ceremony, and the bride, with her three attendants, made a charming picture in such delightful surroundings.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and she wore her great-grandmother's beautiful Irish lace wedding dress, set over a gown of pale, gold tissue. She wore a brooch set with sapphires and pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a sheaf of auratum lilies.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Agatha and Barbara Lewis (sisters of the bride) and Miss Margaret Hooton (sister of the bridegroom). They carried sheafs of mimosa and daffodils. Their silver hand-made brooches studded with jewels were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Martin Hooton (bridegroom's brother) was best man.

The church was beautifully decorated with yellow flowers and evergreens, and the hymns, 'God be in my head,' 'All people that on earth do dwell' and St. Patrick's hymn were sung. Mr. Miller was at the organ.

The groomsmen were Mr. D. Thursfield and Mr. H. St. G. Hooton.

The reception was held at Moorcocks, when nearly 200 guests were present, and later the bride and bridegroom left for a motoring tour in Wales.

The bride and bridegroom are to reside at Lindley Lodge, Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.

A peal, recorded in another column, was rung at Brasted in the afternoon by members of the Cambridge University Guild, and the bells at Westerham and Sevenoaks Parish Churches were also rung in honour of the event.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.
A FAMILY OF RINGERS.

At St. Peter's Church, Twineham, Sussex, on Boxing Day, the wedding took place of Mr. Ernest Frank Packham and Miss Muriel Maud Sayers. The bridegroom is a member of the local band of ringers, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the marriage: George Albert Packham, jun. (conductor) (brother of bridegroom) 1, Frederick Charles Packham (brother of bridegroom) 2, Charles Wickens 3, Ernest Willey 4, William Harry Packham (brother of bridegroom) 5. Mr. W. Packham, who resides at Twyford, near Forest Row, had done no ringing for several years, but had not forgotten it. Mr. George Packham, sen. (father of bridegroom and captain of ringers), is vergar at the church.

On Sunday, December 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Skidmore (conductor) 1, J. Bass 2, J. Lloyd 3, W. Masters 4, J. Pagett 5, H. V. Cooper 7, E. Myles (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung immediately after the marriage at this church of Mr. Bernard Lawton, a member of the Brierley Hill band and a former member of the Kingswinford band.

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The officials of all the associations and guilds are given, and a valuable section is one containing hints for young conductors, written by Mr. J. T. Dyke.

The Directory is a most useful work of reference, which every ringer should possess. It increases in scope and value with every edition, and the Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to those hard-working members of the Directory Sub-Committee who have so painstakingly compiled the information.

The committee, in the preface, remark that 'the work already accomplished can be the sound basis of a yet more complete and accurate reference book,' and this is quite true. Its future depends on the support which the ringers themselves give it, but in the meantime the fourth edition is a wonderful shilling's worth. Before it is entirely sold out, those who have not already secured a copy should forward their shilling to the hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

INJURED BY BELL CLAPPER.

£1,200 DAMAGES FOR BOY.

An action of some importance to Church authorities was decided in the King's Bench Division on Monday, when Mr. Justice Hilbery awarded £1,200 damages to a boy, Charles Edward King, of Broadstairs, now aged ten years, for injuries sustained when the clapper of a bell at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Broadstairs, fell and severely damaged his skull. The only question for the Court was the amount of damages, liability being admitted. The boy's father, Charles Edward King, was awarded £24 agreed special damages.

The defendants were Dr. P. E. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark, and other trustees of St. Peter's Church, the Rev. Martin de Vidts, priest-in-charge at the time, and Messrs. James Longley and Co., Ltd., of Crawley, who hung the bell in 1931.

Mr. Charles Doughty, K.C., for the plaintiffs, said that in July, 1934, the boy was ringing the bell at the church, of which his parents were members, when the clapper fell from the bell. It dropped a great height and struck the boy on the top of the head.

'It was remarkable that he was not killed,' said counsel, 'His skull was broken and crushed in.' He lay unconscious for a considerable time before he was missed. He was then found near the rope which he had been pulling. The damaged bone was removed and later the boy was fitted with a skull cap in which was an aluminium plate covering the injured place. He would have to wear something of the kind all his life. The accident had seriously affected the boy's health.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Hilbery said the boy, knowing that the top of his skull was not complete, would be apprehensive of injury for the rest of his life.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. W. Denyer 1, T. E. Denyer (first quarter as conductor) 2, E. V. Symonds (first quarter-peal) 3, Miss M. W. Smith 4, W. Denyer 5, P. L. Eldridge 6, W. H. Viggers 7, E. J. Gower 8.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Giles, for evening service, on Sunday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, B. Bragg 3, Miss O. L. Ashbrook (first quarter-peal away from treble) 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, W. Barry 6, E. J. King 7, E. R. Warner (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 8, W. D. Grainger 9, E. E. Peter 10.

ORIPPLEGATE, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Sunday evening, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): *B. W. Brighty 1, J. A. Waugh 2, A. S. Richards 3, C. A. Hughes 4, *G. A. Parsons 5, *F. W. Corney 6, B. G. Cousins 7, J. G. A. Prior 8, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 9, *F. W. Hopgood 10. Tenor 36½ cwt. * First quarter-peal on ten bells. The average age of the band is 25 years.

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NOTICES.

BRISTOL DINNER.—January 18th, 6 p.m., Cadena Café. Bells available: Temple (Leaning Tower, Victoria Street) (5) 2 p.m.; St. Nicholas' (10), 3 p.m.; St. Mary's Redcliffe (12), 4 p.m.; St. Peter's (8), 4.45 p.m.; Henbury (8), 3.45 p.m. Cup of tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, 4.15 to 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Serve sharp 6.15.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham Saturday, Jan. 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, B.A. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Meat tea in Church House 4.45 by ticket. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting on Jan. 18th. Meet at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Westminster, 3 o'clock to 4.30. Tea and meeting Napier Hall, Hyde Place, Vincent Square, 5 o'clock. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 6.30 to 8.30.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kidderminster (peal of 12) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church, with an address by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Hon. Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone: King's Norton 1542.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells, a nice peal of 8, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Good bus service. So come, if possible.—A. Bigley, Dis. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Green Row Rooms, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at Church Room. It is hoped outstanding subscriptions will be paid at this meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows' Church, Bispham (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Sun Hotel, 1s. 6d. per head. Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his films of the Australian tour.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Parish Room. Please advise early.—H. A. Taylor, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held in the City on Saturday, Jan. 18th. The bells of St. Lawrence Jewry will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the evening ringing will be at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side. Tea will be arranged nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing at St. Peter's Church from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the Manchester branch will be held at the Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open at 5.45 p.m. All welcome. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's (12), Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South and North Norfolk Branches.—Meetings have been arranged at Pulham Market (South Norfolk) on Saturday, Jan. 18th, and at Hethersett (North Norfolk) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4.15, tea at 4.45 at each meeting. Please notify your intention to be present.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Warwick to-morrow. Ten bells of St. Mary's available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea in the Porridge Pot at 1s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Come yourself and thus help to make the meeting a success, and **PLEASE BRING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.**—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

THE MEETING is at Watford, Saturday, Jan. 18th, from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea in Old School 5.30. Excellent train and coach service from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 18th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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. 30th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 23rd, *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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 25th, when the Abbey bells (10, tenor 25½ cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after the business meeting to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. (Preacher, Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.) Tea (1s. 6d. per head) in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 9, Westbourne Road, Selby, by Thursday, Jan. 23rd. The business meeting will be held in the Hawdon Institute immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: Parish Church (8 bells) and Christ Church (6 bells) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Band), followed by meeting at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Merton, S.W. 19, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Jan. 25th. Tower open at 4.15. The memorial tablet to late master will be unveiled at 5 p.m. by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30 and numbers must reach me by the 21st inst. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Braunton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please send a postcard before Jan. 21st to A. H. Hayward, Gas Office, Combe Martin.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Café, The Borough. Please let me have notifications for tea by Wednesday, 22nd. All welcome!—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at REDBOURNE on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but numbers for tea by the 23rd. Will members please come prepared to discuss the question of appointing a *District Committee* and a new secretary, as well as holding an annual district meeting.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Lyonshall. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, the number to expect for tea.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Bridge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 21st, Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea let me know definitely by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 22nd?—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8). Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed immediately by the meeting, 5.30 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Branch.—Annual meeting at Goring on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing from 2.30. Send number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Beenham Vicarage, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available 2.15 to 4.15 and 8 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church House, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. IMPORTANT.—Names for tea to be sent to me by first post Thursday, Jan. 23rd. Subscriptions are now due (also arrears) and can be paid at this meeting. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson) has kindly offered to show his films on the Great Adventure, providing a good number is present. So do your best.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Norbury (Hazel Grove) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. W. Fernley, 4, Grove Street, Hazel Grove.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Jan. 25th. 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 22nd inst.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec. (pro tem.), 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Burwash on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—C. T. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Branch members are asked to make every effort to attend.

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and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the guild, as important business with regard to the Cathedral bells is on the agenda. Tea (price 6d.) will be served in the Refectory after service, for those whose names are received not later than the Thursday previous.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Deddington on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) available after tea. Subscriptions now due. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea at King's Head Hotel 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield district of the M.C.A. will be held at Eckington on Jan. 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Election of officers.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bright Street, North Wingfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Names to G. A. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicester. All welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Balance sheet and report for 1935 will be presented and officers elected. A good attendance requested.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Will members of the District Committee please attend to arrange programme of meetings for 1936?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, the 22nd.—O. Sippetts, Div. Hon. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

MODBURY, SOUTH DEVON.—On Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of 6 bells, rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woodbury on

Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Clyst St. George (6 bells). Service will be held at 4 p.m., address by the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Neely). Tea in the Public Hall, 1s. each, at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 27th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Full details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Wigston Magna, near Leicester. Fuller details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. in Parochial Hall, Brighton Road. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 29th?—H. W. Shadrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Penshurst, on Feb. 1st, for the first meeting of the year, of the Tonbridge district. If you don't come, we shall be one short. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells three mins. past hour. Please help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Notify me for tea by Jan. 28th. Please note: Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—Alec. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, Ringing Secretary, Lancashire Association, has removed to 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

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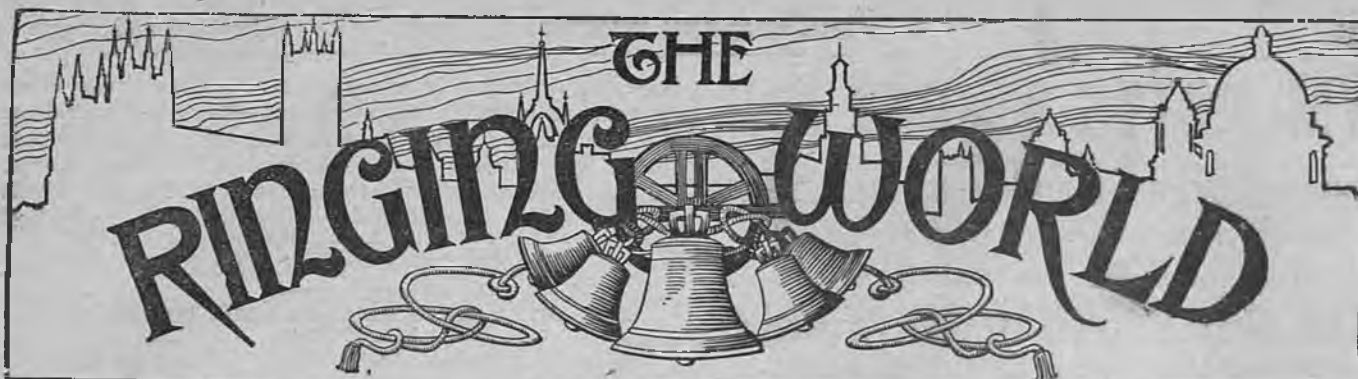
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Already throughout the country the bells in our church towers, which but a few short months ago were joyfully pealing for the King's Silver Jubilee, have been sounding in muffled notes for the passing of His Majesty. The tolling of the great bell of St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday morning, according to age-old custom, marked the beginning of the solemn tribute of the bells in every town and village, where once more they are the interpreters of the feelings of the people. There is, we venture to say, no greater national expression of sorrow than the sound of muffled bells, spreading out over the land from the churches—the spiritual home of the people—which at such a time as this has, to many, a deeper significance than usual. Ringers need no prompting on an occasion like the present. Far and wide throughout this country they have already begun their mournful task, which will be discharged in no perfunctory spirit, but with a sense of responsibility and in the knowledge that, although modern science brought the news of the King's death into the homes of the people within a few minutes of his passing, there still remains to them the duty, handed down through the centuries, of marking the passing of their Sovereign and of expressing, through the bells, the nation's grief.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER 1	RONALD H. DOVE 7
ALAN SHORT 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 10
ROGER W. DANIELS 5	FRANK E. PERVIN 11
ALBERT H. WARD 6	WILLIAM DAVIES 12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Master of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD 1	ROGER W. DANIELS 6
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	C. HOWARD STANLEY 8
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 9
ALBERT H. WARD 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 10

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. DARRY 1	RICHARD V. FULLER 6
*MRS. FREDK. W. HOUSDEN 2	*ALFRED J. BULL 7
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* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dora Claydon.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

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On Thursday, January 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER 1	HORACE FOX 6
*DEREK W. SHARP 2	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HERBERT WALKER 3	THOMAS HOLDER 8
JOHN H. LENTON 4	FRED NEWTON 9
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND
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JOHN SPARROW Treble	EDWARD G. TALBOT 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 7
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FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

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On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
CHARLES W. DENYER 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
RAYMOND PHILPOT 5	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*REG. C. H. CONNOLLY ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Superlative. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Nancy Arnold, only daughter of Mr. Alan Arnold, of The Cottage, Stoneham Park, churchwarden of this church.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRED HARRIS Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS 5
†EDWARD SANDERS 2	JOHN WOOD 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	CYRIL E. LANXON 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4	*PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal on eight. † First peal on eight 'inside.' Rung to mark the feast of the Epiphany. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth and the conductor's mother. Arranged to enable the conductor to call his first peal of Triples before his 18th birthday.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES SHEMMING Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	GEORGE W. MORE 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	KEITH W. WHITTELL Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A birthday compliment to Charles Shemming.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. LANTON Treble	FRED NEWTON 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
HERBERT WALKER 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HORACE FOX 4	*HERBERT BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on these bells, which have been recast by Gillett and Johnston, and were dedicated on December 23rd, 1935. The only peal on the old bells was a peal of Bob Major about 50 years ago. The tenor ringer belongs to the local company and the remainder to Pontefract.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
FRED HODGSON 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Arranged and rung as a tribute to the memory of the late William Horan, formerly of Cross Stone, Todmorden, who died January 16th, 1935.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	TONY PRICE 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	FRANK CORRE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung on the 19th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove's wedding day. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. C. Mayne.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*THOMAS PRICE Treble	ALAN M. HICKMAN 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
†FREDERICK PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
REGINALD CHESTERS 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial window at Broughton Hall to John Hall, jun.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, 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	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
LIONEL CLOUGH 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (61). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a farewell peal to the curate (the Rev. Lawrence Wood), who has removed to Bishop's Stortford, also for the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft. The conductor's 150th peal and 100th peal as conductor.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	*HENRY W. SHADRACK ... 5
PERCY GREEN 2	HARRY BRADLEY 6
HERBERT DEVONISH 3	FRED CHALK 7
HENRY WARM 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to H. Bradley. P. Green's 101st peal, 100 of which have been rung for the Essex Association.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JACK FISHER Treble	*GEORGE A. BRIGGS 5
*FRED HARTLEY 2	CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE 6
JOE C. MELLOR 3	HENRY H. SMITH 7
FRANK RHODES 4	WILLIAM E. HOLROYD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. SUTCLIFFE.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire by all the band, and first peal as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
EDGAR HUMPHRY 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
HARRY G. FOXELL 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters. The tenor ringer has now completed the circle at this tower.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CYRIL E. LAXTON Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS 5
MISS EILEEN SYMONS 2	JOHN WOOD 6
WILLIAM WOOD 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4	EDWARD SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

Rung to mark Mr. W. Wood's completion of six years as churchwarden at Gulval Church. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WATFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARNOLD BRUNTON Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
*WALTER PAUL 2	*RICHARD G. BELL 6
*ARTHUR W. DIX 3	*GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First Spliced peal on the bells and first in the county by a local band. The peal consists of 2,880 London, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative and 736 Bristol.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

A. PARKER Treble	JIM ERRINGTON 5
R. FORSHAW 2	GEO. MILLS 6
A. FORSHAW 3	S. FORSHAW 7
*JACK ERRINGTON 4	*J. BAXENDALE } Tenor
	*J. HOBROCKS }

Conducted by A. PARKER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. W. R. Seale, B.A., curate at the above church, who was married at Llandaff Cathedral on that day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*JOHN COAD Treble	ERNEST WAGSTAFFE 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	ALBERT NASH 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 3	*ARTHUR FIRTH 7
REGINALD PAYNE 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells and rung at the first attempt. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, 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.

BERNARD W. PETTITT ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
RONALD SUCKLING 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
ALBERT WIFFEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, this being his first peal in the method.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

C. HARDING Treble	H. WOODHAM 5
E. LEWIS 2	J. H. BRAZER 6
*E. PLAYER 3	G. ROBINSON 7
†R. SWIFT 4	*C. JUKES Tenor

Conducted by G. ROBINSON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung on the anniversary of the first peal on the bells 11 years ago.

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PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

*MRS. G. A. TRENDALL ... Treble	ALEC M. GENERY ... 4
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
GEORGE A. TRENDALL ... 3	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by Miss HILDA SNOWDEN.

* First peal. Mr. and Mrs. Trendall are believed to be the first husband and wife to ring a peal in the Northern Division of the association, and Miss Snowden is also believed to be the first lady in the Northern Division to ring the tenor to a peal.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 10 of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire (14 callings, with 11 changes of method). Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*ARTHUR BAYLEY ... Treble	†FRED PRICE ... 4
†HERBERT G. CLAY ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
THOMAS LEECH ... 3	*ROBERT DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ALGARKIRK ALLIANCE AND BASTOW LITTLE COURT, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 5
HAROLD BARSLEY ... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

Algarkirk Alliance, by the conductor, is now rung for the first time. First 'Alliance' peal for the Guild.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LUNN ... Treble	†FREDERICK SCRIMSHAW ... 4
*HENRY BINGHAM ... 2	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 5
NOEL THORLEY ... 3	*CECIL HOOTON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. L. A. LUNN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by resident members of this district in which ringers from Gainsborough have not taken part.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's from 'Ropesight.' Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HUGH E. HARDING ... Treble	SIDNEY J. COOPER ... 4
TOM BARTRAM ... 2	*EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... 5
†REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 3	C. HENRY HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

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

BISHOP'S CLEEVE.—On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. Richens 1, H. Sayer 2, R. T. Clark (conductor) 3, C. Taylor 4, W. G. Folley 5, H. Clark 6. Specially arranged for R. T. Clark, of Dover, son of H. Clark, ringer of the tenor.

NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 240's by A. J. Pitman, G. Lindoff and L. W. G. Morris and ordinary Six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WYNDHAM LEWIS ... Treble	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
†ALBERT J. DAVIS ... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
DAVID REES ... 3	ALBERT DEVONALD ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.'

TATTERSHALL, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Taxal Delight; (2) Marple Delight; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (5) Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (7) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate and College Bob IV. Delight. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

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.

There were 81 changes of method. First peal in 14 Treble Bob and Delight methods for all.

IGHTEAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*FREDERICK WOOLWAY ... Treble	†HAROLD S. BLACKETT ... 4
†HUGH MACKINDER ... 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 5
†MAXWELL F. OAKSHOTT ... 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. S. RICHARDS.

* First peal of Minor including Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor 'inside' and in two methods. ‡ First peal on six bells. First peal of Minor as conductor and first attempt.

ASTLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*RAYMOND LYDSTER ... Treble	PERCY STONE ... 3
†CHARLES E. RAYSON ... 2	JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 4
ERNEST STONE ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY STONE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate, G.C.M.G., of Arbury Hall, Nuneaton, who was patron to the living of this church.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Fairfield,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven spliced extents in 46 methods, viz.: (1) Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (2) Melandra, Castleton, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; (3) Dover, Chesham, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringhay Delight; (4) Ely, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (5) Crowland, Abbeyville, Canterbury, Cumbermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (6) Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Taxal, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (7) Braintree, Charlwood, Neasden, Humber, St. Albans and Wragby Delight. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

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

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. There were 78 changes of method.

**BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, January 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JOAN A. BLACKMAN Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
†ARTHUR J. N. RANCE 2	†JOHN RANCE 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

IWERNE COURTNEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight 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 Court, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
E. T. PAUL FIELD 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
H. JIM RALPH 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal in seven Minor methods by all and for the Guild.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE T. COUSINS, JUN. Treble	GEORGE COUSINS, SEN. 4
*STANLEY YAPP 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5
ERNEST SALMON... .. 3	*CHARLES TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

BALHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	JACK STEED 4
HARRY D. LISTER 2	CHARLES SHERMING 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL... .. 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 1-2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to the president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis, on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter, Miss D. Lewis, to Mr. W. H. J. Hooton. It was attempted on the wedding day, January 4th, but lost after one hour's ringing.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At HARBLEDOWN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2	†F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 5-6
*C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	†REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

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

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C.C. Collection No. 14.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3-4	WILFRID G. WILSON 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Rung on the conductor's sixtieth birthday.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

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

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

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, January 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At HARBLEDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 18 in G.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) ... 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SUFFOLK GUILD.

PROTEST TO THE B.B.C.

On Saturday, January 11th, a meeting was held at Hadleigh, Suffolk, when owing to other attractions only 20 ringers, including two visitors from Essex, turned up. However, this number represented 14 different towers, and came from Sudbury, Long Melford, Grotton, Ufford, Little Waldingfield, Mendlesham, Sproughton, Woodbridge, Chelmsford, Springfield, Stoke Ash, and Ipswich (St. Clement's, St. Matthew's and St. Mary-le-Tower). Four lady ringers came from Springfield, St. Matthew's and St. Mary-le-Tower.

The ringing included Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob. Tea was presided over by the Dean of Bocking.

At the subsequent meeting it was decided to write to the B.B.C. protesting against the treatment of ringing for broadcast services. It was suggested that the B.B.C. be asked to appoint a ringer to their staff, whom they could consult when broadcasting from churches where there are change ringers.

The secretary reported that it was hoped to get the reports in the printer's hands early next month.

Good use was made of the fine peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.) until 7.30.

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BY F. E. DARBY.

The following composition was rung at Beddington on Saturday, and is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in these methods. It contains 3,360 changes of London (No. 3), and 560 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative (No. 2), the whole peal containing 5,040 changes.

M. W. H.	23456	Methods.
— — —	54632	L B L
— — —	35642	L S L
— — —	64352	L C L
— — —	36452	L S L
— — —	45362	L B L
— — —	34562	L C L
— — —	25463	L S L
— — —	46253	L B L
— — —	24653	L C L
— — —	65243	L B L
— — —	26543	L S L
— — —	52643	L C L
— — —	64523	L B L
— — —	56423	L S L
— — —	45623	L C L

The last nine courses three times repeated.

Bristol is only rung when terminated by a bob 'W.' Fourth's place bobs used throughout. Figures of Superlative (No. 2) have not yet been published.

SHROPSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

A well-known Shropshire ringer, who was formerly a member of the band at Farnham, Surrey, has passed away in the person of Mr. Frederick Alexander Barnett, of Wem. A native of Kent, Mr. Barnett was formerly head brewer of the Farnham United Breweries. His brother, the late Mr. G. A. Barnett, was captain of the Farnham band in the latter years of last century, and these two did much to lift the Farnham band out of the rut of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Fred Barnett went to Wem over 20 years ago to take up another appointment, and became leader of the Wem Parish Church ringers and a member of the Parochial Church Council, of which he was secretary for a considerable period. He was also for many years Rector's warden. He was a member of the Shropshire Association and formerly a member of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild.

A SIXTEENTH CENTURY BELL FRAME.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the tower of St. George's Church, Saham Toney, Norfolk, may be seen a wonderful structure of oak beams of great size forming a cage or framework for hanging bells. This remarkable example of craftsmanship in wood was in all probability constructed to hold three heavy bells which are known to have been in existence in the time of Edward VI. (c. 1547). There is good reason to believe it was constructed at the end of the fifteenth century to contain these bells, for the stout and fine tower was built then. The cage has been altered from time to time to suit first five bells and later six. Through the centuries these have been rung to call the villagers to service and mark occasions of public rejoicings, victories, marriages, births and deaths.

The age of bell cages is still something of a mystery. There is reason to believe that others still remain which are as old, but precise evidence of this is not so good in any other case known to the writer. The cage is not now strong enough for its purpose and a new one is being made, and at the same time the parish is repairing the tower. Everyone knows that such works strain the resources of a country parish. The Rector is anxious to preserve the old cage in the tower, and those who have knowledge of bells and bellringing feel that this is very desirable.

In the circumstances the parish cannot raise money to do this. This society, therefore, appeals to your readers to send subscriptions to the Rector for this work. The cost is estimated at £50—a small sum when the importance of the 'cage' is considered. Contributions should be sent to the Rector, the Rev. M. H. Richmond, Saham Toney, Thetford, Norfolk, for this purpose, or to me.

A. R. POWYS,

Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.
20, Buckingham Street, Adelphi, W.C.2.

DEATH OF PERRY BARR RINGER.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Charles H. Cook, a ringer at St. John's Church, Perry Barr, and member of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who passed away on January 9th.

For over 30 years he was most devoted to his duty as a service ringer, regular and punctual in attendance and greatly respected by his fellow-ringers.

His remains were cremated at Perry Barr on Monday, January 13th, and in the evening the bells of St. John's Church were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect by the local ringers and other members of the St. Martin's Guild.

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THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE V.

MEETINGS POSTPONED.

A number of meetings arranged for Saturday have been postponed. Those of which intimation was received before going to press are as follows:—

Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Farnham.
Sussex County Association, at Withyham.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, at Godshill, Isle of Wight.
Essex Association, at Coggeshall.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at Warmley.
Chester Diocesan Guild, at Chester.
Ely Diocesan Association, at Stapleford.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild, at Woodston.

Other meetings may be postponed too late for notification in these columns, and ringers who propose to attend any meeting on Saturday should first ascertain if it is to be held.

THE MUFFLING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This week's sad event affords a supreme instance of the practical value of the Central Council's recommendation adopted at Liverpool and made known through your columns to the Exercise.

Naturally all ringing at meetings held on Saturday will be done with muffled bells.

It may also be suggested that, where a tower is without muffles, a set be obtained—or even extemporised—in time for His Late Majesty's funeral.

F. L. L. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were many visitors in Bristol for the B.U.R.G. dinner last Saturday, and, as usual, most of them made their headquarters at the Grosvenor Hotel. As, this year, no reports have reached us of furniture removals, we imagine they spent a quiet night—after they got to bed.

The London County Association is promoting a series of elementary twelve-bell ringing practices. The first took place at Bow, and the next is scheduled for Cripplegate. The sole object is to encourage twelve-bell ringing among those who at present have little or no opportunity for practice on this number, and the scheme deserves every support.

At the age of 73 years Mr. F. C. Cooke has just rung his first peal with a bob bell. In 1902 and, next, in 1934 he rang the treble to peals of Grandsire Triples. Now he has scored a peal of Kent Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell at Crayford.

The men of 1,000 peals hope to meet for a peal in the City of London in February, perhaps on the 15th. The 'Bills' hope to ring a peal at Ealing on February 22nd if all goes well, and the bachelors will make an attempt, somewhere in Middlesex, on Leap Year's Day, February 29th, when, we are informed, dear Kate will be asked to act as umpire.

The peal of Suffolk Surprise Major recorded in our last issue was rung at Helmingham, not Framsdon as stated.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have received the order to rehang the ring of five bells of Longparish Church, Hants. The peal is to be tuned and rehanging with new fittings in new frame and a new treble added to complete the peal of six.

The bells of the Wigan Parish Church will be heard over the air on Sunday, February 9th, from 5.45 to 6 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH WELCOMED BY NEW RECTOR.

A most successful and enjoyable meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday week. Members were present from Wigan, Rainford, Aughton, Southport, Bootle, Woolton (St. Luke's), Bredbury, Rock Ferry, Liscard, Wallasey, Birkenhead, Birmingham and Childwall, in addition to the local company. The service was conducted by the new Rector (the Rev. David Railton), who also gave an excellent address. The church organist, Mr. C. W. Bridson, accompanied with the organ the singing of the hymns.

Tea was provided in the Church Institute, after which the meeting was presided over by the Rector, who extended a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers and gave some interesting accounts of his experiences in former parishes.

A little formal business was transacted, at the close of which a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Clements and members of her family in the loss they have sustained in the passing of the late Rev. C. A. Clements.

The late Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild was well known in Liverpool and Lancashire and held in the highest esteem. The members stood in silence for a short time to mark their respect.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Rector, the organist and ladies who had assisted with the tea arrangements.

The next meeting is to be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, February 8th.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

ANOTHER GREAT EVENING.

The fifteenth annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds was held at the Cadena Cafe on Saturday. The proceedings commenced with ringing at Bristol's famous leaning tower (Temple Church). These bells have recently been rehung. They are a musical eight of about one ton tenor. There has always been some difficulty in ringing at this tower owing to the fact that it leans 7ft. out of upright, and it seems that, even now, the third and fourth bells require further adjustment or careful handling. The writer was pleased to note that the church authorities have had linoleum laid down and the ringing chamber cleaned up for the visitors. At 3 p.m. a motor-coach conveyed 33 of the visitors through the city and over the downs to a very charming spot, Henbury, and here the eight bells were soon set going. The visitors were invited to tea with the Vicar of Henbury, after which they were escorted back to the city by the Henbury captain, Mr. J. Gould.

Those not taking part in the tour found the beautiful ten bells of St. Nicholas' Church available from 3 p.m., and at 4 p.m. the twelve at St. Mary Redcliffe were ready, under the direction of Mr. H. Pring. St. Peter's bells (8) were also open, and over 30 ringers made use of this tower. St. Stephen's (10) were rung from 5 to 5.45 p.m., this being used as an overflow tower. Many visitors took full advantage of 'tea and bun' at St. Thomas' during the afternoon. At 6 p.m. all ringing had ceased, and the party, numbering close on 200, met at the Cadena Cafe.

The chairman (Mr. H. Knight, of Wrington) was supported by the Bishop of Malmesbury, the Rev. M. Paterson, the Rev. E. Beddoe, the Rev. Ensor Davies, Mr.

A. A. Hughes (College Youths), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff Association), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. A. Walker (vice-president, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. S. Romans (Master, Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mrs. Romans, Mr. Caple, Mr. Romaine (Salisbury Guild), Mr. E. Stith (Swansea and Brecon Guild), Mr. S. Palmer and Mr. A. P. Knights (Sheffield) and many other visitors from Derby, Coventry, Erdington, King's Norton, Birmingham, London, Wells, Bath, Swindon, Chippenham, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Weston-super-Mare, Churchill and Kingston Seymour. Mr. John Austin was vice-chairman and Mr. Donald Marsh pro. vice-chairman. Mr. Edgar Guise again discharged the secretarial duties with his customary efficiency, and the



THE CHAIRMAN, MR. H. KNIGHT.

stewards who rendered excellent services were Messrs. W. Knight, W. H. Thomas, F. G. Leaker, J. Gould, H. Way, J. Jeffries and S. Riches, whilst the ladies were 'stewarded' by Mrs. F. Leaker and Miss Scofield.

After an excellent dinner, the Chairman, in giving the toast to 'His Majesty,' expressed regret that the nation had cause for anxiety concerning his health.

The National Anthem was sung. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, Mr. Dennis, of London, and Mr. W. Stafford (a founder member of the B.U.R.G.).

RINGERS' DEBT TO CHURCH.

The Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He said they all greatly appreciated having the Lord Bishop of Malmesbury amongst them. They gave him a very hearty welcome and sincerely hoped that he would take away with him happy recollections of a pleasant evening spent among a society whose members are all doing their little bit in the interests of the Church, of which he was so distinguished a member. The Church, continued the Chairman, was the greatest institution in the world. Had it ever struck them what this country, and, indeed, the world, would be without our churches? They, as ringers, knew that they had something in addition to what others have to thank the Church for, as without their beautiful towers and peals they would be unable to exercise the noble art in which they were so deeply interested and from which they got so much pleasure and enjoyment, an art which they hoped gave pleasure to those who listened to their efforts.

The Chairman referred to the great support and co-operation which they as a body received from the clergy. It was a great satisfaction to know that they had this assistance, without which their efforts would be well nigh impossible. It had been his pleasure, and no doubt that of many others present, to instruct clergy in the art, and it could not be too widely known how pleased they were to see them in the tower (applause). Indeed, if they wanted more ringing, one of the best ways was to get the clergy to be ringers themselves. They had so many beautiful churches with splendid peals of bells in that part of the country that it was up to them to see that there was plenty of ringing, and not only ringing, but good ringing, and for his part he should always do his best to help to attain this end. The Chairman concluded that he appreciated the honour conferred upon him by the Guild in appointing him its chairman, and said he would do his very best in its interests, and for the success of ringers and ringing in general.

HELPING IN SUPREME TASK.

The Bishop of Malmesbury, who was cordially received, remarked that he was shortly going to a church near Swindon, where it would be difficult to get a band of ringers, as he had been told that young people would not interest themselves. That was, he felt, very contradictory to what he saw before him, for among that gathering were many young faces. It was always a great pleasure to him to see and be with ringers, and they should be proud of their noble calling and their wonderful art of ringing.

The Bishop added they were doing something worth doing in a deeper sense, for the sound of bells was associated with the thought of higher things. The bells were a call on sad and joyful occasions, and sent out a great challenge to the world to think of God. Ringers were doing something to help in the supreme task of every Christian, that of spreading the Gospel of Christ.

The toast to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), who paid great tribute to its early prominent members—the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. Phillott and Mr. F. E. Ward. He, the speaker, was indebted to the Gloucester and Bristol Association members for his first successes in peal ringing, and doubtless many more in the room that evening were similarly placed. He wished the association continued prosperity.

Mr. S. Romans, Master, responding, said that this year was his jubilee year as a peal ringer for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. It was 50 years ago when he rang his first peal in Gloucester. During the past year about 100 meetings had been held by the various branches, and it had been his privilege to get to some of them. There was every indication of the continued prosperity that Mr. Jones had so kindly wished them.

Mr. John Austin, in a toast to 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' remarked upon the popularity of the Bristol dinner. He was impressed by the fact that ringers and their wives should travel so many miles year after year to visit Bristol for that gathering. It was the aim of the Guilds to give every welcome to their visitors. He mentioned the many associations represented in the gathering.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, responding, addressed the ringers as 'Your Excellencies.' He said he was quite justified in addressing them thus, as he knew most of them were excellent ringers. On behalf of the visitors he expressed thanks to the B.U.R.G. for all the arrangements made for the afternoon and evening. Mr. Hughes paid tribute to 'The Ringers' Directory,' and said how grateful the Exercise must be to the organisers for this excellent and handy book. The B.U.R.G. were to be congratulated upon its many improvements in size and quality of paper, etc. He could hardly conceive how it could be produced for a shilling. No ringer, he said, should be without a copy.

Mr. A. Walker, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' urged all members to take a weekly copy. It was obvious that the only way to get perfection in everything was to give it reasonable support.—The Chairman expressed regret that the Editor was unable to be with the company that evening. Earlier in the week Mr. Goldsmith had written to say Mrs. Goldsmith was ill and that it might be impossible for him to attend.

SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr. Donald Marsh, pro. vice-chairman, proposed 'The Artistes,' and said how very grateful they were to those who had contributed to the successful evening.—Mr. G. Cooper (one of the artistes) replied. He was sure that his fellow-artistes, like himself, had enjoyed the evening as much as the rest of the company had.

The artistes contributing to the programme were Miss Ella Meadowcroft (songs and Lancashire dialect story), Miss Ann Kelly (elocutionist), Mr. E. Vaughan Coleman (mystery) and Mr. George Cooper (entertainer). Two surprise items were piano-accompaniment solos and a burlesque song upon Bristol ringers by Mr. A. Richards (St. Peter's Guild). Incidental music was supplied by Messrs. B. Guise (piano), R. Wiltshire (violin), I. Athersuch ('cello) and R. Amos (bass). The accompanist was Mr. Charles Read, I.S.M. It was with regret that the St. Thomas' handbell ringers, so popular at these annual dinners, had to withdraw at the last moment owing to the serious illness of one of their members. In order that the evening should not be without some tune ringing, however, Mr. J. Thomas, of London, and Mr. E. Guise met at 5 p.m. and learned a couple of tunes which they rendered later in the evening. A course of Stedman Cluques was rung by visitors from Birmingham, Sheffield and London.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE. Membership Reaches Record.

Special interest attached to the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on Saturday week, when the silver jubilee of the branch was celebrated. During the quarter of a century of its existence the branch has been one of the most active areas in the Guild, and its growth is proof of the sustained energy with which the officials have conducted its affairs. Throughout the whole period Mr. C. H. Jennings has filled with enthusiasm the post of hon. secretary, and it is in no small measure due to his efforts that the work of the branch has been so successfully carried on.

The meeting in celebration of the silver jubilee was held in Dorchester, and no fewer than 22 towers were represented in the large gathering. The proceedings began with ringing at St. Peter's and St. George's churches, and a thanksgiving service was held at St. Peter's. The inspiring Guild office was used, the Rector (the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby) and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) officiated.

In his address, the Rector extended a warm welcome to the members on that auspicious occasion. It spoke well for them all, he said, especially the older members, because by their zeal and loyalty they had kept together the different bands of ringers connected with the various parishes. They had also been an inspiration to the younger generation to become ringers. They were thankful to God not only for the silver jubilee, but for the spirit of perseverance, continuity and brotherhood which had been shown.

The Rector based his address on the text, 'Finally whatsoever things are true.' It applied specially, he said, to their work as bellringers. When they were in the belfry they must ring true; they must ring to time and regularly, make their bell as it were consistent, and pull their weight. In the same way, as citizens of this country, everyone was expected to ring true. Then if they were going to ring true they must speak what was true. There was no one present that afternoon who did not know that it was difficult at all times and in all places to speak that which was true; but as men and women of God they were expected by Him to speak what was true. Then another thought was they had to act what was true; to act a lie was greater than speaking a lie.

After the service the members and friends partook of a high tea in the Parish Institute, admirably served by lady workers of St. Peter's Church. The room presented a cheery scene with its Christmas decorations. The large gathering was presided over by the Rev. R. H. Gundry, and the company included Mr. R. N. Dawes (former chairman of the branch), the Revs. A. W. Markby, P. L. Edwards (Kington Magna, general secretary of the Diocesan Guild), D. F. Slembeck (Charmminster), A. S. Bryant (Upwey), C. A. Phillips (Wimborne), A. F. Godley (Stratton) and R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth), Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (former Master of the Guild) and Mr. C. H. Jennings (branch secretary).

APPROPRIATELY DESIGNED BIRTHDAY CAKE.

A striking 'centrepiece' at the head table was a huge birthday cake, the gift of two honorary members, Commander and Mrs. Henderson. It was a fine specimen of the confectioner's art, and bore the inscription, 'Dorchester branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, 1911-1936. Greetings.' It was cleverly and appropriately designed, the ornamentation including church towers, bells, with wheels and ropes, the latter having sallies and tucked rope ends.

With due ceremonial the cake was cut by the chairman, and the toast of the donors was drunk with enthusiasm.

At the meeting which followed tea, Mr. C. H. Jennings presented a report, in which he said the past year had been one of exceptional progress. The membership showed a further increase and now stood at the record figure of 170. It was hoped that another bell—or possibly two—might be added to the existing peal of four at Preston as soon as funds would permit. Change ringing was progressing very steadily, although some towers were handicapped owing to members leaving the district. He appealed to those towers affected to fill the gaps as soon as possible. The great feature of the year as far as their own branch was concerned had been the eight peals of Doubles, seven conducted by Mr. P. Field (Buckland Newton) and one by Mr. D. Bishop (Evershot). The hon. secretary extended a warm welcome to Dorset to the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Vicar of East Lulworth), who was well known as a change ringer. They as a branch looked forward to his assistance.

'We regret to record the passing of our beloved Bishop, the patron of our Guild,' the report added. 'He took more than a passing interest in all our work. We are proud to pay tribute to the memory of one who had a wonderful knowledge of present-day problems.' As a token of respect, a half-muffled peal of Doubles had been rung at Buckland Newton, while every tower in the branch had rung half-muffled touches. The report also placed on record with regret the death of the Rev. P. W. Taylor (Bere Regis). The secretary acknowledged the help that he had received from Mr. J. W. Smith.

The Chairman congratulated the branch on celebrating its silver jubilee, and when he inquired how many members were present who joined when the branch was first formed, four stood up.

Mr. Dawes, who was the first chairman and held office for 21 years, also extended his congratulations, and said it was pleasing to know

that from a small beginning the membership now stood at the record of 170. Particularly was he glad that younger members were coming on, for it showed keenness in the splendid work of advertising the church. No one in a parish or village could hear the bells ringing without knowing that there was a service and that they ought to attend it. As vice-chairman and vice-president of the Salisbury Guild, he thanked the ringers for the work they were doing for the Church.

REVIEW OF 25 YEARS' PROGRESS.

Mr. Jennings gave an interesting review of the 25 years' existence of the branch. He recalled that the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was founded in 1882 and that its second president, the late Capt. J. E. Acland, was a Dorchester citizen. By 1897 the membership had increased to 308 and the Guild was sub-divided into four branches, two for Dorset and two for Wiltshire. The Dorchester (West Dorset) branch extended from Lyme Regis and Chardstock in the West to beyond Sherborne and Stalbridge in the North, and including part of the deanery of Purbeck. By 1909, however, only 11 towers were affiliated to the branch—Dorchester, Puddletown, Bradpole, Beaminster, Bridport, Leigh, Maiden Newton, Sherborne, West Lulworth, Wool and Wyke Regis. The same year the new peal at Milton Abbey was dedicated, and at the Guild festival held in honour of this event intimation was received that the West Dorset branch would be divided into three—Dorchester, Bridport and Sherborne to be the respective centres. In 1911 the new Dorchester branch, comprising the towers at Dorchester St. Peter's, Puddletown, West Lulworth, Wool, Wyke Regis and Leigh, was formed. The membership was then 47. Mr. R. N. Dawes was appointed the first chairman (a position he held for 21 years), with Mr. G. T. White as Ringing Master and Mr. C. H. Jennings as hon. secretary and treasurer. By 1912 the branch had become firmly established; membership increased to 79 and the tower of Fordington St. George was added, while a new peal at Upwey was opened. Charmminster, Hilton and Milton Abbey towers were added, and after three years the position was stronger than even the most optimistic had anticipated. Then came the war years. Some 500 Guild members saw war service, and ringing was considerably curtailed. The war over, the branch went ahead once more, and in 1920 had the privilege of reopening a fine peal at Bere Regis. In the following year Frampton joined the branch, which then comprised 12 towers and 119 members. Two towers—Hilton and Milton Abbey—dropped out and membership fell below the 90 mark, until the affiliation of Abbotsbury and Bradford Peverell gave it the required impetus. The branch made steady progress until its coming of age in 1932. To-day, in contrast to their early years when there were six towers with 47 members, they had 15 towers with 170 members.

Various speakers paid tribute to the splendid work done by Mr. C. H. Jennings, the general hon. secretary of the Guild speaking in high terms of the successful labours of the branch secretary.

The balance sheet showed receipts of £37 18s. 7½d. and expenditure of £20 10s., leaving a balance of £17 8s. 7½d., as compared with £15 4s. 2½d. for the previous year.

Mrs. A. L. Mill (Buckland Newton) was elected an honorary member, and three new ringing members were enrolled, namely, the Rev. R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth), Mr. Douglas French (Wool) and Mr. F. W. Gill (Abbotsbury).

The officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. A. W. Markby; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. P. Farrow; Ringing Master, Mr. P. Field (Buckland Newton); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Smart (Upwey); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings. A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers.

ROMSEY RINGER'S DEATH.

LAST OF FORMER BAND.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Tom Cole, who had been a ringer at Romsey Abbey, Hants, for over 40 years.

Mr. Cole had been in poor health for several years, but the end came suddenly. He had decided to attend the annual district meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild at Southampton on Saturday, January 11th. His daughter went into the garden to call him to get ready and found him dead.

The funeral took place on January 14th, when the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were represented by Messrs. G. Williams, A. Smith and G. Pullinger. Several members of the Romsey band were also present.

Mr. Cole had rung several peals for the old Winchester Guild and was well known and respected by a large number of Hampshire ringers. He was the last of the very efficient band that flourished at Romsey about 30 years ago.

This is the second member the Romsey band have recently lost. Mr. F. Raskins, for many years foreman of the tower, passed away about two months ago.

WRAXALL RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Monday, January 6th, after a short illness, the death took place of Prebendary Joseph William Firth, B.A., in his 72nd year. As a last token of respect and sympathy, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung following the committal service by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, on Saturday, January 11th: Miss D. Waterman (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Gould 2, J. Bishop 3, S. Butchers 4, L. Derrick 5, E. Shearn 6, N. Coombs (conductor) 7, E. Davey 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A START WITH CHANGE RINGING.

Those who want to make a start in change ringing, which, as we pointed out last week, should not be attempted until complete mastery of the bell has been obtained, will probably be put first to hunt the treble in some plain method—perhaps Grandsire Doubles. If, last week, you worked out and examined the figures as we suggested, you will have noticed how regularly the treble moved up and down among the other bells. It went just one place at a time, from lead until it got behind all the rest; and then back again one place at a time, until it led once more. And throughout the sixty changes it did not deviate from this straight path.

That is what is called 'plain hunting,' and in the Grandsire method, whatever the number of bells, that is the path which the treble pursues. If you will look at those 60 changes again, you will notice that none of the other bells follow exactly a similar course, and in Grandsire, if the extent of 120 changes is rung, all the other bells have to follow a path in which there are deviations from this straight up and down track followed by the treble.

But because the treble has a simpler path, it does not mean that the treble is a less important bell than the others. Indeed, it may be said to be the most important of all the bells, for upon it the others base their work, and if the treble goes wrong it is much more likely to put the rest out than if one of the others makes a mistake.

The principle involved in hunting the treble is the basis of all the complicated as well as the simple work which is to be found in method ringing. It is the foundation upon which bells move from place to place among the rest. As we pointed out last week, no bell moves more than one place up or down at a time. It may remain for two blows (or a whole pull) in one position, but when it moves it is always into the adjoining place.

Thus, in plain hunting with the treble, when you start you can move only into 2nd's place; that is, only one other bell can pull in front of you. That bell must be the one that was previously pulling immediately after you, the reason being that he, too, can only move a place at a time, and, as he is hunting down, he must change places with the one in front of him. In fact, as far as the treble is concerned, that is what happens every time, while he is hunting up. At the next stroke he will strike after the bell now pulling after him, so that if while he is making one stroke he looks for the bell that is pulling after him, he will know exactly who to follow at the next pull. Again, when he strikes in 2nd's place he will have only one bell in front of him, when in 3rd's place there will be two bells, in 4th's three bells, in 5th's four bells. He will, in fact, then be behind them all.

In hunting down he will follow the reverse process, namely, pull next time in front of the one now in front of him. But that is not so easy, and the best thing to do at first may be to count the bells in front. When hunting up you continue to increase the number of the bells in front of you until, in Doubles, all four pull before you do. When you hunt down you begin by having all four in front of you, then you omit the one you are striking over and pull after the other three. Again, omit the two you have struck over, and pull after the other two. Once more, omit the three you have struck over, leaving only one for your attention, and then, having struck over him, lead with your own bell.

In order to do it accurately, you must have perfect command of your bell, and you will find that when hunting up you must hold your bell up a little, and when hunting down, pull it in a little, because in hunting up, the interval between your places is longer, and when hunting down it is shorter. Moreover, if you are ringing on a heavy peal of bells you will find you will have to allow just a little more time, that is you will have to hold your bell off a fraction of a second longer when pulling after the bigger bells. It is these little allowances which make all the difference between good and bad striking, and you cannot do it if you do not control your bell.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry, on Sunday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Hughes (first quarter-peal) 1, A. A. Hughes 2, R. Allen 3, E. Murrell 4, S. Stonard 5, W. Seabrook 6, F. Shorter (conductor) 7, E. Owen 8.

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ANOTHER SPLICING RECORD.

FORTY-SIX METHODS IN SEVEN 720's.

The Chester Guild band, who have been doing some wonderful things in six-bell method splicing, have added yet another to their laurels, by extending the number of Minor methods rung in a peal to 46. Last February they crowned their previous achievements by a peal in 42 methods; last Saturday their peal in 46 methods included a 720 with no fewer than 13 Treble Bob and Third's-place Delight methods.

This 720 is given below. It was substituted for the first 720 in the earlier peal and followed by the other six 720's (published in 'The Ringing World' on March 22nd, 1935), except that the three-lead splices were omitted from the second, third and fourth 720's. This new 720 was composed by Mr. Kenneth Lewis, from tables supplied by Mr. A. G. Driver.

The thirteen methods consisted of Treble Bob and Third's-place Delight methods, viz.: Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight.

- 23456 Capel Treble Bob, No. 26.
- 56342 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 35642 Oxford Treble Bob.
- 63542 Sandal Treble Bob, No. 2.
- 42556 Sandal Treble Bob.
- 56234 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 25463 Carisbrooke Delight, No. 1.
- 34625 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 63425 Ockley Treble Bob, No. 25.
- 54263 Donottar Delight, No. 2.
- 25346 Sandal Treble Bob, No. 2.
- 46325 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 34562 Wath Delight, No. 11.
- 25634 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 62453 London Scholars' Pleasure, No. 7.
- 53246 London Scholars' Pleasure.
- 46253 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 24653 Oxford Treble Bob.
- 62345 Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, No. 3.
- 55462 Pontefract Delight, No. 12.
- 45236 Kingston Treble Bob, No. 18.
- 36245 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 23645 Oxford Treble Bob.
- 62534 College Exercise Treble Bob, No. 8.
- 45362 Donottar Delight, No. 2.
- 34256 Kingston Treble Bob, No. 18.
- 56423 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 45623 Oxford Treble Bob.
- 64523 Norbury Treble Bob, No. 19.
- 35264 Pontefract Delight, No. 12.
- 23456

The other 720's were those rung in the 42-method peal, except that the three-lead splices were omitted from 720's 2, 3 and 4. There were 78 changes of method.

The band had not struck a blow in any of the Delight methods used in the first 720, nor practiced it, it being rung at the first attempt.

In connection with this interesting performance, it is worthy of mention that the conductor, Mr. John Worth, had just previously rung his 150th peal, and of this total he had conducted exactly 100. His performances make up a remarkable record. He rang his first peal on June 3rd, 1929, a peal of Grandsire Doubles, which he conducted at the age of 19, after having been a stoney ringer for seven years.

His list of peals is as follows: Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 1, Bob Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 2, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Royal 2 (1), Bob Royal 1 (1), Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 1 (1), London Surprise Major 6 (5), Bristol Surprise Major 7 (6), Superlative Surprise Major 3 (2), Cambridge Surprise Major 18 (13), Manchester Surprise Major 1 (1), Staffordshire Surprise Major 1 (1), Yorkshire Surprise Major 1 (1), Norfolk Surprise Major 1 (1), Spliced Cambridge and Rutland 1 (1), Spliced London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative 1 (1), Carisbrooke Treble Bob 1 (1), Oxford Treble Bob Major 3 (3), Kent Treble Bob Major 8 (3), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Double Norwich Major 6 (2), Bob Major 8 (6), Stedman Triples 2 (1), Grandsire Triples 10 (8), Cambridge Surprise Minor 1 (1), Minor in 42 methods 1 (1), in 40 methods 1 (1), in 39 methods 1 (1), in 38 methods 1, in 36 methods 1 (1), in 35 methods 1, in 30 methods 2 (1), in 26 methods 2 (2), in 25 methods 1, in 21 methods 3 (2), in 18 methods 1 (1), in 15 methods 1 (1), in 14 methods 2 (1), in 7 methods 8 (4), in 5 methods 2, in 4 methods 4 (2), in 3 methods 11 (8), in 2 methods 1 (1), in 1 method 12 (9), Grandsire Doubles 4 (3, including one on handbells), total 150 (conducted 100).

COMING-OF-AGE COMPLIMENT.

At Bangor, Caernarvonshire, on Saturday, January 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Peglar, jun. 1, Miss D. Brown 2, J. H. Midwinter 3, A. E. Peglar, sen. (conductor) 4, R. Fairlie, jun. 5, S. Brown 6, T. Jones 7, J. H. Turnhill 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

WHITSUNTIDE OPENING DESIRED.

Those responsible for organising the memorial to the late Mr. William Pye are very anxious that the memorial shall be opened at Whitsun, when the Central Council meet in London. If this is to be done, the order will have to be placed almost immediately, and donations to the fund should, therefore, be sent at once. From the list of subscriptions given below it will be seen that the fund is steadily mounting, but £250 was asked for, and the balance must be forthcoming quickly if a Whitsuntide dedication is to be made possible.

FIFTH LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	126	19	0
The Dunmow Parish Church Ringers		10	0
The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore		5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray		5	0
St. Mary's, Harlow Common, Ringers	1	1	0
Mr. George Dent	1	1	0
St. Mary's, Woodford, Guild	1	1	0
North Weald Ringers		2	6
Mr. J. H. B.		5	0
Mr. C. Sharples		2	6
Mr. G. M. Kilby		5	0
Mr. Tom Collins		2	6
Mrs. Tom Collins		2	6
Mr. K. J. Guyler		1	0
Mr. W. Dixon Smith		1	0
Mr. W. S. Beaumont		1	0
Messrs. E. and E. A. Barnett		5	6
Mr. C. Charge (New Zealand)		5	0
Mr. Sydney E. Romans		10	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence		5	0
Mr. W. E. Rumsey		2	6
Mr. George Williams		5	0
Mr. D. Cooper		5	0
St. Mary the Virgin, Diss. Society		10	0
Mr. E. Timbrell		3	0
The Saffron Walden Society		10	0
Mr. A. E. Pitstow		5	0
Mr. F. J. Pitstow		5	0
St. Matthew's, Walsall, Ringers		13	6
The Yorkshire Association	3	3	0
St. Thomas', Brentwood, Ringers		10	0
Mr. Dalby Hodgson		2	6
St. Mary's, Finchley, Ringers		10	0
St. Mary's, Kelvedon, Ringers		10	0
London County Association & N. Southwark Diocesan Guild	1	0	0
Mr. Edward C. Lankester		5	0
Mr. H. E. Audsley		5	0
Mr. H. Hoverd		5	0
The St. Martin's, Birmingham, Guild	1	1	0
Mr. W. Perry		2	6
Christ Church, Wanstead, Ringers		10	0
SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, Ringers		4	6
Mr. F. Willford		2	6
St. John's, Stanmore, Ringers		15	0
Total	£145	15	6

The above sums are gratefully acknowledged by the undersigned, who will be glad to receive further donations to the fund.

W. H. HOLLIER, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4,

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Hon. Secretaries.

A WELCOME.

As a welcome to the new Rector of Halewood, Liverpool (Rev. W. L. M. Prothero), the local ringers on Monday, December 16th, rang 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Robinson 1, J. Robinson 2, H. Ludkin (conductor) 3, J. Dunbavin 4, D. Robinson 5, J. W. Gardner 6, J. Barker covering. It was the first 720 of Surprise Minor by all except the conductor, and first by a Halewood band.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS—Continued from page 57.

As all things do—they end—and so 'Auld Lang Syne' closed a memorable evening. On every hand praises were given for the best dinner and the best programme of entertainment in the series. With reference to the latter, it may be said that the way in which friends help is really wonderful—the organisers this year had never met any of the artistes previously (with one exception).

Sunday morning brought the usual free and easy gathering, and then the long trails home began.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

NEW MEMBER, AGED 10, RINGS GRANDSIRE CATERS.

In spite of travelling difficulties, the quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Warwick on Saturday, was very well attended. The attendance seems all the more creditable when it is pointed out that nearly half of those present live 15 or more miles away.

Ringling on the ten bells of St. Mary's Church was followed by a short service in the chancel. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Henwood (Vicar), who also gave an interesting address.

Tea at the Porridge Pot was followed by a short business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. J. H. White (Ringing Master), Mr. M. Melville (hon. secretary), Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. Adams and members from Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Lillington, Bedworth, Stoke and Stratford-on-Avon, together with the local band.

It was decided to hold the monthly meetings at Shilton in February and at Tamworth in March, the latter to be a joint gathering with the Staffordshire Association.

The following new members were elected: Master W. H. Male, of Warwick (aged 10), George Knight, of Bedworth, H. Price, of Stratford-on-Avon, Walter Beebe, of Nuneaton, D. W. Hopkins, of Warwick, and J. L. Garner-Hayward. The election of K. A. Roe, of Wigston, Leicestershire, prior to a peal was also ratified.

Mr. A. J. Hinde, jun., gave notice that a Confirmation will be held at Bulkington on February 14th, at 8 p.m., and invited members to come and ring before and after the service, as their own ringers would be engaged in other capacities at the service.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service, and for kindly taking the chair at the meeting, and also the organist.—This was proposed by the Ringing Master and replied to by the organist and the Vicar.

A return was then made to the belfry, where further ringing took place, and Master Billy Male, of Warwick, celebrated his election at the age of ten as a member of the Guild by very creditably hunting the treble to a course of Grandsire Caters. There certainly appears to be the making of an excellent ringer in Billy; but this is as it should be, since both his father and grandfather are ringers at Warwick.

LITTLE HORKESLEY RINGERS' PERFORMANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My best regards to the band at Little Horkesley. Their first peal comes from the heart of a call-change district and is a great performance. I have rung with them many times and hope that this first peal will be the first of many. Good luck, Little Horkesley!

A. F. WARREN.

Finchley.

HIGHER METHOD PRACTICES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst I agree in the main to the points you raise in your leading article on this subject, there is one point upon which I think many ringers will disagree with you, and that is your statement that it is far more in the interest of ringing to devote the bulk of the time available at district meetings to elementary work. My personal opinion is that it is just as unreasonable for the beginner to expect to have a monopoly of the available time as it is for experienced ringers to desire to practice higher methods all the time. District meetings are surely intended to cater for all comers, and if your suggestion to cater mainly for beginners were carried out there might be a tendency for the more advanced ringers to absent themselves from the meetings owing to their interests not being sufficiently recognised. As one who has attended meetings in many parts of the country, may I say that the impression I have formed is that the ringing arrangements might be better organised than they are in many cases, and that a properly authorised and capable officer should be in charge of the belfry, his duties being to see that everyone who attends has a fair chance.

When I was present at a meeting of the Sheffield District Society last year I heard the arguments for and against the appointment of a ringing master to take charge of the ringing at their meetings. The appointment was made and inquiries have shown that the results are highly satisfactory. Would it be too much to expect that ringing masters of other societies should carry out what are their obvious duties? By all means let us have additional meetings for advanced methods, but do not let us lose our sense of proportion. Important though the learner may be in the interest of the continuance of our art, he is not entitled to a monopoly of the belfry at meetings, and there is still something due to those enthusiasts who have by their sacrifices made such meetings even possible. Some ringers still hold the view that it is much better for a learner to try out his first touch in a new method with good experienced ringers rather than six or eight learners should all struggle together and succeed only in obtaining practice at 'firing.'

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Bath.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual meeting at Farnham has been postponed to February 29th.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The meeting at Withyham on Saturday has been postponed.—O. Sippetts, Div. Hon. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—I.O.W. District.—Owing to the death of His Majesty King George V., the annual meeting of the above district is postponed until further notice.—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The meeting at Coggeshall on Saturday, Jan. 25th, has been postponed.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch at Woodston has been postponed.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The meeting at Warmley has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 1st. 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 29th inst.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec. (pro tem.), 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The meeting at Stapleford on Saturday, Jan. 25th, has been cancelled.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting to be held at the Cathedral has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Branch members are asked to make every effort to attend, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the guild, as important business with regard to the Cathedral bells is on the agenda. Tea (price 6d.) will be served in the Refectory after service, for those whose names are received not later than the Thursday previous.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

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. 30th (8 p.m.).—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 25th, when the Abbey bells (10, tenor 25½ cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after the business meeting to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. (Preacher, Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.) Tea (1s. 6d. per head) in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Hawdon Institute immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: Parish Church (8 bells) and Christ Church (6 bells) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Band), followed by meeting at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield district of the M.C.A. will be held at Eckington on Jan. 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Election of officers.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bright Street, North Wingfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed immediately by the meeting, 5.30 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Guilborough (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Balance sheet and report for 1935 will be presented and officers elected. A good attendance requested. — Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Names to G. A. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicester. All welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at REDBOURNE on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will members please come prepared to discuss the question of appointing a *District Committee* and a new secretary, as well as holding an annual district meeting.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Corston to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 25th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea at King's Head Hotel 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available 2.15 to 4.15 and 8 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church House, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due (also arrears) and can be paid at this meeting. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson) has kindly offered to show his films on the Great Adventure, providing a good number is present. So do your best.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Bow, on Sunday, Jan. 26th, as usual. Special meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at 7.45 p.m. Speciality, rounds on 12, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques. Everyone welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Sec.

MODBURY, SOUTH DEVON. — On Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of 6 bells, rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Graveley. Bells available 3 p.m. Learners welcome and will be well catered for, from 'Rounds' upwards. Tea has been kindly offered by Mr. Gardner, Graveleybury, Hitchin, to those who notify him by *Thursday previous*. — Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at North Bradley (6 bells), on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting to follow.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. in Parochial Hall, Brighton Road. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th. — W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 29th?—H. W. Shadrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Penshurst, on Feb. 1st, for the first meeting of the year, of the Tonbridge district. If you don't come, we shall be one short. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells three mins. past hour. Please help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Notify me for tea by Jan. 28th. Please note: Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—Alec. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15, with meeting to follow. Ringing: Twickenham (8) 3.30 to 4.45 and after meeting. St. Mary's, Hampton (8), 3.15 to 4.15. Don't forget the p.c. re tea, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woodbury on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Clyst St. George (6 bells). Service will be held at 4 p.m., address by the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Neely). Tea in the Public Hall, 1s. each, at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 27th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Whickham on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, before Jan. 30th?—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. Subscriptions now due. All welcome. — F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Wigston Magna. Bells (8) open during afternoon and evening. Committee meet 3.30. Short service and dedication of peal tablet 4.30. Tea in Church Rooms 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Names for tea (1s. 3d. per head) must be sent to K. Roe, 125, Moat Street, Wigston Magna, Leicester, not later than Jan. 29th. *No names no tea*. Buses leave Newarkes, Leicester, frequently, and L.M.S. trains to Wigston South. South Wigston bells *not* available for this meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) will be ready 3 p.m. A service will be held. Tea, 9d. per head, at the National School, Hullgate. *For tea, please notify A. Shaw, 35, Frog Lane, Wigan, before Wednesday, Jan. 29th.* Come and have a pull on the new peal. All ringers welcome. — Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.— The annual meeting of the above will be held at Boston on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 28th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. No service. Tea at 5 p.m. at about 1s. per head, for those notifying me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 28th. The larger the party the less the cost! So please make an effort to attend. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bucknall (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must advise Mr. H. Billings, 4, Longton Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Jan. 29th. — Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, Feb. 1st, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All ringing friends heartily welcomed; I hope we may see many. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at the Rector's Room. Please come. This should be a good meeting. All ringers and other friends welcome.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ledbury District will be held at Colwall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at St. Crispin's Chapel 4.45 p.m. Tea, Parish Room, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Jan. 30th.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Beighton on Saturday, Feb. 1st. For tea, please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Will all those non-resident members wishing to attend the commemoration luncheon on Feb. 4th at Trinity kindly inform the secretary by Jan. 28th at the latest, and he will then send further particulars.—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), 42, Maid's Causeway, Cambridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.— Annual meeting will be held on Feb. 8th at Sleaford. Bells of Parish Church open from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided at 9d. each to those who notify undersigned by Feb. 5th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec., 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Feb. 8th. Holy Trinity bells from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., S. Nicolas' from 3.30. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Ayres' Café (next S. Nicolas') at 5 p.m. Please send me numbers for tea by Feb. 4th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. Apply to me by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, latest. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 5 to 6 p.m. and St. John's (10) (times next week). — Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday, March 21st. Details in due course. Please book the date.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Arthur Tomlinson is 2, St. Stephen's Road, Little Harwood, Blackburn; not the address given in last week's issue.

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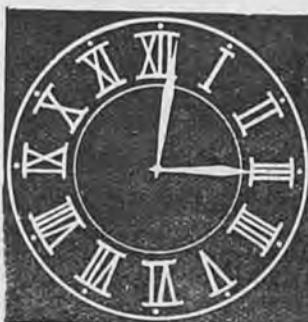
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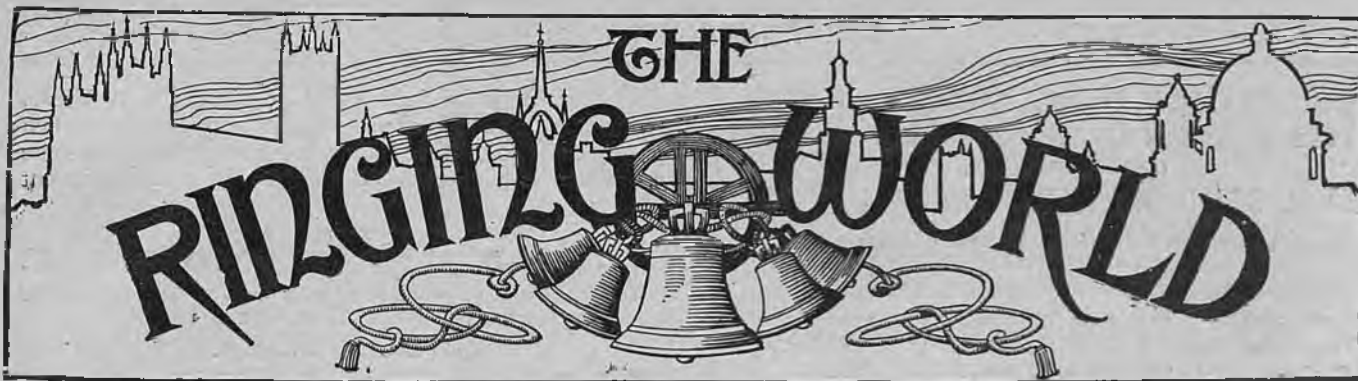
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It is difficult to write with restraint when one reads such words at this from the ecclesiastical head of an important parish. Kingston is a town with a long and honourable history; within its boundaries it preserves the stone on which Saxon kings were crowned, it is the administrative centre of an important county, and its church in the past has had no mean share in the life of this Thames-side community. For more than 200 years the bells in this old tower have served the church, and played their part on civic and national occasions. They have called generations of worshippers together, and he would be a bold man who would deny that their voices have failed to have any influence among the people.

The Rev. T. B. Scrutton's views seem to be on a par with that other clergyman who said he would prefer a steam siren to bells for his new church. We cannot believe that the Vicar of Kingston really represents the views of the townspeople. Indeed, the attitude of the meeting which he addressed pointed to the fact that something should be done to put the bells in order. But for a responsible Vicar to declare that the bells are of no interest to the church as a church is one of the most extraordinary declarations which we have ever heard. Let it be said the Vicar is quite ready to have the bells put in order if someone else raises the money, but it is not the question of who raises the money that concerns us so much as the amazing declaration that the bells are of no interest to the church as a church. To us it seems a marvellously distorted view to take of responsibilities which go with the office of head of a church, which has a valuable peal of bells in its care; bells which for centuries have fulfilled a purpose which has endeared them to thousands of Christian worshippers and which, happily, are a part of the local life of Kingston however

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lacking they may be in interest to the present Vicar. There is this to be said about it; men may come and men may go, but the bells remain, and it may be that some future Vicar of Kingston will view his bells in a different and truer light.

MEMORIAL PEALS FOR KING GEORGE V.

The following peals were rung with muffled or half-muffled bells to the memory of His late Majesty, King George V.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWES Treble	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 8
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung with the bells muffled for the death of the late King George V.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
*WILLIAM LIDBETTER 4	*WILFRED G. WILSON ... 9
PERCY E. JONES 5	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as an expression of respect and esteem from the members of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild to the memory of His late Majesty King George V.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
*ERNEST W. PYE 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal away from the treble. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of deep respect to His late Majesty King George V.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS LEE Treble	HARRY GRACE 5
THOMAS ROBINSON 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 6
THOMAS W. HESKETH 3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 7
JOHN W. GARDNER 4	*FRED J. GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRISS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late King George V.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE SLACK Treble	WILLIAM O. TALBOT 5
*REV. P. THORMAN 2	G. WILFRED SLACK 6
FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD ... 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
*A. ROWLAND TYSON 4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute to the glorious memory of His late Majesty King George V.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE. THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EVAN COLES Treble	GEORGE LARGE 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	REGINALD ADDIS 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST COOMBS 4	ALBERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of love, affection and loyalty to the late King George V. First peal on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,944 changes of London, 608 of Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal of Spliced Surprise by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late King George V.

CHURCH, LANCs. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	WILLIE AARON 5
JAMES PARR 2	JACK CLEGG 6
SYDNEY BROWN 3	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS 7
*HERBERT HOLDEN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late King George V.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
PERCY NEWTON 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JOHN W. EUSTON 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
Rung with fully muffled clappers as a tribute to His late Majesty King George V.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ... Treble	WILL H. VIGGERS 5
*MISS DORIS VIGGERS 2	†EDWARD J. BRAGG 6
*THOMAS E. DENVER 3	CHARLES W. DENVER 7
*MISS MARJORIE W. SMITH ... 4	*ERNEST J. GOWER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENVER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung with the bells fully muffled for the late King George V. All are local ringers.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
ALFRED ROWLEY 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
BERT HORTON 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to His Majesty King George V.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, 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 13½ cwt. in G.

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

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Specially arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of our beloved King George V.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
LEWIS TYLDESLEY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
*ERNEST F. BENNETT 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to our late beloved King George V.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

ERNEST STONE Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
FRANK W. PERRINS 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
*MALCOMBE C. C. MELVILLE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late King George V.

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On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Lt. W. A. COOKE Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
FRANK CHEAL 2	WILLIAM WALKER 6
FRANK BELSEY 3	GEORGE NAYLOR 7
*HORACE BARDEN 4	FREDERICK STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE NAYLOR.

* First peal. First muffled peal by all the band. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a tribute to the memory of His Most Gracious Majesty King George V.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS 5
HAROLD W. EMMETT 2	HERBERT MILLS 6
GEORGE BROWN 3	JACK BRACEWELL 7
FRED KENDAL 4	ALBERT MILLS Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRACEWELL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of King George V.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN Treble	HENRY S. WILSON 5
NORMAN C. TOWNSEND 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
WALTER D. TAYLOR 3	ALBERT E. NORTH 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	GORDON A. BACON Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.
Rung, fully muffled, in memory of His late Majesty King George V.

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

On Sunday, January 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES ROBINSON Treble	FRED C. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 6
ROBERT SMITH 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
JACK PARISH 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung with clappers fully muffled in deep respect to His late Majesty King George V.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Lightfoot, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES TARGETT Treble	DAVID G. MACKAY 4
FREDERICK TARGETT 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
LEONARD DUNFORD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung half-muffled as an expression of great sorrow for the death of H.M. King George V.

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GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

A. GRIMWOOD Treble	F. BORLEY 4
J. STEED 2	A. R. WOODWARD 5
E. CRACKNELL 3	F. ROPER Tenor

Conducted by F. ROPER.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled for the death of His Majesty King George V.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
BERNARD GILLATT, JDN. 2	JACK BRAY 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	ERNEST BRITAIN Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect and affection for our late Sovereign, King George V.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 11 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire, 18 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*PARCY H. J. CHANT Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
HERBERT GROVES 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 5
HAROLD C. R. VINE 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal in three methods. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deepest respect to the memory of King George V. Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of : (1) Jytham and Thelwall; (2) London and Wells Surprise; (3) Norwich Surprise; (4) Netherseale; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Double and Reverse Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE Treble	HORACE L. WAITE 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in 12 methods by all the band. Rung fully muffled in affectionate memory of His Majesty King George V.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JACK CASSWELL Treble	†GEORGE LEE 4
†LIONEL PARKIN 2	†NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
†SIDNEY BRIGGS 3	†CHARLES POULTNEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES POULTNEY.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late King George V. First peal in more than one method by a band of regular Sunday service ringers at this church, and rung at first attempt. All except ringer of 3rd learnt to ring at Eastwood.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*REV. A. B. WESTCOTT ... Treble	LEONARD G. TOSELAND ... 4
HERBERT W. ABBOTT ... 2	BURLY P. MORRIS ... 5
JACK D. BELL ... 3	*ERIC CHAMBERS ... Tenor

Conducted by BURLY P. MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to His late Majesty King George V.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Bob Minor.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RAY PECK ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 4
†JACK PILGRIM ... 2	H. J. VINCE ... 5
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor on tower bells. Rung deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of His late Majesty King George V.

BRABOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. BALL ... Treble	†PHILIP H. PIERCE ... 4
*LEONARD FINN ... 2	†SIDNEY FINN ... 5
*GEORGE K. FINN ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of sincere and deep respect to His late Majesty King George V. The conductor hails from Willesborough, the rest being local service ringers.

STRATTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire, 22 callings.
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3
*CECIL H. SMART ... 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... 4
	*PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... Treble

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deepest respect to the memory of His late Majesty King George V.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford and five of Kent, with different callings.
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE C. MELLOR ... Treble	*WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... 4
FRANK LINFOOT ... 2	RONALD SQUIRES ... 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL ... 3	FRANK RHODES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOE C. MELLOR.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. The bells were fully muffled in the King's memory.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, Lewisham High Road, on Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Easterby 1, R. Wood 2, C. Elliott 3, E. Crowder 4, G. Rawlings 5, A. Bennington 6, G. Daynes (conductor) 7, W. Bland 8.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 6010 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

CECIL F. MOGFORD ... Treble	ALBERT S. GALE ... 6
RICHARD CLARK ... 2	FREDERICK TARGET ... 7
JOHN SPILLER ... 3	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 8
GILBERT PEARSE ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
ALFRED PEARSE ... 5	GEORGE BOUCHER ... 10

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Richmond, 50 years steeplekeeper and curfew ringer at the above church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	THOMAS ADAMS ... 5
ALBERT FEIST ... 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
RAYMOND WOOD ... 3	JOHN COOK ... 7
PETER CHARMAN ... 4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID MACKAY ... Treble	EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 5
*NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	*PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... 6
JACK CARMAN ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
KENNETH FORD ... 4	†JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS CHINERY ... Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
HARRY G. FELTON ... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 60th birthday of Mr. David Elliott, to whom all members extended their greetings. Mr. Elliott kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
PERCY SWINDLEY ... 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... 6
JOHN HAYES ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
JAMES MORGAN ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by S. JONES, JUN.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

*WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... Treble	*ARTHUR J. HART ... 5
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
*ARTHUR F. SEWRY ... 3	CHARLES BRASIER ... 7
*FRANK BENNETT ... 4	*HAROLD HINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a 61st birthday compliment to Mr. C. Brasier.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*HARRY HOSKINS ... Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
WILLIAM RAWLINGS ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
WILFRED HOLLAMBY ... 3	WALTER SMITH ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. S. RICHARDS.

* First peal of Bob Major. First touch of Major as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late H. McCabe, a former member of St. Mary's band, and the father of the present secretary. It was also rung as a tribute to the late Rudyard Kipling.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MUCH MARCLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JOHN COX ... Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 4
CECIL COX ... 2	H. ERNEST COX ... 5
†CHARLES COX ... 3	HARRY E. COX ... Tenor

Conducted by H. ERNEST COX.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss H. Bellamy on her 102nd birthday. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5 are sons of the tenorman, and all are Sunday service ringers at the church.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS AMY E. WALDOCK ... Treble	*STANFORD C. CARD ... 4
*RICHARD BIRD ... 2	FRED CHALK ... 5
*HENRY R. A. APPLETON ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 15 different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... Treble	*FREDERICK J. PRIDDLE ... 4
*PERCY H. SPARKES ... 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... 5
*WILLIAM A. OSBORNE ... 3	*CLEMENT C. VOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Minor.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Switun,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SYDNEY FOX ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	CHARLIE J. BALL ... 5
FRANCIS BRAUMONT ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Bankes James' Arrangement.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY ... Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 4
ALBERT L. WARD ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Mr. Ward, it being his first Surprise peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent.

WILLIAM HOLMES ... Treble	JOHN NELSON ... 4
HARRY FRANCE ... 2	JAMES MILLER ... 5
JACOB RYDING ... 3	JOHN T. MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MILLER.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar and his wife, the Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Heaslett.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The peal rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on March 2nd, 1935, is not recognised by the society, as it was subsequently found that one of the ringers was not a member.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.

This was the Bankers' Peal of Bob Major rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**PUDSEY'S EXAMPLE.**

The society's first meeting in 1936 was held at Pudsey on Saturday week, instead of as usual on the last Saturday in the month, in order to avoid clashing with the Yorkshire Association's general meeting. The weather conditions were not of the best, as frost and snow made travelling very difficult. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a variety of methods were rung until tea time. The meal was served in the usual generous Pudsey style in the Park Hotel.

At the business meeting the president occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Burley, Bradford, Calverley, Drighlington, Elland, Halifax, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Shipley, Sherburn, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Tadcaster and the local company.

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. E. West and D. M. Sharpe, of Sutton-on-Hull, and E. S. Morley, of Selby.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who said he wondered how often these votes of thanks were passed on to the Vicar and churchwardens.

In thanking the local company for the splendid way in which they received the society, he reminded those present that the Pudsey headquarters had not always been as easy to find as they were to-day.—Mr. C. Pratt, in seconding the vote of thanks, referred to the new peal board in the Pudsey tower, which showed five different peals of Surprise, and he thought that other towers should attempt to emulate this feat by regular attendance and practice. He made a special appeal to the ringers who were in the habit of having five extra minutes in bed on a Sunday morning to think of their friends waiting for them in the tower.

The reply should have come from the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, but, unfortunately, he was indisposed and unable to be present; the deputy chairman was too busy entertaining; and after Sam had been asked 'to pick up his musket,' the reply came from Mr. W. Barton, who informed the company that the vote of thanks was always passed on to the proper quarter.

The date of the next meeting was discussed in view of the fact that the Ladies' Guild had taken the usual Saturday. One proposition was that the meeting be held as usual on the last Saturday in the month (which is leap year day) in order to keep the young members out of Aunt Kate's clutches in case that lady came to Ossett, but the proposition, which was accepted, was that the next meeting be held on February 22nd at St. Michael's, Headingley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP IN WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.**

The annual branch meeting of the Wellingborough District of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 18th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. L. W. Wright. Despite the wintry conditions, ringers were present from Wellingborough, Northampton, Kettering, Warkton, Pytchley, Burton Latimer, Grendon, Earls Barton, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Raunds, Stanwick and Addington, besides a full muster of local ringers.

Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, Vicar of Finedon. The address, given by the Rector, was much appreciated. He took for his text, 'Make thee two trumpets of silver, of a whole piece shalt thou make them, that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeying of the camps' (Numbers x., 2). Their ringing, said the Rector, was of little use or value unless it brought them nearer to God, and, as their Guild prayer reminded them, it should prepare them for the time when they, too, should depart from this life.

The singing of the three hymns, with the excellent accompaniment of Mr. Ross Hickling on the new organ, was most enjoyable.

A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

Tea was served in the St. Peter's Rooms by the wives and friends of the Irthlingborough band, about 50 being present. At the business meeting which followed, 'Bozeat' was chosen for the next gathering.

Two honorary, five ringing and one out-county members were elected.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for 1935 were read and adopted, and although there was a disappointing loss in membership, through various causes, a satisfactory balance in hand was obtained. There are now on the books three honorary life, 17 honorary and 150 ringing members.

The officers for the year were all re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley; Central Committee, Messrs. G. Basford and A. Plowman; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, F. Jones and A. H. Martin; auditor, Mr. E. Johnson. Mr. W. Perkins, who was congratulated on ringing 400 peals, is to officiate as Branch Ringing Master.

Among those present were Mr. R. G. Black, of Geddingdon, Guild general secretary; Mr. H. Baxter, Kettering branch secretary; Mr. W. Whitmore, Thrapston branch secretary, and Mr. F. Wilford. Mr. F. Barber, the former branch secretary, was also a very welcome visitor. The handy ring of eight bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, practice extending from rounds to Surprise Major methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It would be very interesting to know which tower was first to toll out 70 in the early hours of January 21st. It was ascertained at the Cumberland Youths' meeting on Saturday that Guildford Cathedral commenced at about 12.20 a.m., and Burnham, Bucks, at 12.17. Was there anything earlier?

The same band that rang a peal at Aldershot for King George's Silver Jubilee on Saturday rang a muffled peal to his memory. It is a purely local band. Last May there were four 'first peals' and a 'first in the method.' On this occasion there were five who rang their first peal in the method.

Mr. A. J. Ginn, of the Over, Cambs, Society, has rung for two Jubilees, Diamond and Silver, for the deaths of two Queens and two Kings, for two coronations and four royal weddings, a record of distinction shared by a comparatively limited number of ringers.

The ring of six at Malborough, near Kingsbridge, Devon, is to be tuned and rehanging with new fittings in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Ringers requiring copies of any of the Central Council publications should apply to the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex, sending the necessary remittance with the order.

The Shropshire Association's meeting at Shrewsbury is postponed to February 22nd, and the Essex Association meeting at Little Waltham to February 29th.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, are rehanging three peals in Derbyshire, viz., the rings of eight at Matlock and Melbourne Churches and the ring of six at Spondon.

On Sunday, Mr. Edward Clapshaw, Farnham's oldest ringer, celebrated his 91st birthday. He continues to enjoy fairly good health, and in the congratulations conveyed to him by Mr. R. Hasted and Mr. T. Upshall, on behalf of the local band, all ringers will join.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, will congratulate him upon his promotion last week to the rank of Inspector in the Leicester City Police Force. Inspector Poole is hon. secretary of the National Guild of Police Ringers, whose annual meeting is to be held in Leicester on February 8th.

RINGING IN WEST CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was very surprised to read in 'The Ringing World' of the 17th inst. that Father Trehella has taken exception to what appeared over my initials. I do think he could have come and told me, as I was at home for a full week after the paragraph appeared.

Let me say, and both Lt.-Col. Jerram and Father Trehella know, that I have always respected the positions which they hold, and that I have always been willing to help them. The whole tone of the latter's letter savours more of 'glorious officialdom,' which I detest, than what one would expect of a priest.

I think a great reflection has been cast upon Mr. P. R. C. Williams, who, last September, succeeded me as Truro district secretary, and Mr. C. E. Lanxon, who, last February at the annual meeting of the Guild, was elected peal secretary for a special purpose, and who has put in a tremendous amount of work, collecting and typing all peals rung for the Truro Guild since its formation for a proposed peal book. These two have worked together splendidly, and practically every week visit one or more towers, with other ringers, to help local bands. It was owing to these practices that we scored several 'first' quarters and peals during the past month. Father Trehella knows well that in the past he has often received letters from visitors seeking information and has passed them on to me, as district secretary, for attention. Why not Messrs. Williams and Lanxon, who, with a few others, are the live wires of the district, and why have a district secretary or peal secretary?

If I had asked visitors not to write to the Diocesan Master or secretary, a complaint would have been legitimate.

Now, I will go on and point out a glaring mistake which has appeared in the new 'Ringers' Directory.' Wrong names appear as Truro Diocesan secretary and treasurer, Mr. Williams being stated as the former and not Father Trehella. The latter and Col. Jerram are not mentioned. Somebody should be ticked off—not me this time!

It is not my nature to take up matters like this, but I am afraid the two whom I mentioned may have their enthusiasm damped a little.

Several of my friends who have visited Cornwall know only too well how a few, who are really enthusiastic to advance, appreciate being able to take part in an occasional peal with their help. No, we are not 'peal mad,' because often we are rising, ringing rounds or call changes and falling, but we like to make such visits worth while both for visitor and visited.

Ringing in Cornwall will improve when young ringers are encouraged, like Miss Phyllis Tillett, to whom you referred (may I add my congratulations?). At present there are several who have to struggle hard to practise what they hold in theory, and who, in their own towers, are never asked to conduct.

I think this is my very first outburst. I hope it will be the last.

A. S. ROBERTS.

Bishop Wilson College, Isle of Man.

THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE. BELLS IN THE NATIONAL MOURNING.

A Background to the Funeral Procession.

The national mourning for King George V. has been expressed in no more fitting manner than by muffled bells sounding from the church towers of the land. Many peals have been rung, but in less pretentious forms, in a multitude of cases, perhaps, only in rounds and call changes, the ringers of England have endeavoured to interpret, by their ringing, the nation's grief at the passing of their King.

Those who stood in the neighbourhood of Westminster on Tuesday morning and watched the great funeral procession set out on its journey to Paddington Station, and those who listened in their homes to the impressive broadcast of this first stage of the solemn final obsequies of the dead monarch, heard as a background to this poignant scene, the half-muffled bells of Westminster Abbey. In slow and stately rhythm they sounded, above the tramp of martial feet and the distant strains of funeral music, with, intermittently, the booming note of Big Ben, tolling out the passing minutes and the roar of the guns in their last salute to the dead Sovereign. Few who witnessed, or even listened to the description of this historic event, could have failed to be impressed by the part which the bells played upon this mournful occasion.

Peals which have been rung with muffled bells as a tribute of loyal respect and sympathy with Queen Mary, King Edward VIII. and the Royal Family are printed in other columns. Below we give some of the lesser performances of the past days:—

On Tuesday, January 21st, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cooke 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, S. Hicks 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. J. Lewis, jun. 10.

At Southwell Minster, on Tuesday, January 21st, 1,296 Stedman Triples with half-muffled bells: G. E. Foster 1, G. E. Padgett 2, F. G. Hooper 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8.

On Tuesday evening, January 21st, the bells of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, were rung, half-muffled. Two touches of Grandsire Caters (359 and 287) were rung by G. A. Baker, T. Smith, J. Williams, T. Roden, J. Whatmore, N. H. Smith, C. Griffiths, H. Knight (conductor), F. Brotherton, W. H. Lawley and R. Thompson.

On Tuesday, January 21st, the tenor bell of the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants, was rung every half-minute from 8 to 9 a.m. and immediately after, with the bells deeply muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss C. Sparshott 1, E. Hinton 2, Mrs. Williams 3, K. Derham 4, G. Scragg 5, F. Sparshott 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, J. Wakem 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3 and 8.

At St. Giles' Church, Reading, on Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with clappers half-muffled: A. Prentice (first quarter-peal) 1, A. E. Pound 2, W. Osborne 3, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 4, L. T. Osborne 5, H. Osborne 6, A. Jeffery 7, A. E. Payne (first quarter-peal) 8.

Before evening prayer at Rainham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Strevens (first quarter 'inside') 1, F. Cheal 2, W. Walker 3, H. Barden 4, C. Belsey 5, W. A. Cooke (conductor) 6, W. Seager 7, F. Webb (first quarter) 8.

For a memorial service on Sunday, at Alsager, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Peake 1, B. Ferneynough 2, H. Dixon 3, G. Cartwright 4, G. Kennerley 5, F. E. Corfield 6, D. R. Whalley (conductor) 7, R. Moseley 8. All are local ringers.

On Sunday, January 26th, at Heston, Middlesex, with the bells half-muffled, for the memorial service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. F. Ellingham 1, F. J. Cattermoul 2, W. T. Godfrey 3, C. S. Bird 4, H. C. Chandler 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb 8.

For matins on Sunday, January 26th, at Overseal, Derbyshire, 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: H. Adams 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Brooker 3, W. E. Clayfield 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, G. W. Clayfield 6.

At St. John's, Bournemouth, on Sunday evening, with the bells muffled, but the tenor open at back stroke, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Child 1, H. R. Bennett 2, W. Waylen 3, Miss M. White 4, A. G. Rose 5, E. T. Griffin 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

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A VICAR'S STRANGE DECLARATION.

BELLS 'NO INTEREST TO THE CHURCH.'

Who Will Pay for Restoration?

An extraordinary attitude towards his church bells, which are now silent for want of repair, has been taken up by the Vicar of Kingston-on-Thames (the Rev. T. B. Scrutton).

Last week the Vicar attended, by invitation, a meeting of the Kingston Chamber of Commerce, who were anxious to learn what was going to be done about Kingston's silent bells, which have not been rung for King George's death, and may not, unless action is quickly taken, be rung for King Edward's coronation.

The cost of the restoration would be about £600, and the President of the Chamber explained that Kingston was now without its peal of bells because the structure upon which they were mounted was in such a perilous condition that to use the bells would be courting disaster. Did the town want the bells? He thought there could be only one answer to that question, but who was to pay for the necessary repair work?

The Rev. T. B. Scrutton said (we quote from the report of the 'Surrey Comet') he was not there to make any appeal; he was really representing the Mayor. The peal comprised ten bells, which had existed since 1748, when two were added to the peal of eight already existing. The question was, did the town want the bells rung? He said 'the town' because the bells were of no interest to the church, as a church. As a machine for spreading Christianity, which was its primary function, the church had no interest in bells. They might be of some slight interest to the church in awakening people's interest in it, but if he regarded himself as one whose business it was to assist Christianity in Kingston, then he took not the smallest interest in the bells.

'NOT A CHURCH OF ENGLAND INTEREST.'

The only interest he had in them, he added, was as a Kingstonian. The interest was municipal—civic. It was not a Church of England interest. Some people might be inclined to say 'It is the business of the parish church—let them get on with it,' but, said the Vicar, 'quite honestly, if it is left to us the bells will be left.' The Parochial Church Council was prepared to find half of the £600 needed, although they would prefer not to raise any of the money because they had plenty of other things they could spend £300 on. The sum of £600 was the minimum requirement, as advised by experts, and should result in the peal being all right for 50 or 60 years. The Mayor had in mind the issuing of an appeal to the town and surrounding district for half of the £600.

The Vicar said he did not regard the Parish Church as being the preserve of any one denomination. He regarded it as being held in trust for the whole of Christianity, and he asked people to rise to that conception of the church, and, in that conception, have the bells put in order.

Mr. H. S. Durbin asked whether it was intended, in the event of the bells being put into commission again, to have a lot of practice and competition ringing.

The Vicar said that so far as he knew there was no intention to intensify the ringing as compared with what used to be. The Kingston ringers did their practices at evening; and occasionally, because the peal was a good one, the Surrey Society of Change Ringers rang at Kingston. It was hoped to arrange the belfry so that the sound was thrown upwards, reducing the volume in the immediate vicinity and sending it further. As to the value of bellringing, that was a matter of individual opinion. One person would say that the bells were a nuisance; another would say that the town did not seem the same without them. It was a matter of taste upon which it was no use arguing.

Mr. C. W. Beckett and Mr. H. Funston Benson spoke in favour of the bells, from historic and sentimental points of view; and the matter was left for the Executive Committee to bring to notice again at a later date.

IN THE HANDS OF THE MAYOR.

At the annual church meeting at All Saints' Parish Hall on Thursday, at which the Rev. T. B. Scrutton presided, the Parochial Church Council reported that the bells had been declared unsafe and their use was suspended until the necessary work had been carried out.

Dr. W. E. St. L. Finny asked when people would be asked to subscribe to the repairs.

The Vicar said the matter was now in the hands of the Mayor, and he could not prejudice what he would do. The Mayor, however, was taking a great deal of interest, and steps were being taken towards something being done. His own hope was that they would have the bells in working order in time for the coronation of King Edward VIII. 'If that is to happen things have got to move,' he added.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I, through your columns, inform subscribers to 'The Ringers' Directory' that all copies should have reached them on or before January 27th? Any subscriber not receiving a copy should notify me.

EDGAR GUISE, B.U.R.G.

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DEATH OF REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE HON. LIBRARIAN OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Killed by fall of a Tree.

In the midst of the national mourning, the Exercise has to lament the death, under tragic circumstances, of one of its leading members. On Saturday night the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Walsoken, near Wisbech, was killed by a falling tree. He had been Honorary Librarian of the Central Council since 1933.

It appears that a man, Alfred Freeman, was engaged in felling a large tree which stood near a new house adjoining the Rectory grounds. The Rector went out, shortly after ten o'clock, to see how the work was progressing, and found that the man was about to drop the tree. The Rector, it is said, was advised to stand near a shed, which would be well clear of the tree when it fell. After it had been dropped, Freeman went in the darkness to the spot where he expected to find the Rector. Failing to see him, Freeman made a search, and the Rector was discovered lying with his face buried in the ground. He had been struck by an arm of the tree as it fell and his neck had been broken.

The whole Exercise will extend its heartfelt sympathy to the widow and family who have been thus tragically bereaved.

The Rev. Barnard Halsey Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was 53 years of age, was the youngest son of the late Rev. W. T. Tyrwhitt-Drake. After leaving Haileybury, he proceeded to Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree in 1904. He was then at Wells Theological College, before being ordained deacon in 1905 and priest in 1906. He became M.A. in 1908. His first curacy was at Almond-bury, Yorkshire (1905-9), and he then became chaplain to the South African Railway Mission, in the Diocese of Grahamstown, an office which he occupied 1909-10. Returning to England, he was successively curate at St. Mary's, Hitchin (1910-12) and of Sandy, Beds (1912-14). He was appointed to the living of Thundridge in 1914, and from 1916 to 1918 was Temporary Chaplain to the Forces, becoming Honorary Chaplain in the latter year. In 1925 he became Vicar of Wigginton and in 1928 Rector of Watlington, Norfolk. His appointment to the living of Walsoken took place in 1933.

WITH THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was one of the clergy who got his interest in ringing stirred when he went to Pembroke College in 1901 and joined the Cambridge University Guild. Prominent among those who joined the Guild at the same time were Messrs. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson and F. S. Poole. Under the tuition of the president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, rapid progress was made in handbell ringing, and among the peals that were subsequently rung was the first peal of Maximus (Plain Bob) 'in hand' by the Guild and, incidentally, by the College Youths, of which all six ringers were members. Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake rang the tenors to this peal. This was in November, 1903, and a month later he took part in the Guild's first peal of Royal 'in hand.'

His first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on one of the Guild's tours, at Henley, Norfolk, in 1904, this being also the first in the method by the Guild. Then, having taken Holy Orders, he rang in the Guild's first peal of Stedman Triples (1906), and at Drayton, Berks, in 1909, he took part in the first clerical peal of Double Norwich Major, the other ringers being the Revs. H. S. T. Richardson, T. Lewis Jones, H. J. Elsee, A. H. F. Boughey, C. A. Clements, C. W. O. Jenkyn and H. L. James.

These, of course, are only some of the notable peals in which the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake took part, but they are sufficient to show that he played an interesting part in the earlier activities of the Cambridge University Guild. A little later he was associated with it in another notable performance, the first handbell peal rung by clergymen, a peal of Grandsire Caters, in which the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, E. Banks James, H. S. T. Richardson and H. Law James also took part, Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake ringing 9-10. After the war he was one of the ten officers who rang a peal together at Croydon to celebrate peace.

SERVICES TO HERTS AND ELY ASSOCIATIONS.

Greater parochial responsibilities afterwards prevented him from taking an active part in peal ringing, although he has never ceased to render valuable service in other directions. While Vicar of Thundridge, Herts, he was in 1916 elected president of the Hertford County Association, a position which he also filled the following year. At his first election the late Canon Papillon humorously commented on the fact that Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake, unfortunately, had no ringing peal of bells at Thundridge, for of four bells in the steeple, two were cracked. A fifth was in the Vicar's pigsty. The bells were later restored and increased to six.

The Herts County Association elected Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake as a representative on the Central Council in 1919, and he continued to represent that body until 1928, when he removed to Watlington. The Ely Diocesan Association quickly took advantage of his willing services and elected him their hon. secretary, and in 1929 their representative on the Council. Last year he resigned the secretaryship (Continued at foot of next column.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRIBUTES TO HIS LATE MAJESTY.

Representatives from Kington Magna, Winterbourne Earls, Britford, Warminster, Wilton, Damerham, Dinton, Martin, the City Churches of St. Martin and St. Thomas and other neighbouring parishes attended the annual meeting of the Salisbury District of the Diocesan Guild, held at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on Saturday last.

Ringings commenced at 3 p.m., the bells at St. Edmund's also being available, both peals being half-muffled in recognition of the national mourning.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. K. N. Ross, the address being given by the Rev. E. A. Maycock, of Romsey Abbey. Mr. A. F. Brown was at the organ, and at the conclusion of the service played the 'Dead March' in 'Saul.'

Tea followed in the Parish Rooms, and later the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided at the general meeting, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine), the general secretary of the Guild (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), the Rev. R. S. Smith (Martin), the Rev. H. W. Moule (Damerham), the Rev. K. N. Ross (St. Martin's) and the Rev. E. A. Maycock (Romsey Abbey).

Opening the meeting, the Chairman said, 'Before commencing the business of this meeting, I would refer to the matter which is foremost in our minds at this time, the passing of our King. No Sovereign could have devoted a more active life to the good of his people, and we join in expressing our sympathy with the Queen and Royal Family.'

The company then stood in silence for a few moments.

The balance sheet was adopted, Mr. Caple re-elected chairman, and Mr. F. W. Romaine secretary and treasurer.

Other officers elected were: Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Harris and F. O. Smith; committee, the Rev. R. S. Smith, Messrs. W. Wyatt, A. Southey, W. Roberts and W. Wright.

A ballot on the choice of towers for the quarterly meetings during the ensuing year resulted in Semley, Coombe Bissett, Wylie and Downton being chosen.

Mr. F. Wright, of Dinton, reported the satisfactory completion of the rehanging of Dinton bells, and extended a hearty invitation to the branch to attend the rededication and opening of the bells. It was resolved that notification should be made to the towers by the branch secretary, when the date of reopening was known.

Two new members were elected from Damerham.

The general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards) addressed a few words to the meeting on the subject of arrangements during national, diocesan or local bereavements. He stated that the branch secretary had wired for his directions as to whether the meeting should be abandoned in view of the death of His late Majesty. He (Mr. Edwards) stated that he himself had been the proposer of a motion to the Central Council on this matter, and it was considered that it was quite in order to hold a meeting when arrangements had been made, provided the bells were rung half-muffled. He cited the instance of the recent death of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. There were two branch meetings on the day following his death—these were held, and the bells muffled, in accordance with custom.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. K. N. Ross for conducting the service in the absence of the Rector of St. Martin's, and to the Rev. E. A. Maycock for coming from Romsey to give the address, also to Mr. A. F. Brown for his good offices at the organ. Mr. Brown had expressed his regret at being unable to attend the tea owing to another engagement during the afternoon.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

STEPNEY.—At the Parish Church of St. Dunstan's on Sunday evening, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), six callings: H. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 1, G. W. Cecil (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, L. J. Fox 3, T. G. Fox 4, H. Pinchbeck 5, A. A. Jarvis 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Fox, the captain of the band.

(Continued from previous column.)

of the association, but was a member of the Council up to the time of his death, holding the office of hon. librarian, to which he was elected after the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn in 1933.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake made one particularly valuable contribution to ringing literature. After the celebration of the jubilee of Cambridge University Guild in 1929 he wrote the Guild's history, which he himself produced in his own little private printing works, the printing art having been one of his hobbies.

In addition to the widow, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake leaves in bereavement two sons and a daughter. The eldest son has recently passed out of Woolwich to Cambridge, and Miss Tyrwhitt-Drake is in the nursing profession.

On Thursday last week, Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake took part in King George's funeral procession at Sandringham, and was to have been among the representatives of the British Legion at the King's funeral in London on Tuesday.

The funeral of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake took place at Walsoken on Wednesday afternoon.

Owing to this sad event, the commemoration luncheon of the Cambridge University Guild on February 4th has been postponed.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW 'IN COURSE' AND 'OUT OF COURSE' AFFECTS METHODS.

A short time ago a reader sent to the Editor, for publication, what he described as a new method of Minor. He had been experimenting and had found a method, with the treble making places in 3-4 instead of dodging, which produced the regular lead-ends which are found in recognised methods. On the face of it, it looked interesting and seemed to conform to requirements, but on examination it had a fatal blemish—it would not produce 720 true changes.

Actually it only needed the close examination of the first lead to prove its fault, which was that all the rows (that is the figures denoting the changes) with the treble in 3rd's and 4th's were 'of like nature'; that is to say, they were all 'in-course.'

To obtain the extent of the changes in any method, half the rows must be in-course and the other half out of course. In other words, the extent of a method is made up of half the changes 'in course' and half of them 'out of course,' and unless a method will produce this necessary condition, the extent of the changes on that number of bells is not possible.

It is conceivable, on eight or more bells, to have a method which will produce a peal of 5,000 changes, without having in the plain course an equal number of in course and out of course changes. As a simple example, there is Grandsire Caters (the Grandsire method rung on nine bells). In this you can have a peal of 5,000 without once having the bells out of course—but that is because you have such a vast number of changes to select from. As you may know, the extent of the changes on nine bells is 362,880, so that there are actually 181,440 changes 'in course' which can be utilised.

When, however, it comes to Minor, the extent of which is only 720 changes, it is a different matter. Not only must you have an equal number of in course and out of course changes before you can produce a true 720, but this half and half business must apply, if the treble has any form of regular hunt, to every position of the treble.

In a 720 the treble (and, indeed, every other bell) strikes 120 times in each place; that is 120 times at lead, 120 times in 2nd's and a similar number of times in each of the other places, 3rd's, 4th's, 5th's and 6th's. To obtain a true extent, therefore, 60 changes with the treble at lead must be in course, and 60 out of course, and so on with the changes in which the treble strikes in each of the other places. (This applies to all the bells, but we use the treble as the simplest guide.)

Whatever the nature of the rows may be in one lead, they will, in every regular method, be of the same nature in the corresponding place in every succeeding lead, unless a single is made, but as a single cannot be used in Treble Bob and kindred methods, it is not possible, if all the rows with the treble in any one place are of like nature, to produce a true 720.

In the first lead of the method sent to 'The Ringing World' there are these rows, as the treble makes places in 3-4:—

Treble going up	261435	Treble coming down	436125
	621345		346152
	623154		341625
	263145		431265

An 'in course' row, or change, was explained in an earlier article in this series; but briefly it is this: It is a row which is obtained by changing an even number of pairs of bells from rounds. Thus, 213465 by changing two pairs is 'in course,' but 214365, having been obtained by changing an odd number of pairs, is out of course, and, as a matter of interest, you will find that if you have an out of course row, no transposition of an equal number of pairs will ever produce rounds. If you take, say, 214365, you can go on changing the row two pairs at a time, whether they are adjoining figures or not, until doomsday, but you will not produce 123456. It needs two 'odds' to make an 'even,' and once you have an 'out of course' or 'odd' row, you must have another before you can come back to rounds. But this is rather by the way.

The point which we want to emphasise for the benefit of beginners, who are searching for new methods, is that unless you have your hunt bell in an equal number of odd and even rows in each place, you cannot produce the extent of the method, and the first lead is the test of the whole method. If you take the eight rows given above, you will find they are all 'in course.' You can test it for yourself. Take the first row and transpose two pairs at a time, say from 261435, make 216453, by transposing 6 and 1 and 3 and 5. Then transpose two other pairs 2 and 1 and 6 and 3, and you have 123456. You have transposed four pairs—an even number, proving that 261435 is 'in course.' The next three rows are easily proved. Each is a two pair transposition from the one before it.

In the same way, test 436125. Transpose first 4 and 1, and 6 and 2, giving 132465; then transpose 3 and 2, and 6 and 5, and again, with four pairs changed, you have 123456. The other three rows are each a two-pair change from the one in front of it.

Now, in the method as it stands, it would be impossible, for instance, to produce 621435, or 261345, or 263154, or 623145, or any other one-pair variant of any of those eight rows; and as the method will not produce these rows, it is obvious a true 720 cannot be obtained.

Which all goes to show that the question of 'in course' and 'out of course' changes is important to those who want to become composers.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 18th, when members and friends were present from Alverstoke, Arundel, Brighton, Chiddingfold, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Southampton, Soberton, Swanmore and Wickham.

The Guild service was held in the Cathedral. The Rev. J. A. S. Rutherford officiated and addressed those present. An excellent tea was partaken of in the Green Row Rooms, after which the business meeting was held, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. A. S. Rutherford.

The Chairman first apologised for the absence of the Provost (Very Rev. T. H. Masters), who was unfortunately confined to his bed.

The balance sheet showed a slight increase in membership, and after the sum of £7 10s. 8d. had been forwarded to the general treasurer, the district balance was £15 4s. 1d.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and new ringing members were elected from the Cathedral, Curdridge and Gosport.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Fareham on Saturday, January 16th, 1937.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Provost for granting permission for the use of the bells and Green Row Rooms, to the Rev. J. A. S. Rutherford for officiating at the service and presiding at the business meeting, to the organist and caterers.

The members returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT'S EXCELLENT RECORD.

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held recently at Southampton, when over 70 members were present from a large number of Hampshire towers. Mr. Taylor (Newbury) brought along a very welcome contingent from the Oxford Guild.

The towers of St. Mary, St. Michael and Holy Rood were at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening, and various performances, ranging from rounds and call changes to Cambridge Royal, were rung.

Service was held at Holy Rood Church, and the Rev. A. C. Hopkins gave an inspiring address.

At the business meeting the secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) reported that 1935 had been a very successful year from the point of finance and number of members. Only two towers in the district were not affiliated to the Guild, and one of these was without a band. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, with one or two exceptions, where bands were below strength and had difficulty in getting and retaining recruits. The district had lost by death three old and valued members—Mrs. G. Williams, the Rev. E. T. Butler and Mr. F. Raskins.

All the district officers were re-elected. Mr. W. T. Tucker was elected as an additional representative on the Executive Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on January 9th, 1937. District meetings were arranged as follows: Romsey on February 22nd; Fawley, May 16th; Sherfield English, July 18th; and Upham, October 3rd.

Twenty-one new ringing members were elected at the meeting.

STANMORE RINGERS' DINNER.

MEN WITH LONG SERVICE.

The annual dinner of the St. John's, Stanmore, ringers took place on Saturday, January 4th, at the Crown Hotel, Stanmore. The Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewett) presided. After a well-served meal the party drank the loyal toast, with musical honours.

The Rector then proposed the toast of 'The Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association (Mr. C. T. Coles),' and, in reply, the latter expressed his pleasure that he was once more able to attend this annual dinner, especially as the band at Stanmore was one of the oldest in the association. He referred to the long service of some of the local ringers, Mr. W. Cheshire, with 53 years, and Mr. G. Hughes and Mr. Moxon, with 43 years each. He also said he was very pleased to see Mr. F. Edwards present and hoped he would soon be restored to complete health again. Mr. Coles urged the Stanmore and Harrow Weald bands, so closely allied, to vie with each other in friendly rivalry now that Harrow Weald possessed eight bells.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. E. Leversuch (hon. secretary), who referred to the presence of friends from Harrow Weald and Bushey.

Mr. G. R. Goodship responded, and referred to the good relations existing between the bands at Harrow Weald and Stanmore.

The Rector proposed the re-election of Mr. G. Hughes as Master, saying that Mr. Hughes had been a faithful servant to the Church for very many years, and they could not do better than re-elect him. —This was agreed to with acclamation.

Mr. Hughes accepted office, and asked the members for their continued loyal support. He proposed the health of the Rector and thanked him for the encouragement he always gave to the ringers.

A pleasant musical evening followed the dinner. During the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but failed after two hours' good ringing.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE OF OFFICERS IN NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at Mitcham on Saturday, and about 70 members and friends attended from Banstead, Beddington, Bonhillon, Bishopsgate, Brockley, Bushey, Epsom, Ewell, Edmonton, Camberwell, Croydon, Clapham Park, Finchley, Hampstead, Hillingdon, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham, Reigate, Sunbury, Uxbridge, West Wickham and Hillingdon.

Both towers were available for ringing from 3 p.m., the Parish Church (eight bells) and Christ Church (six bells), and the bells were rung fully muffled for His late Majesty King George V.

Service was held at Christ Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Johnston), and the presence of the choir helped considerably in the singing. Tea followed the service at the Welfare Centre Hall, and 67 sat down to a splendid meal prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Miller and other members and wives of the Christ Church band.

The District Master (Mr. E. G. Talbot) presided over the business meeting, which was rather a lengthy and spirited one.

At the commencement the Chairman asked the company to stand for two minutes in silence as token of loyalty and respect to His late Majesty King George V.

The Vicar then spoke a few words of welcome and wished the association success.

The new year was started well by the election of twelve new district members and four compounding members.

The committee presented a very favourable report on last year's activities. This was adopted by the meeting, as also was the treasurer's report, which showed a good balance on the right side.

It was decided to hold the following meetings during the year if possible: Easter Monday, April 13th, Ewell; June 5th, Banstead; July 25th, a joint meeting with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild at Rammore; September 26th, Beddington; November 28th, Wandsworth; and the annual district meeting on January 30th, 1937, at Streatham.

RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT MASTER.

The next item on the agenda, that of the election of district officers, caused a great deal of discussion, mainly through the resignation of the present District Master. The results were as follows: District Master, Mr. D. Cooper; district treasurer, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; district secretary, Mr. F. Housden; district auditor, Mr. C. Parks; and the three representatives on the committee were Mr. A. W. Clark, of Croydon, Mr. W. C. Smith, of Beddington, and Mr. H. O. Young, of Leatherhead.

Mr. Dan Cooper was, for several years, hon. district secretary.

The Honorary Secretary informed the meeting that Mr. John Lee, of Streatham, an old and well-known member of the district, was very seriously ill in Balham Hospital, and instructions were given to send him a letter and some flowers with an expression of sympathy in his illness.

The secretary also gave notice of a joint mid-week meeting with the Ladies' Guild, to be held at Beckenham on Wednesday, February 12th.

The following general officers were nominated for election at the annual meeting of the association, to be held at Southwark on March 21st: Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; general secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin; assistant general secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby; treasurer, Mr. M. Northover; Central Council representatives, Messrs. C. H. Kippin and D. Cooper.

A discussion arose from the auditor's report, read earlier in the meeting, about the balance in the hands of the district treasurer, and as time was getting late it was decided to bring the matter up for discussion at the next meeting.

The officers were accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for their work during the past year, and the meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of the Parish Church for the use of the bells and the ringers for having everything in readiness, to the Vicar of Christ Church for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and choir, and last, but by no means least, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller and members of the Christ Church band and their wives for their kind hospitality in providing such an excellent tea.

Will members please note that the new district secretary is Mr. F. W. Housden, 134, Park Lane, Carshalton, Surrey.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING OF GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 18th, and, in spite of the wintry weather, a large number of ringers were present. Members attended from Lea, Gainsborough, Upton, Willingham and Stow, and visitors came from Treeton (Yorks), Surfleet, Lincoln and Blankney. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and some good ringing was done in the standard methods, all who wished having a turn at the ropes.

Services was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Round-Turner), and afterwards tea was partaken of at the Sun Hotel.

At the business meeting which followed the officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of Mr. E. Dawber, who wished to be relieved of his duties as district committee representative. Mr. G. W. Creasey was elected to fill the vacancy. Two new members were elected from Lea, and the following six-bell towers were provisionally chosen for this year's meetings: Stow, May 8th; Broughton, June 10th; Epworth (Isle of Axholme, tenor 30 cwt.), August 22nd; and Brigg, October 17th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist and to the caterers.

An added attraction to this meeting was the display of the film depicting scenes of the Australian tour by Mr. Rupert Richardson, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. Butler afterwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Guild Master for contributing such an interesting item to the meeting.

RINGERS WEDDED.

On Saturday, December 28th, the wedding took place of Mr. J. H. Crampion and Miss A. Petty. The bride is a ringer at Christ Church, Wansstead, where the marriage ceremony was performed, and the bridegroom is a member of the Woodford Parish Church company.

Mr. Crampion's ringing prowess is too well known to require description, suffice it to say that he achieved a remarkable degree of fame during the time when he was intimately connected with London ringing circles.

The happy couple were the recipients of many splendid gifts, including a chiming clock from their ringing colleagues. The best wishes of all those readers of 'The Ringing World' who know them will go with it. Mr. and Mrs. Crampion are now living at Chadwell Heath, and are, of course, still continuing their campanological activities.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday week. Ringing began at 3 o'clock, the bells being half-muffled owing to the death of a local resident. The Guild service followed and an address given by the president (the Rev. G. Wright).

Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, and at the business meeting all the officers were re-elected.

The hon. secretary (Mr. P. Page) reported an increase in members and in the balance in hand.

A vote of thanks was passed to the officers for their services.

This concluded the business, and the members were then entertained by the Willesborough Male Voice Choir, who rendered an excellent programme of songs and choruses, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. A successful meeting was concluded by all joining in 'Auld Lang Syne.'

MEMORIAL TOUCHES—Continued from page 73.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): A. R. Glascock 1, E. King 2, D. Pink 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, W. Bowden 7, H. Miller 8, N. A. Tomlinson 9, S. Wade 10. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Mrs. E. King 1, A. R. Glascock 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, D. Ovingdon 4, E. King 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, W. Bowden 8, J. Armstrong (conductor) 9, G. Plater 10.

At St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (half-muffled): J. Luck (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, J. Ewing (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, N. Leiper 3, R. J. G. Thom 4, R. O. Street 5, T. Windermar 6, S. G. Lewis 7, E. Stafford 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, J. Carmichael 10.

On Sunday evening, January 26th, before evensong, a quarter-peal (1,335 changes) of Stedman Caters on the muffled bells of St. Andrew's Church, Derby: T. W. E. Ward 1, G. Ward 2, A. Braines 3, A. G. F. Ward (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, P. H. Tate 5, A. H. Ward 6, *S. Walklate 7, H. Inckle 8, P. W. Cave (conductor) 9, *C. Walklate 10. * First quarter-peal.

On Sunday evening, January 26th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, Dudley: J. W. Smith 1, H. Hubball 2, S. Prestidge 3, J. Round 4, William Davies 5, A. Prestidge, jun. 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, J. H. Davies 8.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above, arranged to be held at Boston on Saturday, Feb. 1st, has been postponed until Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 11th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on Feb. 1st will be postponed until Feb. 22nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The meeting arranged for Feb. 1st at Little Waltham has been postponed until Feb. 29th.—H. W. Shradrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting to be held at the Cathedral has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Branch members are asked to make every effort to attend, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the guild, as important business with regard to the Cathedral bells is on the agenda. Tea (price 6d.) will be served in the Refectory after service, for those whose names are received not later than the Thursday previous.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Graveley. Bells available 3 p.m. Learners welcome and will be well catered for, from 'Rounds' upwards.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. in Parochial Hall, Brighton Road. All ringers welcome.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Penshurst, on Feb. 1st, for the first meeting of the year, of the Tonbridge district. If you don't come, we shall be one short. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells three mins. past hour. Please help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Please note: Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—Alec. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15, with meeting to follow. Ringing: Twickenham (8) 3.30 to 4.45 and after meeting. St. Mary's, Hampton (8), 3.15 to 4.15. Don't forget the p.c. re tea, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Subscriptions now due. All welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Wigston Magna. Bells (8) open during afternoon and evening. Committee meet 3.30. Short service and dedication of peal tablet 4.30. Tea in Church Rooms 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Buses leave Newarkes, Leicester, frequently, and L.M.S. trains to Wigston South. South Wigston bells *not* available for this meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) will be ready 3 p.m. A service will be held. Tea, 9d. per head, at the National School, Hullgate. Come and have a pull on the new peal. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Boston on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. No service. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this ing.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, Feb. 1st, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All ringing friends heartily welcomed; I hope we may see many.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at the Rector's Room. Please come. This should be a good meeting. All ringers and other friends welcome.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Beighton on Saturday, Feb. 1st. For tea, please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting to-morrow (Feb. 1st) at Hethersett. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.15. The support of every member is required.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

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 Feb. 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 18th, St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 27th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.—On Tuesday, Feb. 4th, at 3 p.m., the Rural Dean will hallow the new treble bell and the five bells rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, Ipswich.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Owing to the sudden and tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the Cambridge University Guild's commemoration luncheon on Feb. 4th has been postponed.—A. N. Peter Woodard, Hon. Sec., C.U.G.C.R.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on Feb. 8th at Sleaford. Bells of Parish Church open from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided at 9d. each to those who notify undersigned by Feb. 5th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec., 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Feb. 8th. Holy Trinity bells from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., S. Nicolas' from 3.30. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Ayers' Café (next S. Nicolas') at 5 p.m. Please send me numbers for tea by Feb. 4th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 8th. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., 2 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m. Short Divine service in St. Clement's at 4.15 p.m. A good tea, at 1s. per head, in Perdy's Restaurant nearby at 48, Essex Street, 5 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall 7.15 p.m., to be followed by the handbell contest (about five bands competing). Please let this be a record meeting. Come early.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Feb. 8th. 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 Café, Tower Street, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th?—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly ringing practice will be held at St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Non-members will be welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. each. A good turn up is requested.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Longcot on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, Feb. 6th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Every ringer will be welcome. Come to help others do what you can already do, and be ready to try something fresh yourself. Double Court and Oxford Bob are worth trying.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. to all who notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday next. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree Hotel at 5.40, 1s. each. *Will all intending to be present please advise me by Feb. 5th?* The District Committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea. No. 29 bus or tube to Southgate. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Chiseldon on Feb. 8th. Bells (5). All ringing friends welcome. Kindly advise me numbers for tea not later than Feb. 5th. Please note change of address. All future correspondence should be sent to W. J. Jennings, 16, Lainley's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Feb. 8th, from 5 p.m. Bells (8). All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are due for 1936. — E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea should reach me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—The postponed meeting of this branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, Feb. 8th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8 bells) 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; luncheon, George Hotel (near Clock Tower), 1 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. John's (10), 3.15 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; tea, George Hotel, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Social at Police Headquarters in the evening. Names must reach me not later than Feb. 4th. Hearty invitation to all members and prospective members. Subscriptions for 1936 now due.—Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole (Leicester City), The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at South Wingfield. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, at a moderate charge, at 5 p.m. Please notify me how many will require tea by Wednesday, Feb. 5th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. onwards. Will ALL who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 5th? — R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The annual meeting, postponed from Saturday last, will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous. —G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West St., Welford, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Walton St. Mary's on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Meeting and tea to follow.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Beckenham, Kent, on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m., service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe

on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, Feb. 13th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove (Repton bells not available for this meeting) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Visitors welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 12th.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held jointly with the quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service at 4.30 and tea and business meeting afterwards in the Institute. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Feb. 12th.—A. H. Smith and H. F. Mills, Hon. Secs.

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LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. Apply to me by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, latest. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 5 to 6 p.m. and St. John's (10) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MELTHAM, HUDDERSFIELD. — Centenary of Bells, Feb. 22nd.—Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon Marshall, President, Yorkshire Association. Free tea for ringers sending names to Edward Earnshaw, 124, Helme Lane, Meltham, before Feb. 17th.

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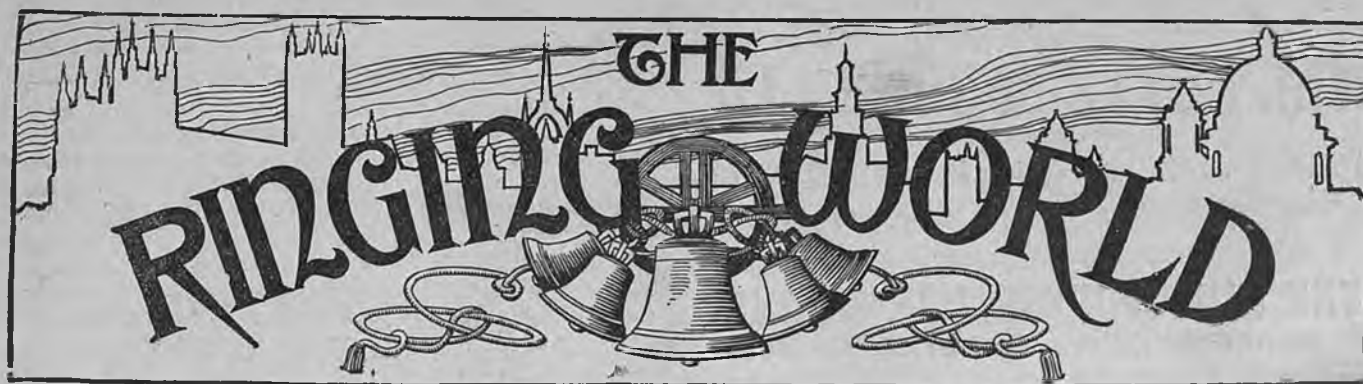
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The recent case in the High Court, to which reference was made in 'The Ringing World,' raises important issues for Church Authorities. It will be remembered that the action was one in which substantial damages for personal injury were awarded to a boy, who, while ringing a bell at a Roman Catholic Church, was struck on the head by a clapper, which fell out of the bell. The defendants were the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark and other trustees of the church, the priest at the time in charge of the church, and the bellhangers, who were a firm of builders. The question before the Court was merely that of damages, liability having been admitted.

It would have been interesting to know something further of the case beyond the rather meagre details that have been published, but there are certainly some facts which are worth considering. Assuming that the boy, then only eight years of age, was ringing (or, more probably, chiming) the bell by authority, this case seems to show that in the event of any accident happening in the belfry, church authorities are liable in damages if the ringers are there for any authorised purpose. The reported case did not, as far as we have seen, reveal the grounds for admitting liability, and there is little use in speculating upon them, but one thing seems certain, that while, up to the present, church authorities may have merely regarded their responsibilities as limited to liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act, in respect of paid ringers, there is a further liability in regard to accidents to unpaid ringers. It may be that negligence by those in authority has first to be proved, but the case just decided seems to point to the fact that a clapper falling out of a bell, the dropping of a piece of plaster from a wall or ceiling, a defective belfry stair (and there are many such) and any similar type of accident, if it results in personal injury, may lead to the award of substantial damages, even if the sufferer is a voluntary worker.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN W. CASTLE Treble	*JACK SMITH... .. 5
LEONARD LAWRENCE... .. 2	*ERIC HAWKE 6
JOSEPH TAYLOR 3	RAYMOND LYDSTER 7
*CYRIL LAWRENCE 4	*ARTHUR G. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. SMITH.

* First peal. First peal by a local band of Sunday service ringers
at this church. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*RONALD F. MOLE Treble	ARTHUR COOK 4
HERBERT C. FORDHAM 2	*ROY I. NELTHORPE 5
WILLIAM GOODSON 3	PERCY L. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by P. L. JOHNSON.

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

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Double Court, one each of Canterbury Pleasure
and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MAURICE MILLARD Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD 2	JAMES SHARPE 5
HARRY JOHNSON... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the first peal of
Minor on these bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1936, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Double Bob, and five
extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11.

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in three methods 'in hand' by all.

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The passing of King George V. led to the ringing of a great number of peals, as an expression of the nation's sorrow, and the ringers' individual tribute of loyal respect to their much-loved Sovereign. The following were among the peals rung; the reports of the remainder will appear in due course.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	ALAN SHORT 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FRED PRICE 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
THOMAS H. REEVES 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
First peal on the bells since they were recast and augmented. The conductor's 300th twelve-bell peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING Treble	A. PADDON SMITH 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	FRED PRICE 8
ALAN SHORT 3	ERNEST MANSSELL 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5	ALBERT WALKER 11
FRANK W. PERRENS 6	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
These two peals were rung with the bells half-muffled in the 'inverted tiltums' and 'hand-stroke home' positions.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Four Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER Treble	HENRY PRING 6
ALFRED PEARCE 2	JACK CARMAN 7
RICHARD CLARK 3	STEPHEN H. WOOD 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	E. GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.
* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled. First peal in the method on the new peal (the last having been rung in 1890).

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS Treble	LESLIE W. STEPHENS 6
CHARLES ALLSOP 2	JOHN GRUNDY 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	JOHN SADDINGTON 8
WILLIAM SMITH 4	COLIN HARRISON 9
FREDERICK H. DEXTER 5	JOHN P. FIDLER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
Rung with half-muffled clappers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE YOUNG Treble	THOMAS HESKETH 5
JOHN ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON 6
THOMAS ROBINSON 3	HERBERT LODKIN 7
JOHN W. GARDNER 4	JAMES BARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. LODKIN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	JOHN P. PELLORE 5
CHARLES W. DENYER 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN DYKE Treble	JOHN H. WHEADON 5
MISS JEAN THOMPSON 2	JAMES BAILEY 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
W. J. ERIC PEARTREE 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WATFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

RICHARD G. BELL Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX 5
CHARLES N. LEMAN 2	STEPHEN H. HOARE 6
WALTER PAUL 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 7
HARRY LONG 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
Rung with fully muffled clappers.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

R. FLETCHER Treble	E. LEWIS 5
J. H. BEAZER 2	G. ROBINSON 6
E. PLAYER 3	H. WOODHAM 7
C. HARDING 4	C. JUKES Tenor

Conducted by H. WOODHAM.

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BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE 1 treble	GARNHAM LINDRIDGE 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	HARRY G. FELTON 6
GEORGE IVES 3	WALTER HAMMOND 7
BERNARD W. PETTIT 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. WIFFEN.
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

*RALPH G. LEY 1 treble	*CHARLES C. RAWDING 5
ERNEST T. KING 2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3	JOHN W. CARTER 7
FRANK RICHARDSON 4	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. JAMES' GUILD.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (4th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. JEANES 1 treble	JACK ROY 5
C. HENRY FLOYD 2	HENRY BUNGAY 6
WILLIAM G. GIGG 3	JAMES HUNT 7
WALTER H. POOLE 4	WALTER E. PRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.
First peal on eight bells as conductor. Rung with half-muffled bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

LEONARD STOKOE 1 treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 4	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells since they were recast. Rung on the middle octave, and with half-muffled clappers.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS 1 treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
GILBERT GERRARD 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 7
JAMES MORGAN 4	ARTHUR JONES Tenor

Conducted by S. JONES, JUN.
Rung with the bells fully muffled except for the tenor, which was open on one side.

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD, SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One 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 1 treble	RALPH WOOD 5
CHARLES ELLIOTT 2	*ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	THOMAS A. EASTERBY 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4	JAMES W. COLBY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.
* First peal away from the tenor with an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled before the memorial service.

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

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON 1 treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
REGINALD ELT 2	RALPH W. SAYERS 6
DENNIS R. SAYERS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
ARTHUR R. MOSELEY 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
Rung half-muffled.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*J. MARTIN 1 treble	*L. TREVOR 5
D. H. ARGYLE 2	J. THOMPSON 6
T. W. CHAPMAN 3	E. MARTIN 7
W. THOMAS 4	E. STONE Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE. Conducted by E. STONE.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Nuneaton.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOSEPH D. WHITE 1 treble	†JAMES W. PIPER 5
WILLIAM J. BRADFELD 2	GEORGE S. PIPER 6
*ARTHUR H. FUNNELL 3	ALFRED C. LEVETT 7
ALBERT A. EASTON 4	WILLIAM LEVETT Tenor

Conducted by A. C. LEVETT.
* First peal. Rung fully muffled. All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

RONALD F. SALTER 1 treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
MISS IDA B. THOMPSON 2	FRED A. SALTER 6
FRANK W. BROWN 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
ALBERT COPPOCK 4	*A. EDMUND CLEMENCE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.
* First peal. Rung with bells deeply muffled.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(THE MITCHAM SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
*LEONARD W. NICHOLAS ... Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5		
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 2	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 6		
† HERBERT TOURLE ... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7		
LAURENCE GREENHOW ... 4	*GEORGE A. WEST ... Tenor		

Conducted by C. POTHECARY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

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

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN FLINT ... Treble	HAROLD JACKSON ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... 2	STANLEY SLANEY ... 6
HARRY PROUT ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
BENJAMIN A. COOPER ... 4	HAROLD KENT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung with fully muffled clappers.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PARKER ... Treble	DAVID HINGLEY ... 5
GEORGE BUTLER ... 2	DENNIS HOLDEN ... 6
GEORGE MEATH ... 3	BERT HORTON ... 7
† JACK GIBBONS ... 4	JOHN PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

PENN, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS HINSALL ... Treble	*CYRIL GRIFFITHS ... 5
ALFRED KERMETH ... 2	JACK BREWSTER ... 6
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 3	EDWARD G. BOWYER ... 7
ARTHUR RODEN ... 4	JEREMIAH BLOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BOWYER.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SHEPPFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise and 1,440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*BERTRAM C. HINES ... Treble	† LESLIE H. THURFT ... 4
JOHN STITCH ... 2	ROBERT HRAZEL ... 5
HARRY TURNER ... 3	EDWARD T. STITCH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells fully muffled (except the tenor, which was half-muffled) at the request of the Rector.

BRECON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*LEO. T. HAVARD ... Treble	WILLIAM EVANS ... 4
*ERNEST WOOLLEY ... 2	DAVID H. BENNETT ... 5
*WILLIAM E. THOMAS ... 3	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

* First peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 26, 1936, 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 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

REGINALD WRIGHT ... Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4
ERIC CLARKE ... 2	THOMAS S. ASTBURY ... 5
ALBERT THOMAS ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung with the bells muffled.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob and 720 College Exercise.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HARRY SEAGER ... Treble	WILLIAM MILLS ... 4
*GEORGE BARKER ... 2	JOHN SHYNN ... 5
FRANK SHYNN ... 3	PERCY SAVER ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SAVER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble	CHARLES WILKINSON ... 4
ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers. 25th peal on the bells.

CADOXTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WYNDBAM LEWIS ... Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... 4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 2	ALBERT DRYDONALD ... 5
DAVID REES ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Osmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being six extents each of Stedman Slow Course and St. Simon's, and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 26 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

FREDERICK C. ISAACS Treble	HAROLD C. R. VINE 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB 5
HERBERT GROVES 3	WILLIAM RUTTLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

First peal in five methods 'inside' by all except the conductor. Rung with clappers half-muffled.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 21 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff. 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.

* 25th peal for the Hereford Guild. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*HARRY HUGHES Treble	REGINALD L. INCE 5
*GEORGE SIMON 2	*JOHN THOMAS 6
*LEE INCE 3	ALBERT E. RICHARDS 7
*THOMAS W. SIMON 4	*JONATHAN YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. RICHARDS.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung on the middle six with the bells half-muffled. The 'whole pull and stand' was also rung 70 times.

PYTHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Canterbury and St. Simon's, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALFRED HICKS Treble	SIDNEY MUNTON 3
GEORGE BROWN 2	GEORGE MIDDLETON 4

RICHARD ABRAMS Tenor

Conducted by S. MUNTON.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled.

MOLD, NORTH WALES.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRED HARTMAN Treble	†E. EVANS 4
*G. WILLIAMS 2	WALTER PRICE 5
*B. GRIFFITHS 3	*E. BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

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

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, London Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANCIS E. CARTER Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
GEORGE W. BURRELL 2	HARVEY E. BURRELL 5
*JOSEPH J. LEESON 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by C. R. BURRELL.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal by a local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gwendoline,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*C. MORGAN DAVIES Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT 4
BERNARD H. DAVIES 2	†STANLEY C. POWELL 5
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS 3	†SELWYN L. SPEAKE Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

* First peal on hunt bell. † First peal. Rung after a memorial service with half-muffled clappers.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

BERNARD C. CASTLE Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 4
GORDON R. CROSS 2	WILLIAM J. FAICE 5
MARIE R. CROSS 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. First in seven methods as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. LITT Treble	ROBERT B. SIMPSON 4
ROBERT JEFF 2	GEORGE W. PARK 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALBERT L. DIXEY Treble	*HARRY CARTER 4
REGINALD C. SIMMONDS 2	ROBERT C. LYON 5
ALBEC M. GENERY 3	GEORGE R. TOWNES Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung with half-muffled bells. The band are all regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**NEW COMPOSITIONS TO BE PRINTED IN ANNUAL REPORT.**

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, February 1st, at Wigston Magna, near Leicester. The fine ring of eight bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening by members from Burton, Derby, Hinckley, Loughborough, Nottingham and Leicester branches, as well as several out-county members. It was unfortunate that South Wigston bells were unavailable for this meeting. The committee met in the afternoon, and arising out of their deliberations it was decided to grant £5 to the Bell Repairs Fund at Austey, Leicester, and also £2 2s. to the William Pye Memorial Fund. It was decided to print the annual report in the usual way, and, after a lengthy discussion, it was proposed to print figures of new compositions rung during 1935 and the new methods rung by the Wigston Magna band.

A short service followed, conducted by the Vicar, and a peal board dedicated recording the Jubilee peal of Buckingham Surprise Major.

Tea was served in the Church Rooms at 5 p.m. and over 30 ringers and friends sat down. Immediately afterwards the general business was proceeded with. The president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) gave a review of the past quarter's work, but first voiced the feeling of all present at the great national loss of H.M. King George V., and asked all to stand a few moments to his beloved and respected memory.

Fewer peals had been rung during the quarter, but calling for special mention was the new method called Claybrook Surprise Major, rung by the Wigston Magna band, and 9,760 Bob Major, composed and called by the general hon. secretary, which never had a single bob, but 400 singles! He was pleased to have the Vicar of Wigston present at the meeting and thanked him for the inspiring service.—The Vicar, in reply, gave a welcome to all members present and trusted all had enjoyed the bells.

New members proposed since the last meeting, viz., 15 ordinary, two rejoining, two life, two honorary, were duly elected.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) explained that nominations for Central Council representatives and general officers, if duly proposed and seconded, could be received by the general hon. secretary up to one month before the annual meeting at Easter.

Two auditors to check accounts were duly chosen—Messrs. C. Harrison and J. H. Dean.

This concluded the business, and Mr. J. H. Swinfield proposed a vote of thanks to the local company for all arrangements made and to the ladies for catering. Further ringing on the bells and 'impromptu meetings' elsewhere brought a successful afternoon to a close.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**MEMORIAL TO LATE MASTER DEDICATED.**

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 25th. Despite the national mourning for the death of King George V., the attendance was considered very good, about 50 members and friends attending. Although there was no ringing on the tower bells, the time was well occupied in handbell ringing. At 5 o'clock the Vicar unveiled the memorial to the late respected Master of the society, Mr. J. D. Matthews. In a few well-chosen remarks, Canon McCormick spoke of the great work Mr. Matthews had done for the society.

Mr. G. Cross (Master) then asked the Vicar to accept and dedicate this memorial to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Matthews.

After a prayer, the Vicar pulled aside the curtain which covered the tablet.

The Lord's Prayer was repeated by all and the ceremony concluded with the Blessing.

The tablet is of black glass in the shape of a bell, with gold lettering, supplied by Messrs. Caspar and Co.

A sumptuous tea was provided by the Vicar and Church Council in the canteen, and afterwards a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells to the delight of the assistants.

A move was then made to the celebrated Vestry Hall, where the business meeting was held. The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer (Mr. G. W. Steere), and showed a very satisfactory balance on the right side—about double of the previous year.

The secretary (Mr. G. A. Card) gave his report, which was also considered very satisfactory, as progress had been maintained.

The following officers were then elected: Master, Mr. G. H. Cross; secretary, Mr. G. A. Card; treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere; trustees, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. A. Hardy; senior steward, Mr. T. Bevan; junior steward, Mr. F. Arnold; auditors, Mr. T. Newman and Mr. F. Symonds.

It was decided to hold three quarterly meetings, as usual, the following places and dates being decided upon, providing permission be obtained: March 28th, Gravesend; July 18th, Beddington; October 10th, Walthamstow. Due notice of these meetings will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

It was also decided to hold a practice meeting at Shoreditch on the last Thursday in the month, from 6 to 8.30, to help on the young members at this church.

Four representatives for the Central Council were elected, viz., Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. W. Steere, Mr. J. Parker and Mr. G. Gilbert. This concluded the business, and the Vicar was thanked for presiding.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret that owing to the great pressure on our space, many peal reports and touches are unavoidably held over, as is also the report of the reopening of Marple bells, which have been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co. A report of the annual meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild will appear in our next issue.

During the peal at Finchampstead on January 28th it was noticed that all the ringers were wearing spectacles! This may not be a new record, but it is certainly a rare occurrence.

The ring of five of Thornford Church, Dorset, is to be rehung and a new treble added to make six. The work is in the capable hands of John Taylor and Co.

We are not surprised to learn that Mr. J. T. Dyke, the genial hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has received many congratulations upon the performance at Chewton Mendip, recorded in our last issue. A † indicated that it was his first peal of Surprise Major. Even the printer's 'devil' should have known better than this, but there's many a slip—when one is handling type.

The ladies are to hold a meeting at Ossett, near Wakefield, on February 29th. As usual the presence of gentlemen will be welcome, but the secretary warns them, by asking them to note the date!

The two eight-bell towers in Taunton have four active ringing members, each of whom has called a peal on eight bells.

Frederick G. Smith, aged 16, the ringer of the treble in the peal at Beaconsfield, rang his first peal (Bob Major) without the least semblance of a trip. There are very few ringers, of any age, who ring their first peal without a slip of any kind, and Fred Smith's performance was a highly creditable one.

MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice by your peal reports that some muffled ringing was done at the usual ringing speed, and one footnote even adds, 'Quickest peal on the bells.'

I venture to suggest that muffled ringing loses its beauty if carried out at the usual speed and method, but is most impressive rung with half-muffled clappers in whole pulls, or, better still, call changes. At the tower where I ring we could not manage whole pull changes to a method, so arranged suitable call changes, the tenor making about 15 blows per minute.

It would be interesting to hear what is considered correct.

There is no time given for the quarter-peals.

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Somerset.

HALF OR FULL MUFFLED?

Dear Sir,—In going through my 'Ringing World' of last week I was surprised to find that bells had been rung in peals or quarter-peals two ways, some half-muffled and some fully muffled for our beloved King. For my part, I think this was wrong to have had two kinds as stated above. Going back to the time of Queen Victoria's death, I have always understood that bells should be rung fully muffled for any member of the Royal Family, which I take it means King or Queen and sons and daughters of the Royal House.

As we ring bells half-muffled for, say, clergy, churchwardens and ringers or anyone else of importance, when it comes to such a sad loss as the nation has just sustained I think there should be a marked difference in the way in which the bells should be muffled.

We all know our King looked upon himself as just an ordinary man, but the whole nation looked upon him as something far beyond that. I certainly think that we ringers should be given to understand which is the right way to have them muffled, then whenever such a sad event falls upon the nation again—I trust this may be a long, long way off—all bells will be muffled in the same way throughout the country. At Broxbourne we had them fully muffled with the tenor open one side.

May I ask if the Central Council could discuss this matter at some convenient time and inform all ringers of their view on this important subject?

I trust no ringer or ringers will think I am making an attack on any ringing, whether half or fully muffled, because we all had the same sincerity at the end of the rope. All I am asking is for information as to which is the correct way to muffle bells on the death of a member of the Royal Family.

G. RADLEY.

OAK PANEL PRESENTED AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD.

At the half-yearly meeting of St. Michael's bellringers on Thursday, January 30th, an oak panel recording two peals—a peal of Stedman Triples and a peal of Bob Major—was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. W. McCarthy). This oak panel was presented to the belfry by Mr. H. M. White, the secretary of the local band, the peal of Bob Major having been rung upon his silver wedding. Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Chichester, and formerly of Bishop's Stortford, who conducted the peal, was present, and the ringers gave him a hearty welcome.

The Vicar thanked Mr. White on behalf of the churchwarden and all present for this handsome gift.

During the evening touches were rung in various methods, including Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters.

DEATH OF REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE

WALSOKEN MOURNS A BELOVED PRIEST.

Many tributes have been paid to the loss which the parish of Walsoken, the town of Wisbech and the Diocese of Ely have sustained by the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who, as recorded last week, was killed by a falling tree in the Rectory grounds on January 25th.

Apart from his purely parochial duties, Mr. Drake had allied himself to many good causes, and took an active part in social as well as church life in the district.

He took great interest in the affairs of the British Legion, and was chaplain and vice-president of Walsoken branch. In Freemasonry he was Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Hertfordshire.

The great grief felt in the district at his death was manifested at the funeral on Wednesday week, when, despite a rain that never ceased, such a large and representative congregation assembled that the church would not hold all who attended.

The Bishop of Ely (the Rt. Rev. B. O. F. Heywood) took part in the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Wisbech (the Rev. H. K. Stallard). Prayers were recited by Archdeacon Ward, and the committal prayers were read by the late Rector's cousin, Canon F. Halsey, of Great Gaddesden, Herts, where Mr. Drake's father was formerly Vicar.

In addition to the family mourners were many clergy, most of whom were robed.

There was a parade of the British Legion, with their standard. The Women's Section, with their standard, was also represented, while the Wisbech Salvation Army was present with their band. Wisbech Brotherhood and Wisbech V.A.D. sent representatives, as did also the local lodges of Freemasons, the Walsoken Rectory Bowls Club, the Wisbech Women's Institute and the Wisbech Male Voice Choir.

Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) and Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary) represented the Central Council, and other ringers present were Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. R. Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mrs. Richardson (hon. secretary, Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild), Miss K. Willers (hon. secretary, Ely Diocesan Association), Mr. F. Warrington (hon. secretary, Ely Diocesan Association, Central District), Mr. A. N. P. Woodard (hon. secretary) and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (representing Cambridge University Guild), Messrs. R. Crofts (Elm), A. Johnson and W. Mann (Hilgay), J. R. Smith (Wisbech), S. Ingle and E. Shinkins (Terrington), A. V. Bowen (Shouldham), O. Cousins and W. Cousins (Terrington St. John), A. G. Giddins (March), etc.

At the graveside rounds were rung on handbells by members of the Ely Association and the local service ringers.

Touces of Bob Minor were rung on the tower bells, with clappers deeply muffled, both before and after the service, and muffled ringing took place on the bells at several towers in the Wisbech Rural Deanery.

At Walsoken, on Sunday, February 2nd, the bells were rung with clappers deeply muffled. Touces of Bob Minor were rung before morning service, and in the evening a 720 of Bob Minor: W. Storey 1, W. Cousins 2, G. F. Mason 3, S. Stead 4, Lewis Bush 5, F. C. Wigmore (conductor) 6.

On Saturday, eight members of the Wisbech Branch of Ely Diocesan Association attempted a peal of St. Clement's Bob Major at All Saints' Church, Hilgay, with the bells half-muffled, but owing to a shift course the bells were called into rounds after 1 hour 15 minutes' good ringing.

At the inquest, which had been held on the preceding Monday, evidence was given that the tree felling was begun during the Saturday afternoon, but was held up for a time owing to rain. It was completed by lamp-light, and just before the tree was thrown, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was warned by Alfred Freeman, who was doing the work, assisted by his son, to stand in a place of safety, which he pointed out to the Rector. Apparently the Rector did not stop in this spot, for after the tree was down Freeman failed

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The Late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.

THE CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.

WHAT THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY HAS SAID.

Striking Contrast With Vicar of Kingston's Views.

The extraordinary attitude taken up by the Vicar of Kingston-on-Thames with regard to the relation of his bells to the Church has been the subject of much comment among ringers, and to many of those who love church bells, because of their association with centuries of Christian worship, it came as a painful surprise.

The Rev. T. B. Scrutton's views are, happily, shared by few of his fellow clergy, and we present below a striking contrast. One quotation is from the declaration of the Vicar of Kingston; the other is extracted from the address given by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the jubilee service of the Kent County Association in Canterbury Cathedral on Easter Monday, 1930.

The Vicar of Kingston:

The bells are of no interest to the Church as a Church. As a machine for spreading Christianity, which is its primary function, the Church has no interest in bells. They may be of some slight interest to the Church in awakening people's interest in it, but if I regard myself as one whose business it is to assist Christianity in Kingston, then I take not the smallest interest in the bells. The only interest I have in them is as a Kingstonian. The interest is municipal—civic. It is not a Church of England interest. Some people may be inclined to say: 'It is the business of the parish church—let them get on with it.' But, quite honestly, if it is left to us the bells will be left.'

The Archbishop of Canterbury:

The voice of the church bells is, among the many voices of the world, full of a very special significance and meaning. . . . Some of the deepest associations of human life, most of all, of course, the message of the Church, the bells speak out. There are other voices within the Church, of teaching, of worship and of praise, but the bells always seem to me to be the voice of the Church itself, when the buildings, so many of them old and venerable, try to speak for themselves. The bells, therefore, give their witness of what the churches themselves stand for throughout all the changes and chances of the generations that have passed, of things that are unseen and eternal. Sunday by Sunday the sounding of the bells reminds the people of God's claim upon their lives. . . . To me there is always something joyful and rather assuring in the sound of the bells. They speak of the faith that endures and of the everlasting gospel of the love of God.

DOES MUSIC OF BELLS MEAN NOTHING?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is, indeed, difficult to write with restraint of the remarks uttered by the Vicar of Kingston, and, although it may be impossible for a ringer to view the subject with the reverend gentleman's eyes, can it be really possible that the music of the bells means nothing to him?

I cannot bring myself to believe that if the Rev. T. B. Scrutton was at Westminster on Tuesday last, as I was, he could possibly have failed to be deeply moved, for of all the sounds I heard on that day none of them had the effect of stirring up the emotion as the wonderful mournful rhythm of the Abbey bells—and, my word, how they were rung!

Bells have always been regarded as the most appropriate way of expressing the nation's joys and sorrows, to say nothing of their regular Sunday ringing to remind us of our duty to God and His House.

Lastly, if the Vicar of Kingston was really in earnest, and no one will deny that he was very frank, it is time he moved to a church without a peal of bells and made room for someone a little more sympathetic towards our very ancient and noble art.

We should be very thankful that there are few clergymen who hold that view, and I trust that his convictions will be overruled.

WILLIAM T. GRICE.

Barming, Kent.

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to find him there, and, on searching, discovered him crushed under a bough. Medical evidence showed that death was instantaneous, for the Rector sustained a broken neck, a broken back, a fractured skull and a broken nose.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of 'Death by misadventure,' and added that Freeman was in no way to blame for the occurrence. The Coroner expressed his profound sympathy with the family, and Police Supt. Green, associating himself with the expression of sympathy, said the Rector's death would be deplored by all who knew him. 'His death,' he added, 'has robbed us of a very beloved priest.'

MUFFLED RINGING FOR DEAD KING

The number of muffled or half-muffled peals and touches rung for the death of His Majesty King George V. was greater probably than for any previous monarch. Reports of about 150 peals have been sent to us, apart from the great number of shorter lengths which have been rung—evidence of the determination of ringers everywhere to ensure that the bells took their traditional place in the national mourning.

We referred last week to the wonderful effect of the beautiful ringing at Westminster Abbey, as the solemn funeral procession started out from Westminster Hall.

The cortege arrived at Windsor to the tolling of the 'Sebastopol' bell, hung in the Round Tower of the Castle, while during the procession the tenor at the Parish Church was tolled.

Some very fine half-muffled Stedman Cinques was heard at St. Paul's Cathedral before the great memorial service held on the afternoon of the funeral, and at Windsor in the evening half-muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung at the Curfew Tower and the Parish Church.

At the Parish Church on Sunday, January 26th, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evensong: J. A. Glass 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, L. Stilwell 4, W. W. Phipps 5, A. R. Pink 6, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 7, F. Simmonds 8.

PEAL ATTEMPT COMES ROUND TOO SOON.

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples at Lyme Regis on the day of the King's funeral came to an unexpected and disappointing end. Holt's Original was being attempted, but when 4,368 changes had been rung in 2 hours 45 minutes, the bells, owing to an unfortunate lapse on the part of the conductor, were allowed to run round at the end of the plain course, which comes up at this point of the peal: F. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, C. W. H. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 6, F. Price 7, W. G. Sartin 8. On Tuesday, January 21st, with the bells half-muffled in memory of King George V., the whole pull and stand for the 70 years of his age was rung by Rev. C. C. Cox 1, F. Hiscock 2, C. W. Powell 3, J. E. Philbrick 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Dunmow, Essex, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major with the bells half-muffled: G. Pitts 1, R. Roper 2, W. Richardson 3, A. Perry 4, A. Smith 5, G. Saunders 6, J. Jennings 7, W. Smith (conductor) 8.

At Sulgrave, after a memorial service on January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, the bells being fully muffled: T. Wilcox 1, J. Salisbury 2, W. Branson (conductor) 3, L. Wootton 4, J. Murrell 5, — Wilcox 6.

At the Parish Church, Luton, Beds, on the occasion of H.M. King George's funeral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, half-muffled: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Kendall 4, A. J. Smith 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, E. Shane 8.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled at the Ashford Parish Church, Kent, on Sunday evening, January 26th: Mrs. Everett 1, P. Page 2, J. Parsons 3, G. Swaffer 4, T. Cullingworth 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, D. Godden 8. On Tuesday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. Everett 1, R. Edwards 2, F. Conley 3, G. Swaffer 4, T. Cullingworth 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, R. Goldup 8.

At the Church of St. Mary, Hornsey, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being 10½ different six-scores: Rev. D. A. Bailey (first quarter-peal) 1, J. G. Nash (conductor) 2, D. G. Hibble 3, F. Fensom 4, J. Clouston 5, G. W. Blee 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled.

At St. Giles', Willenhall, on Tuesday evening, January 28th, with the bells muffled, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering: A. Evans 1, J. Evans 2, J. Picken 3, J. Luck 4, C. Wallater (conductor) 5, W. Edge 6, A. E. Read 7, H. Ludford 8. First 720 in the method for all except the conductor.

At Oversal, Derbyshire, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,554 changes), with the bells half-muffled, at the Church of St. Matthew: H. Adams 1, W. Curson (conductor) 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, J. W. Cotton 6, G. W. Clayfield 7, H. Curson 8.

The bells of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, were rung half-muffled for the funeral of King George V., and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): H. Griffiths 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, T. Roden 3, G. A. Baker 4, N. H. Smith 5, K. Knowles 6, J. D. G. Harris 7, F. Brotherton 8, W. H. Lawley 9, G. Langley 10.

A fully muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, for evensong on February 2nd: W. Witterick (first quarter-peal) 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, H. Wills 3, A. Jones 4, F. Jones 5, W. Bulpitt 6, F. Lecks 7, R. Simmons 8, H. Simmons 9, E. Denham 10.

On Saturday, January 25th, at St. Peter's, Powick, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: T. W. Lewis (conductor) 1, F. Barnett 2, J. Woodyatt 3, H. Cole 4, F. Woodward 5, F. Yates 6.

(Other memorial touches will be published next week).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

Over thirty members, representing the four branches, from Buxton, Dersingham, Diss, Fakenham, Garboldisham, North Walsham, Norwich, Shelfanger, Winfarthing, Wroxham, Wymondham, Yarmouth and the local band, supported the annual meeting of the North Norfolk branch at Hethersett on Saturday last. A variety of methods from Grandsire to London Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The Rector of Hethersett (the Rev. J. M. McAnally) conducted a shortened form of evensong in the church, and, following this, most adjourned for tea in the Church Rooms.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the Rev. H. W. Benson was unanimously re-elected branch chairman, while Mr. N. Golden was asked to continue as hon. secretary. Messrs. G. Bailey (Wroxham), H. F. Carter (Aylsham), W. Clover (Wymondham), W. C. Duffield (Buxton) and G. Mayers (Norwich) were elected committee members, and Messrs. Bailey and Duffield were re-elected members of the Standing Committee of the Association.

Mr. J. R. Hindry was elected a performing member, the belfry elections of Messrs. W. Clarke and J. H. Arbon were ratified, while Mr. C. V. Blake was re-elected a member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Scetow on May 2nd. The South Norfolk Branch meets at Diss on May 16th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. M. McAnally for conducting the service and for his hearty welcome to Hethersett concluded the business of the meeting.

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 18th, the South Norfolk Branch held its annual meeting at Pulham Market. Members from Diss, Redenhall, Saxlingham, Starston, St. Margaret's, Garboldisham, Winfarthing, Shelfanger and the local band supported the meeting, while the usual group turned up from Norwich and Wymondham.

The Rector of St. Mary Magdalen, Pulham, conducted a short service with a congregation of 30 ringers, and then followed tea, the members, as usual, being the guests of the Rector.

At the business meeting the Rev. R. H. Stacey presided, supported by Mr. W. L. Duffield, branch chairman, and Messrs. H. G. Bennett, A. G. Harrison, R. Riches and E. Whiting, members of the committee.

A letter from the hon. branch secretary was read apologising for his absence, due to illness.

The branch chairman, hon. secretary and the committee were re-elected en bloc, and Messrs. W. E. Bason and E. G. Bennett were nominated as members of the General Committee of the association.

Mr. F. T. Bloomfield, of Garboldisham, was elected a performing member of the association.

The next meeting of the branch is to be held at Diss, on a date in May to be fixed by the secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for his address, his hospitality and his services in the chair was carried enthusiastically, and the best wishes of the meeting for a speedy recovery were sent to Mr. Nolan Golden, the hon. secretary.

DEATH OF MR. ALPHÆUS BERRY.

SUFFOLK RINGER WHO DIED IN HOUSE WHERE HE WAS BORN.

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. Alphæus Berry, which occurred somewhat suddenly, on Wednesday, January 22nd, at Thornham, Suffolk, in the house in which he was born 52 years ago. For some years he had been district secretary of the Eye Branch of the Suffolk Guild. Till four years ago, when he was appointed sexton of Thornham Church, he had been an enthusiastic peal ringer, and had rung upwards of 330 peals, often cycling many miles after a day's work to make peal attempts in various methods. He took part in a peal of 10,080 changes in 14 Treble Bob methods in 1912, also, in more recent years, in most of the peals of Surprise Minor rung there.

The deceased was interred in the presence of a large congregation, which included Lord Henniker, the Hon. John Henniker, Rev. the Hon. Victor Henniker, who, with the branch chaplain of the British Legion, conducted the service. Deceased was a member of the Legion, and 30 members attended. All the workmen on the Thornham Hall Estate, where Mr. Berry was foreman, were present.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung with half-muffled clappers by ringers from Braisworth, Cotton, Diss, Eye, Fressingham, Gislegham, Garboldisham, Mendlesham, Redgrave, Shelfanger, Stoke Ash, Thornham, Thorndon, Walsham le Willows, Wickham Skeith, Wetheringsett, Wymondham and Yaxley. On the following evening an excellently struck half-muffled peal was rung.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—At St. Botolph's Church, for morning service on Sunday, December 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. R. Dyke (first quarter-peal) 1, G. J. Butcher (conductor) 2, R. Smith 3, L. T. Stacey 4, T. Taylor 5, A. Durling 6, R. A. Constant 7, G. W. Hammond 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SONNING BRANCH.

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting, as usual, at Wokingham, Berks, when, despite the arctic weather, a considerable number of members (including several ladies) attended.

Ringling took place at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches both before and after the meeting.

Service was held at All Saints' Church, the Rector (the Rev. G. Kenworthy) officiating, assisted by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (who read the lesson), the Deputy Master (the Rev. G. Elliot Wigg), and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (curate of All Saints'), who preached a striking sermon from Revelations iii, 15: 'Neither cold nor hot.' He remarked that the text emphasised that our religion should be filled with fervour: strong words, almost as though it were better not to become Christians at all than be lukewarm Christians. Everything was to be keen. Our Lord's parables emphasised this. The people mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles were 'all out' for their Lord. It was the same now. They were told about the uselessness of the slacker; he was of no help to the Lord's work on earth, but directly hindering it. The history of the Church showed that, when from flourishing it 'slipped back,' slackness was the cause. When Christians were so keen that they feared not persecution or even death, the Church flourished.

We wanted not so much better Christians as more of them in these days if the Church was to go forward. It was up to each one to see if he were 'pulling his weight' or whether he was hindering the work of the Church, which had no use for slackers—those who came to see and then, censorious, went away saying, 'That was not very much help to me.' Those only of real help to our Lord were those who went out after Him in a spirit of absolute loyalty to Him. Slackness was the one great drawback in all their work for our Lord and His Church. The keen ones were a tremendous support to the Church, but there was room for improvement.

The preacher then indicated ways in which people might become even a little more helpful. These included for ringers—keenness in their work, shown in punctuality for ringing for church services on Sunday and for practice on weekdays—a help and not a hindrance to the band. There was a difference, he said, between choir and ringers. In the former, one voice out of a part, wrong or absent, might pass comparatively unnoticed, but the ringer absent or incorrect was bound to have an obvious effect. The preacher added that he had scarcely dared to say so much, but for an article he recently read in 'The Ringing World' on this subject, and went on to say: 'Ringers, on the whole, are the most splendid fellows I have ever met, and when the youngsters get heckled by the other ringers it is all to the good. Don't be offended when you are told of your mistakes. Ringing is a very difficult task, and surely that is what makes it so worth while. Always be trying to learn something new. You improve by practice.'

To take pride in one's work and to work together as a team were well worth while, he proceeded, and mentioned a tower, 'not far from here,' where in 1934, out of a possible 1,100 attendances only 25 were missed! Such could be done by keenness. It was well, sometimes, to think about all those little faults and failings, too, as well as to remind themselves what a tremendous privilege it was to be a ringer, even if people did discourage by criticism.

Among those present at the service and subsequent proceedings included the Revs. A. P. Carr, W. T. Stubbs and L. R. Majendie, Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), with foremen of the towers and ringers, a congregation of about 70.

A collection for the Branch Restoration Fund amounted to £12s. 6d. Mr. A. Yould, F.R.C.O., was at the organ and played 'Belfry Praise,' for 'Unchanging God Who livest' and 'Each Lord's Day morn,' sung during the service.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The usual meat tea followed, held in the All Saints' Church House, the fare including the much favoured Wokingham meat pies and also mince pies. Miss A. H. Walker and her helpers, the Misses Greany, Ward, Cox, Butler and Mesdames Rose, Henderson, Brooks, Lindsey and Willis, formed the efficient staff of waitresses, etc., while, under Mr. C. Goddard's able direction, the Rev. R. L. Majendie, Messrs. F. E. Chapman, A. E. Priest, W. Houlton and L. Russell acted as carvers.

The meal over, the Master thanked in happy terms the ladies and gentlemen who had carried out the tea arrangements, and this was emphasised by acclamation.

Mr. W. J. Paice (the hon. secretary) thanked the two Rectors for their kindness in allowing the use of their towers, not only on that day, but on many other occasions. He further thanked the Rector of All Saints' for the service, which they were always delighted to attend on those occasions. He further thanked the preacher (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow), whose sermon, he said, had hit the nail right on the head, and he hoped it would go in deep. He also thanked Mr. Yould, the organist, for his beautiful music, and regretted that Mr. Yould was unable to be with them at the tea.

The Rev. G. Kenworthy, responding, paid a tribute to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow's sermon, and remarked that since Mr. Thurlow's coming to All Saints' he himself had learnt quite a lot about bell-

ringing and what a wonderful art it was. He felt they were a splendid lot of ringers (applause).

The Master of the Guild (Canon Coleridge) presided at the business meeting.

The hon. secretary referred to Mr. Darvill, of Waltham St. Lawrence, and Mr. A. H. Jones, of Wokingham (both members of long standing), who were ill and unable to attend the meeting. He congratulated Mr. W. Bagley, of Easthamstead, upon his partial recovery from eye trouble, expressing pleasure at seeing Mr. Bagley again with them (applause).

The balance sheet was then presented by Mr. Paice as hon. treasurer. The balance had increased from £5 12s. 1d. in 1934 to £11 7s. 3d. on December 31st, 1935. He thanked Miss Walker for her donation of £3 15s., and paid a warm tribute to Mr. Owen Goddard for his kind services as auditor. He also thanked the hon. members and foremen of towers for the prompt payment of subscriptions.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Moth, seconded by Mr. L. Russell, the report was adopted.

Mr. Moth then said Mr. Paice had not drawn his honorarium, voted some years back.—Mr. Paice said he did not take it, as the branch had not given instructions.—Mr. Moth then moved, and Mr. Rance seconded, 'That the sum of four guineas be awarded to Mr. Paice, as honorarium for two years.'—This was carried unanimously, and Mr. Paice expressed thanks.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. Paice reported 27 honorary and 142 ringing members, against 25 and 153 the year before. During the year Dr. Atlee had left Burfield and the Rev. J. G. Elwood had succeeded him. Miss Renshaw, of Waltham St. Lawrence, had passed away, and her sister, Mrs. Robins, had expressed a wish to fill her place as an honorary member. Mr. F. Hanson, a Wargrave ringer, had also passed away. In many ways the past year had shown increased activity, and more keenness had been shown by many members. At a successful meeting at Waltham St. Lawrence in the summer, a variety of methods were rung in good style. The Rector and parishioners were thanked for their kind welcome and hospitality. Peals had been brought home by mixed bands from the Deanery towers, but none by individual branch towers. Good practice in Minor methods had been put in at several of the towers. Barkham tower and ringers had again withdrawn.—The report was adopted, with thanks to the secretary.

The Deputy Master presided pro tem. while the chairman was unanimously re-elected.—Canon Coleridge, thanking the branch for the honour, said he would do his best, but age and infirmity precluded his mounting tower steps. He would soon reach his 80th year.

Mr. W. J. Paice was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. Moth, seconded by Mr. F. Dentry, who both expressed cordial appreciation of the excellent work done by the hon. secretary.

Mr. Paice suitably responded, and referred to Mr. G. J. Wright, of Sonning, who was not present owing to illness. He was one of their oldest members, and he wished him many more happy years.

Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and J. White were then re-elected branch representatives to the Guild Committee. The Branch Committee, consisting of foremen of the towers, was re-elected.

Recommendation from the Branch Committee for a half-yearly meeting to be held in June at Waltham St. Lawrence, and for monthly combined practices as before, were carried.

The Master regretted that, with so few of his Saturdays free and his not being able now to get about as he would have liked, he had very little to report. He proceeded humorously to make an encouraging speech (applause).

The Deputy Master, in similar vein, expressed his satisfaction at visiting the Sonning Branch, also his pleasure at the way in which Mr. Yould had so beautifully played the organ that day.

Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer) said the money for the Guild was coming in very satisfactorily. He hoped for a better balance than they had last year. Although past 'man's allotted span of life,' he would still do his little bit for the Guild. He wished everything good for the Sonning Branch, which always gave him a hearty welcome. They always did their best, and Mr. Paice was again first in getting in his figures. He congratulated him on his treasurership and for his Restoration Fund. He wished every tower and branch would do that, in which case they would be much better off. He wished them all a very happy New Year (applause).

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary) congratulated Mr. Paice on being 'first in.' Mr. Hibbert said that he could himself still get up tower steps and crawl over the framework of bells. Easthamstead had invited help for reconditioning their bells, which request he recommended to Mr. Paice and to the Guild Restoration Fund Committee, who would themselves make a recommendation. The Guild was for mutual help, and he hoped somebody would bring the matter forward. 'Let all work together with loyal support,' he added.

The Rev. W. T. Stubbs, Rector of Easthamstead, said about £150 would be required for the restoration of bells and tower. He would ask the Guild to loan the amount, and hoped, in a year, to collect sufficient to repay it.

On the proposition of Mr. Paice, seconded by Mr. Rance, five guineas was voted unanimously to Easthamstead from the Branch Restoration Fund.

The Rev. A. P. Carr thanked the chairman for presiding, and Canon Coleridge, in reply, said he hoped for some time yet to be with them, either as a humble member or as their chairman (applause).

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTEIGN DISTRICT WANTS TO CHANGE ITS NAME.

The annual meeting of the Presteign District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Lyonshall on Saturday, January 25th. The towers represented were Kington, Eardisland, Dilwyn, Staunton-on-Arrow and Lyonshall. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Ellison), who made special mention of the great national loss by the death of King George. Tea was afterwards provided at the Vicarage by the Vicar, and this was followed by the annual business meeting. The Vicar presided. Mr. T. Jones (Kington) was elected District Ringing Master for the ensuing year. The instructors, Mr. L. Evans (Eardisland) and Mr. W. Richards (Lyonshall), were re-elected, as also was the hon. secretary (Mr. Jahcz Preice).

In his report, the secretary paid high tribute to Lyonshall and Staunton-on-Arrow ringers for attendances at the combined practices and quarterly meetings, and said that, on the whole, members attended much better in 1935 than before.

There was a long discussion on changing the name of the district, and it was unanimously agreed that it should be called the 'Kington' District instead of the 'Presteign' District. The decision will be sent to the Hereford Guild for approval.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at New Radnor in May. Four new members, three from Kington and one from Lyonshall, were elected, and five qualified for certificates, three from Staunton-on-Arrow and two from Lyonshall.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for taking the service and providing the tea, to the lady helpers, and also to Mr. Bowen (Lyonshall) for acting as organist. The bells were afterwards rung half-muffled till 9 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRANCH COMMITTEES THAT DO NOT MEET.

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Kidderminster on January 18th. Good use was made of the new ring of twelve bells, and the service, held in church, was conducted by the Vicar (Canon L. B. Sladen, M.A.), who also gave the address.

Tea, by invitation, was provided in the Parish Hall, at which about 50 members sat down. The Vicar presided at the subsequent business meeting, supported by Mr. J. Hemming, Mr. Charles Woodbury, Mr. J. Bass (Central Committee representative) and Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian).

Reference was made to the loss to the association by death of Mr. Harry Mason, who had been an indefatigable worker for the association. His gifts were always of material value to the association. It was proposed that the secretary send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Mason, the members agreeing by standing in silence a few moments.

Another gentleman who had also passed on was remembered by a great many of the older members, the Rev. C. A. Clements.

Apologies were announced from Mr. W. B. Cartwright, the branch secretary; Mr. J. D. Johnson, general secretary of the association, and Mr. W. Short, Ringing Master of the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chaddesley Corbett in June, and it was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Kidderminster, by the kind permission of the Vicar.

Five new performing members were elected.

Mr. R. Matthews raised an interesting point. Each branch, he said, had a committee consisting of the leader of each company, who should be responsible for all moneys due to the association and see that they were duly collected. He had no recollection of them ever being called together, and he thought it would be a good thing for them to meet and discuss matters concerning the towers in the branch.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, to the organist and to those who had kindly provided the tea and waited upon the members.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

Although the weather was uninviting, a considerable number of members assembled at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

The Rev. D. J. Wilson, Vicar, conducted the service, and gave an interesting address. In the course of his remarks, the Vicar said how pleased he was to see some of his old friends from St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, where at one time he was doing service as curate. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, at the conclusion of which the Rev. C. H. Barker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, towerkeeper and the caterers.

It was resolved to hold a special meeting for practice at Wombourne on Saturday, March 14th, of which due notice will be given.

On the proposition of Mr. K. Knowles, the clerical secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. George Hughes—who is at present in hospital—with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The next quarterly meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Walsall on Saturday, April 25th.

FOR BEGINNERS.

PITFALLS IN EARLY COMPOSING.

There are many young ringers who like trying their hand at composing. Last week we showed those who would like to find new methods one of the pitfalls which must be avoided if they try to construct a new method. Here are one or two points selected at random which they must bear in mind if they endeavour to compose touches or peals.

The indiscriminate stringing together of lead-ends (or 'lead-heads') and courses does not necessarily lead to a true touch or peal. You can, by experience and study, get to know that certain combinations produce certain true blocks of changes, either of leads or courses, but departure from what we may term these standardised callings requires the application of tests, to ensure truth, that cannot be ignored.

For instance, if you are trying to get a composition of Grandsire Triples, you cannot throw in the bobs anywhere until the bells are brought round, and depend upon it being a true touch. To give the simplest example: If you are pricking your touch by the lead-ends, you cannot have 325476 at a plain lead or a bob, because before that comes up in your ringing you will have had 'rounds' at hand-stroke.

But the liability of error goes much deeper than that. Every lead-end can be produced in two ways, by a plain lead or by a bob. As an example, 752634, produced by a bob at the first lead, could also occur at a plain lead after 723546; it, therefore, follows that if you begin a touch with a bob at the first lead, you must also have a bob at the lead following 723546.

The leads which have a relationship of this kind run in blocks of five, and there are 72 such blocks in the extent of Grandsire Triples. Each of these blocks is a cycle and they are known as Q-sets. It is impossible to set them all out here, but here is an example:—

A	B	C
234567	253746	752634
346572	354267	253746
467523	456372	354267
672534	657423	456372
723546	752634	657423

234567

Notice the relationship between the five rows in A. Column B is the plain lead which follows the corresponding row in A; column C shows what will be produced if a bob follows A instead of a plain lead. Notice also that the rows in C are the same as in A, except that the cycle is begun at a different place.

Thus it follows that if you have a plain lead after 234567, you cannot have a bob after 346572; or if 346572 is followed by a plain lead, you cannot have a bob after 467523. If you use all your Q-set, as you must in a peal, it means, therefore, that if a plain lead follows any row in column A, a plain lead must follow them all; or, if a bob follows one, a bob must follow all.

It may happen in a touch, however, that you will not use all the lead ends in column A, and then it is possible to use both plained and bobbed leads, but the utmost care is necessary. Before, therefore, wasting too much time on composing Grandsire, it would be well to study the subject more closely as it is set out in Snowden's book on the Grandsire method, for Grandsire composition is a somewhat precarious task.

There is a similar snare in methods like Bob Major, which can very easily be seen by setting out the handstroke and backstroke leads of the treble.

Plain Leads.			
Handstroke ...	12436587	14326587	13246587
Backstroke ...	12345678	14235678	13425678
Bob Leads.			
Handstroke ...	13246587	12436587	14326587
Backstroke ...	12345678	14235678	13425678

An examination of these figures will show that, while it is possible to use one lead plained and one lead bobbed, if all three are to be used, then (unless a single is used for one) all must be plain or all bobbed. This applies not only to those leads where the tenors (that is 7-8) are together at the lead-end, but to every lead of the course.

Not only have you to avoid the repetitions which may occur in this way, but there are other hidden sources of trouble which you need to know how to avoid, and we hope to be able to say more of them next week.

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NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting to be held at the Cathedral has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Branch members are asked to make every effort to attend, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the guild, as important business with regard to the Cathedral bells is on the agenda. Tea (price 6d.) will be served in the Refectory after service.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Feb. 8th. Holy Trinity bells from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., S. Nicolas' from 3.30. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Ayers' Café (next S. Nicolas') at 5 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 8th. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., 2 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m. Short Divine service in St. Clement's at 4.15 p.m. A good tea, at 1s. per head, in Perdy's Restaurant nearby at 48, Essex Street, 5 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall 7.15 p.m., to be followed by the handbell contest (about five bands competing). Please let this be a record meeting. Come early.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Feb. 8th. 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 Café, Tower Street, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly ringing practice will be held at St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Non-members will be welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at 6 p.m.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. each. A good turn up is requested.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. onwards.—R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Every ringer will be welcome. Come to help others do what you can already do, and be ready to try something fresh yourself. Double Court and Oxford Bob are worth trying.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree Hotel at 5.40, rs. each. The District Committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea. No. 29 bus or tube to Southgate. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Chiseldon on Feb. 8th. Bells (5). All ringing friends welcome. Please note change of address. All future correspondence should be sent to W. J. Jennings, 16, Lainley's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Feb. 8th, from 5 p.m. Bells (8). All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are due for 1936.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 4.45 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The postponed meeting of this branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, Feb. 8th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at South Wingfield. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, at a moderate charge, at 5 p.m.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Walton St. Mary's on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Meeting and tea to follow.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Ainess, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions are now due.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Beckenham, Kent, on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m., service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

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 20th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 18th, St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 27th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, Feb. 13th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove (Repton bells not available for this meeting) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Visitors welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 12th.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held jointly with the quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service at 4.30 and tea and business meeting afterwards in the Institute. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Feb. 12th.—A. H. Smith and H. F. Mills, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (1 mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. J. Owen, 1, Love Lane, Donnington, Newbury, by Wednesday, Feb. 12th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. per head) in the Parochial Hall. Please be sure to notify Mr. E. Cutt, Milnthorpe Green, Wakefield, by Wednesday, 12th. Business: Auditors' report, election of officers, extension of radius for contest, etc. A good attendance is earnestly desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Whilton (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The first monthly meeting of the year will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed, Loughborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Sutton, near Ely, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Bowell, of Ipswich, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Rev. Canon Woodard. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Few, High Street, Sutton, near Ely, Cambs, by Feb. 12th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 11th?—W. F. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Glemsford, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know by Thursday, 13th.—A. S. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30. Meeting in the tower 7 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Perry Barr, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, 5 p.m. — Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The postponed meeting of this division will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Those intending to be present will greatly oblige if they notify me as soon as possible.—F. Ridgwell, Hon. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Light six, usual arrangements. Good bus service from Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The monthly meeting will be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3. Tea has been arranged. Good bus and train services from most parts.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th. All ringers welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery. — Feb. 15th at Stoke Goldington. Begin 2.30. Service 4 p.m. 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 Stagsden on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells, a handy ring of six, available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Mary's, Gateshead, on Wednesday, Feb. 19th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Ringing after meeting until 6.45 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. Apply to me by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, latest. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 5 to 6 p.m. and St. John's (10) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MELTHAM, HUDDERSFIELD.—Centenary of Bells, Feb. 22nd.—Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon Marshall, President, Yorkshire Association. Free tea for ringers sending names to Edward Earnshaw, 124, Helme Lane, Meltham, before Feb. 17th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Feb. 22nd to mark the occasion of the opening of the bells after repairs. Bells will be available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea will be provided for ringers and friends at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Starling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Crediton (8 bells) on Feb. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Institute. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Feb. 15th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 48th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 29th, 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 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LADIES!—A welcome awaits you at Ossett (near Wakefield) on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Good meeting assured. Details later. Will gentlemen note the date also?—E. Dorice Turner, Northern Dis. Sec., 168, Richmond Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

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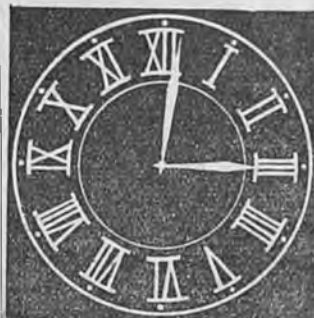
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Often, as long as things appear, on the surface, to go smoothly, members of ringing associations are content to accept them as satisfactory, and it is just as well that occasionally they should be shaken out of their complacency. There is one place, at least, where ringers may be sure of being 'told the worst' when they hold their annual meeting, and that is in the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. There the members may be confident that they will get from their Hon. Secretary not platitudes and congratulations, but plain speaking on their shortcomings. It is given in the kindest spirit—and they appear to enjoy it. The trouble, however, according to Mr. Grover, is that they do not take it to heart, but we feel quite sure that it makes them think. Reports that are mere recitals of statistics and a means of handing out bouquets may be very charming, but it is a good thing that opportunity should sometimes be taken for plain speaking. This applies, not only to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, but to most other ringing associations. There would be less apathy and selfishness if, where it is needed, those concerned were given a few home truths to digest, by those in a position to express an opinion.

Speaking with a certain amount of inside knowledge, we can say that the state of affairs in the Guildford Diocesan Guild is no worse, even if it is no better, than in many other societies. Behind the scenes there is a good deal of hard work being put in, but, as everywhere, there are those who are content to let the willing horses work and to take all that is offered them without making any effort to reciprocate. There is a certain proportion of ringers who seem constitutionally apathetic where ringing affairs are concerned. It is an old story. To stir them into action and initiative is an almost impossible task, and there is, on the face of it, some justification in the argument of those who say that such ringers are not worth wasting time on or that if they have any desire to get on they will make their own opportunities. And yet even the most apathetic may have some point at which their interest might be touched. If they are left entirely alone, they will for ever remain outside the fold; but constant friendly contact may, and very likely will, have satisfactory results.

The real point, however, is that it should not be left to just a few enthusiasts to maintain touch with these lukewarm towers. It should be the business of all the members to share in the missionary work, to extend the hand of fellowship and keep the contact. It is not altogether a matter of instruction; it is, in the first stages

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at any rate, a question of seeking the confidence and interest of those who are loth to have anything to do with organised ringing. Once this is established, other steps to progress will probably follow, but the work at the outset is one in which all who have the interest of their association at heart should share. A solution offered by the secretary of the Guildford Guild, is that neighbouring towers should link up in pairs or threes and cultivate the spirit of fellowship upon which all progress must be based. It is a suggestion worth considering, but it would obviously be a mistake to carry the 'parochial spirit,' as a correspondent describes it, to the limit of excluding from peal ringing visitors from other areas in order to help the lame dogs and the stay-at-homes. Such a course would, in the long run, have disastrous effects.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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*ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... 1 Treble	RENE REDPATH ... 5
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ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	TOM BROTHWELL ... 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	HAROLD CHANT ... 7
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TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

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On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 1 Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 6
GEORGE HINTON ... 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 8
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 4	CHARLES CAMN ... 9
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Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 6
ARTHUR WALKER 2	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HERBERT WALKER 3	CHARLES BROWN 8
HARRY BROWN 4	FRED NEWTON 9
HORACE FOX 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN A. RANGLES 5
FREDERICK R. EVANS 2	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
WILLIAM CATHALL 4	ARTHUR THISTON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

T. COLLINGE Treble	J. TAYLOR 4
H. EMMETT 2	W. GRAHAM 6
T. ROLLERSON 3	*W. RIDGUGH 7
S. ASHWORTH 4	N. ASHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by T. ROLLERSON.

* First peal. All are local ringers except H. Emmett, who hails from St. Saviour's, Bacup.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNEYT Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ERNEST H. OXENHAM 6
RENE REDPATH 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
MOLLIE REDPATH 4	WILLIAM E. BOND Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

ARCHIE MITCHELL Treble	ELIJAH PAMMENTER 5
FREDERICK C. WILSON 2	THOMAS COOPER 6
GEORGE TUBE 3	FRANK PICKERING 7
FREDERICK S. WILSON 4	HARRY MORTEMORE Tenor

Composed by G. W. SLACK.
All are Sunday service ringers.

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JAMES OGDEN 6
THOMAS K. DRIVER 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
*JAMES RICHARDSON 4	ABRAHAM OGDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal and first attempt.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WARING Treble	FRANK FOX 5
GEORGE F. SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	PERCY SWINLEY 7
RONALD G. JONES 4	JOSEPH LETHERBARROW Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS OLIVE BIGGS Treble	REGINALD BLABY 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	ARTHUR NEWTON 6
ARTHUR G. JAMES 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
PERCY NEWTON 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman. All the above are ringing members of this church.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*FREDERICK G. SMITH Treble	JENKINS HARRISON 5
RICHARD SMITH 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 HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD CITY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM G. COLLETT 2	FRANCIS E. MAY 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS 4	REGINALD S. WYATT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the tenor open at backstroke.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*H. ALLRED Treble	F. GRUNDY 5
R. ALLRED 2	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 6
*K. WELSEY 3	J. H. RIDYARD 7
*E. W. YATES 4	†R. JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung on the back eight.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	HAROLD QUANTRILL 5
PHILIP W. J. FRYER 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 3	GEORGE T. PEGNALL 7
RUSSEL W. CURSON 4	WALTER R. FARROW Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD LAKER Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	CECIL NICE 6
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	WILLIAM R. DIPLOCK Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, 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 9 cwt.

GEORGE WOOD Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
REGINALD POSTON 2	HAROLD POWELL 6
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	THOMAS L. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HAROLD GOODBURN Treble	WILLIAM J. BEER 5
EDWARD J. BEER 2	STUART SANDFORD 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	GEORGE BUTCHER 7
RICHARD CONSTANT 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY W. SIMMONS Treble	†FREDERICK E. COLLINS 5
*MRS. FREDK. W. HOUSDEN 2	FRANK E. DARBY 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

'8 WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOYERD Treble	JOHN S. MORTON 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
LIONEL J. CULLUM 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung with the tenor open at backstroke.

CADOXTON, NEATH. — On Tuesday, January 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Davies 1, B. Williams 2, W. J. Thomas 3, E. Phillips 4, A. Devonald 5, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 6. Rung after failing in an attempt for a peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Erbe,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

RONALD V. J. CATTLE Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT 5
JOHN R. HARRIS 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE HORWOOD 3	FRANCIS E. MAY 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

Rung with the tenor open at backstroke.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ARTHUR WALKER Treble	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 5
JOHN H. LENTON 2	FRED NEWTON 6
HERBERT WALKER 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HORACE FOX 4	HERBERT BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* 100th peal.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SIDNEY R. LINNETT Treble	MISS AMY E. WALDOCK 5
ALFRED SOUTH 2	*FREDERICK T. LEWIS 6
WALTER H. CHALK 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 7
FRED CHALK 4	*SYDNEY E. EASTER Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were recast and two trebles added in September, 1922. Rung by the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Beverley, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, York and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN W. COLLINGWOOD Treble	†ARTHUR HOWARD 4
*GEORGE LEDSHAM 2	HARRY ROGERS 5
†FRANK VARTY 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal and first attempt.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD NEWELL Treble	ARTHUR C. WILSON 4
*VICTOR CHAPMAN 2	CHARLES W. COOK 5
KITTY WILLERS 3	ERIC CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

* First peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 Grandsire and 1,440 Oxford Singles.

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.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Primrose, Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* WILLIAM FRASER Treble	† HORACE L. WAITE 4
† WILLIAM J. PODDIFOOT 2	† FRANCIS TOMPKINS 5
† WILLIAM J. RANDALL 3	† WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. † First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods in the county by a resident band. Also rung in memory of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who spent many years of his life in this district.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, 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 Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS HAFPIN Treble	WALLACE CHURCH 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	REGINALD WEST 5
LEONARD WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

R. PAUL Treble	S. MURPHY 4
P. SMITH 2	* D. PAUL 5
W. YOUNG 3	W. SEEKINGS Tenor

Conducted by W. SEEKINGS.

* First peal. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCELEY DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK BAILLESS Treble	GEORGE A. CHARLTON 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD 2	* SYDNEY BAILLESS 5
JOHN H. BAILLESS 3	ALFRED E. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by P. BAILLESS.

* First peal 'inside.' Ringers of 1 and 4 have now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Plain Bob and four 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

* HAROLD T. JONES Treble	ALBERT THOMAS 4
ERIC CLARKE 2	† JERSE BAYLEY 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb

FREDERICK A. J. STEWARD Treble	* PHILIP J. BOWLEY 4
PERCY L. BISHOP 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5
* ROBERT H. FRENCH 3	* GERALD H. ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal and first attempt.

The following peals were rung with the bells half-muffled:—

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Treble	CHARLES CLARKE 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 8
WILLIAM TILLET 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH 9
HARRY R. ROPER 4	HERBERT SHERMING 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

CHARLES L. ROOTLEDGE Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 6
* MATTHEW ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 7
JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 8
KENNETH NICHOLSON 4	RICHARD THOMPSON 9
* HERBERT P. CLIFF 5	† LANCE INGLEDEW Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	† GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT 6
* WALTER S. CRAWFORD 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
JOSEPH L. STANIER 3	WALTER LAGO 8
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
CHARLES H. WATTS 5	ALAN JONES Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIES Treble	GEORGE R. PIR 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	HORACE BELGHER 6
ERNEST W. FORBANK 3	ERNEST HUFF 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PIR.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* HERBERT FISHER Treble	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 2	EDWARD W. BAY 6
* HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS 3	ALFRED C. PARKHURST 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	LOUIS W. FAULKNER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. HOBDEN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung at the Parish Church where King George worshipped when staying in Eastbourne.

OIRENCESTER, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDVIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED G. COOK Treble	SIDNEY R. HICKS 5
ARTHUR H. PAINTER 2	HARRY S. PARSONS 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 7
HERBERT L. COOKE 4	*FREDERICK F. BLOXHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*FREDERICK W. E. WARD Treble	*SAMPSON WALKLATE 5
GEORGE WARD 2	ARTHUR BAINES 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	*ALBERT G. F. WARD 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. The first peal of Triples rung on these bells since their restoration.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A

WALTER SOUTHGATE Treble	MAURICE J. LING 5
EDWARD E. DAVEY 2	*EDWARD B. SMITH 6
*WILLIAM A. ROOSE 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY 4	*ALBERT J. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PIXTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING Treble	JOHN KENDALL 5
WILLIAM POTTER 2	GEORGE DAVIES 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
WALTER MASKERS 4	REGINALD ALLPORT Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK L. BARNES Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
RALPH HARRIS 2	JAMES BRADLEY 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 7
MRS. RALPH HARRIS 4	MISS FLORENCE A. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung before the memorial service: All are members of the local band.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT A. HARDING Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5
WILFRED G. WILSON 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
A. MARK STACEY 3	JAMES H. HUNNISSETT 7
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN J. REVILL Treble	VICTOR E. TAYLOR 5
HARRY HOPKINSON 2	THOMAS DENT 6
ALFRED W. H. BOWLER 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR 7
EDWIN HOPKINSON 4	JOHN R. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD WEBSIER Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
PETER NUTTALL 2	ARTHUR HEYWOOD 6
WILLIAM TYSON 3	JOHN NUTTALL 7
JAMES YATES 4	JAMES LEATHER Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE HARVEY Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON 4	FRANK AINSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE PULLINGER Treble	*ROLAND CLARK 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	HAROLD P. REED 6
CHARLES J. FRAY 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
REGINALD A. REED 4	REG. C. H. CONNOLLY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. The band represent Southampton, Bishop-stoke and North Stoneham.

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

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 different six-scores of Grandsire and 12 different six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD MADND Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
GEORGE GUNNELL 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM WINDSOR Treble	* HAROLD THORN 4
* CHARLES STRICKLAND 2	ARTHUR H. REED 5
CHARLES TREMLETT 3	* LESLIE BICKHAM Tenor

Conducted by C. TREMLETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of London and two each of Westminster, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
EDWIN BROMLEY 2	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

KIRK ELLA, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

* ALAN T. HOPPER Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4
ARTHUR H. FOX 2	† COLIN A. HOPPER 5
JOHN H. HOWELL 3	JOHN W. HOBSON Tenor

Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EADBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire, all called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

* HORACE INGLIS Treble	* PERCY RIVERS 4
JOSEPH HALL 2	FRANK SADLER 5
HARRY FINCH 3	* DENNIS INGLIS Tenor

Conducted by F. SADLER.

* First peal. First peal ever rung by an entirely local Broadway band. Rang at the first attempt.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in nine methods, viz.: (1) Durham; (2) York; (3) Surfleet; (4) Beverley; (5) Ipswich; (6) Cambridge; (7) London, Cuneastre and Walls. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLARD Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty 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 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE TRENDALL Treble	ALFRED BIRD 4
* RALPH BIRD 2	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 5
CHARLES WEAVERS 3	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

* First peal and first attempt.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* HERBERT V. DIGBY Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4
* ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ... 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
ERIC DORRANT 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal other than Bob Minor. First peal in two methods by all except the ringer of the 4th.

THORNHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

DEREK LOCKWOOD Treble	ERNEST POPPY 4
JAMES BRITS 2	FREDERICK HAYWOOD 5
HARRY MOSS 3	GARNHAM BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by G. BLAXCELL.

This peal was also a token of respect to the late Mr. Alphons Berry, a ringer at this church, who was interred the previous day.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

DAVID BUSSEY Treble	HERBERT W. ABBOTT 3
LEONARD G. TOSLAND ... 2	ARCHIBALD S. TOSLAND ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

Also as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. C. H. L. Hopper, late Rector of Warkton with Weekley, who passed away that morning.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each differently called. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD BROWN Treble	HERBERT TAYLOR 4
WILLIAM DUFFY 2	CHARLES PECKINS 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK PONTING Treble	FRANK SIMMONDS 4
EDWARD JEFFERIES 2	HARRY BARRATT 5
JOHN HAMMOND 3	FRANK CANTER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SIMMONDS.

First peal as conductor.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*GEORGE W. DAVEY Treble	†CYRIL E. TOWNER 4
CECIL WARD 2	*ANTHONY BARKER 5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEON 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal ever rung by a band resident in the parish.

HENLOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936 in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

LAURIE WILTON Treble	FRANCIS BEADMONT 4
EDWARD J. PRESSLAND 2	JOHN CHURCH 5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 3	PERCY TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 13 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 16 of Grandsire, with 18 callings.

WILLIAM DELAMONT Treble	FREDERICK J. MARSH 4
MRS. G. W. RENDALL 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL 5
DOUGLAS W. RANSOM 3	LESLIE J. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 15 different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	ERIC WADMAN 4
FREDK. TARGETT 2	DAVID MACKAY 5
LEONARD DUNFORD 3	REGINALD TARGETT Tenor

Conducted by D. MACKAY.

First peal as conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY CARNELL Treble	MISS KATH. BURCHNALL 4
WALTER RICH 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936 in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER MARSHALL Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
ALBERT RULPE 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SRN. 5
JAMES BASSETT 3	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RULPE.

MUFFLED RINGING.

MUFFLED PEALS FOR THREE SOVEREIGNS.

In connection with the peal of Stedman Triples rung in Leeds on January 28th, it is interesting to note that Mr. Francis Barker has now taken part in muffled peals on the death of three Sovereigns, viz., Grandsire Caters at Wakefield on February 4th, 1901, for the late Queen Victoria, Kent Treble Bob Major at Liversedge on May 14th, 1910, for the late King Edward VII., and Stedman Triples at Leeds on January 28th, 1936, for the late King George V.

FOR BEGINNERS.

SOMETHING ABOUT PROOF.

When you prick touches of Grandsire Triples you will find that it will perhaps be easier to check the truth of the touch if you write it out by the lead ends. Then, until you have called a single, if the lead ends are true, the touch will be true. If singles have been used, then make another column beside the first in which you write all the handstrokes and check these also against themselves and the backstrokes in the first column.

The composition of peals of Triples is a much more difficult matter than peals on higher numbers, the reason being, of course, that in Triples every change has to be used, whereas on higher numbers there is a very much larger scope.

For instance, in a peal of Major you have 40,320 changes from which to select your 5,000, and even if you do not 'part the tenors,' which means that both the 7th and 8th are left to follow the work of a plain course throughout the peal, you have as many as 13,440 to choose from in a plain method.

In composing Major it is usual to do it by course-ends (the change at which the tenors are in the corresponding position to that from which they started and which would be more correctly described as 'course-heads'). It is not sufficient, however, for the course-ends to be correct—there can easily be repetition elsewhere. A check on this would be by the lead ends, as in Grandsire, but there is a shorter way.

The method is made up of a series of plain courses, 120 of them, with the tenors together, and every bob you call shunts you from one course to another. Thus, if you start from 23456 (omitting treble and tenors) and call a bob Wrong, you are shunted into the course which starts 52436, or if you waited until you reach the Middle before you call a bob, you are then shunted into the course which starts 43652, while if you wait for the Home before a call is made, then you switch into the course 42356.

You are not likely to let the course-ends repeat, and what you have to be on guard against is repetition of pieces of other courses occurring in between internal bobs, such as between Wrong and Middle.

For instance, if you called this touch—

23456	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

the course-ends are true, but the leads between the Wrong and Middle of the third course repeat with the corresponding leads in the first course. How can you prove it without writing out all your lead ends? Draw up a table of three columns. Over the first put 52436, which is the course-end produced by a bob Wrong from rounds. Over the second put the 43652, the course-end produced from rounds by a bob Middle, and over the third put 42356, produced by a bob Home, thus:—

52436	43652	42356
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Now, under each column write the figures which will be obtained by transposing by the figures over the top of the line, whenever a bob is called. Thus you start from 23456 and in the first column you write the row obtained by the 52436 transposition, which is, of course, 52436. In the second column, as there is a bob Middle, you write the result of transposing 52436 by 43652, which is 42635, and in the third column, as there is a bob Home, you write the result of the transposition of 42635 by 42356, which is 64235.

Let us set it out.

Calling	Transpositions		
W M H	52436	43652	42356
— — —	52436	42635	64235
— — —	64235	24536	52436
— — —	52436	52436	45236
— — —	34256	34256	23456

You will notice that where no bob is called you make no transposition, but reproduce the figures from wherever the previous bob was made. You will see what we mean if you refer to the figures where the Wrong and Middle leads are plain.

To check the truth of the touch you examine each column separately. If there is no repetition in a column that much is true, but if there is a repetition in any one of the columns, then the touch or peal is false. In the courses given above there is repetition in the first column, and, therefore, the touch is false.

When you proceed to prove any touch or peal by this method you must have a column for each place in any course that a bob is called, so that if there are bobs 'Before' you must have a column for that. And here you must not only write down the rows produced by the bobs, but also the rows from which the bobs come, the reason being that if a bob Before is called in Bob Major, there are two leads in which 7-8 are on the front, and both must be taken into account. Here is a short touch which includes Betimes, the transposition for a Before being 35264:—

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. James', Grimsby. Owing to the death of His Majesty King George, the bells were fully muffled. Towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Bigby, Goxhill, Killingholme, Louth, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Uceleby, Waltham and the local members. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson), Mrs. Richardson (secretary of the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild) and Mr. Bramwell, of Cleethorpes, were also present. The service was conducted by the Rev. Tallents (assistant priest), who gave an interesting address.

After service, members adjourned to the Church House, where tea was awaiting them.

At the business meeting which followed, the Guild Ringing Master kindly presided, through the unavoidable absence of the president of the district (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry). The Ringing Master and secretary's reports were read, and a vote of thanks passed to the officers for their reports.

Mr. Richardson proposed the re-election of the president. This was seconded by Mr. C. W. Taylor and carried with applause. The other officers were re-elected en bloc, and four new members were elected, viz., Miss Eayres (Barton-on-Humber), Miss K. M. Felle, Mrs. F. Cook and Mr. Renders (Barrow-on-Humber).

The District Bell Fund accounts were presented and accepted. Owing to the illness of his wife, Mr. W. H. Heyhoe asked to be relieved of the office of secretary of the Bell Fund. He had held office since its inception in 1923.—Mr. C. W. Taylor kindly accepted the office. It was decided to take a retiring collection for the District Bell Fund, and this amounted to 11s.

The following dates and places for meetings recommended by the District Committee were accepted, subject to alteration: Mablethorpe, May 23rd; Bigby, June 13th; Burton-on-Stather, July 18th; Elsham, September 19th; Scunthorpe, October 31st. As the combined practices had been a success, it was decided to have three practices, which will take place in February, March and April. Places and dates will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to their old friend, the Rev. J. H. Park, of Thornton Curtis, in his illness.

A hearty vote of thanks were passed to the senior curate (the Rev. Wilson) for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Tallents for conducting the service and for his address, to Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. Stow, the caterer, and her helpers and to those who had made arrangements. Also to Mr. Richardson for presiding over the meeting and for his kindness in coming to show his

films of 'The Great Adventure' and other subjects. Mr. Richardson also gave a running commentary, which made the pictures all the more interesting. Great thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for all the work they do for the Exercise. Nothing is too much trouble and distance no object to them, and ringers in the Grimsby District appreciate their kindness.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT A FARM HOUSE.

The annual meeting of the Towcester Branch was held on Saturday at Alderton, a small village of about 60 inhabitants and quite off the beaten track. The church has five bells, lately rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and credit is due to the ringers and villagers for the interest they have taken in raising close on £200 for the work. A broken stay rather marred the ringing before service, but with the assistance of Mr. H. Ridgeway a new one was fitted and ringing carried on.

In his address, the Rector (the Rev. Beasley) welcomed the Guild to Alderton and spoke of the good work ringers were doing. No village hall being available, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fountaine offered two rooms of their farm house to have tea in, 42 being present. After the meal had been disposed of, the business meeting followed. Capt. Grant-Ives was re-elected president. The Rev. E. V. Fenn was elected hon. secretary in place of the Rev. R. Howes (who now resides at Beenham, Berks). The Rev. E. V. Fenn said he was not a ringer, but would do what he could to carry on, and thanks were accorded him for taking the office.

Messrs. A. J. Green and E. C. Lambert were elected on the Central Committee, and the Branch Committee were elected en bloc.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Fountaine and the helpers at the tea, and to local ringers. Ringing continued up to 8.30, when a very good meeting was brought to a close.

FOR BEGINNERS—Continued from page 104.

W	B	H	52436	35264	42356
—	2	—	52436	52436	—
				23564	
				36245	23645
—	—		23645	23645	
				34256	23456

There is no need to have a column for the Middle in this case because there are no calls there.

Here is a calling which, twice repeated, will come round. Work it out and see whether or not it is true. The calls are W. B. H. H. W. M. H. (twice repeated).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two Worcestershire rings of six are to be rehung by John Taylor and Co., viz., Little Comberton, near Pershore, and Welland, near Upton-on-Severn.

Mr. Arthur Walker, who rang his one hundredth peal at Campsall, Yorks, on January 30th, made up his century by ringing peals in 18 towers and under 25 conductors.

The report of a peal rung at Stowmarket on January 28th has been sent without the time.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. W. J. Nevard, the Essex veteran, upon his 80th birthday anniversary. He celebrated it on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Bob Major at Holland, Essex, and afterwards entertained the company to high tea. By a coincidence, the peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. Nevard's first peal in the method.

The bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, will be broadcast from the Midland Regional Station on Sunday evening, February 23rd, 7.55 to 8 p.m. Will any reader who heard the old peal over the air please write to the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Coppock, 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham, as to whether these tuned bells 'come over' as clearly and distinctly as the old type?

The 'Thousand Pealers' are to meet at St. Olave's, Hart Street, to-morrow for a peal. If experience counts for anything, they ought to ring it. We hope they will not suffer from 'nerves.'

A Suffolk newspaper has apparently found a new method. It records that 'A course of Bob Major and 168 of Grandsire Tripes were also rung with the bells half-muffled.'

BELLS FOR THE 'QUEEN MARY.'

HONOUR FOR THE LOUGHBOROUGH BELLFOUNDRY.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have been honoured with the order to cast the ship's bells for the world's largest vessel, the luxury liner 'Queen Mary.' The different watches will thus be sounded on the 'Queen Mary' upon a harmonically tuned bell, which means that instead of the displeasing 'clang' usually associated with ship's bells, the passengers aboard the 'Queen Mary' will hear the sweet and musical tones of a perfectly tuned church bell. There are to be three bells, and the largest bell, upon which 'Eight Bells' and the other watches are sounded, will be of enormous size for a ship's bell, as it will weigh 350 lb., as against the weight of the average ship's bell of about 30 or 40 lb. Thus the 'Queen Mary' will have a ship's bell worthy of her importance.

BELL BROADCASTS.

RINGERS' 'GHASTLY FAILURE' AT WIGAN.

The B.B.C. have begun to do something to make change ringing better known to the public, and in their Northern programmes have instituted a series of broadcasts entitled 'The Ringing Isle.' On Sunday evening the item came from Wigan, where there has recently been installed a new ring of ten bells. A short introduction was given by the Rector (Canon C. C. Thicknesse), but the ringing which followed was, to say the least, a disappointing exhibition. We have received the following protest with regard to it:—

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Cannot something be done to prevent a repetition of such a fiasco as that which occurred with the broadcasting of Wigan bells last Sunday evening. The bells themselves were fine, the microphone admirably placed, but the ringing after the bells left rounds (which themselves were only moderate) can only be described as disgraceful. There were no leads, at times four or five of the bells were striking together, and the whole feature was turned into a horrible and ghastly failure by this poor performance on the part of the ringers.

The B.B.C. has been subjected in your columns to a good deal of adverse criticism from ringers regarding the broadcasting of change ringing, and it is most deplorable that such a mess should have been made of what would have been otherwise a splendid opportunity to popularise ringing broadcasts. Surely the ringers of Wigan must have been aware of their limitations—what a pity it is they were too vainglorious to admit them and that they did not invite a band of ringers on such an occasion who would be capable of good striking. Nothing but perfect striking ought to be aimed for by the authorities on these occasions—no band is infallible, but it was not a case of an odd trip, there was not a clear row of changes from start to finish. I am a member of the Lancashire Association myself and regard such a performance, on such an important occasion, as a reflection against the association. I suggest that in future, when change ringing is to be broadcast, the Church authorities should go over the local ringers' heads and approach the president of the County or Diocesan Guild in whose area the tower is situated and get him to nominate a band most likely to achieve perfect striking.

'DISGUSTED.'

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. A. E. PARSONS.

The dedication of a memorial to the late Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, is fixed for March 1st during the evening service, commencing at 6.30, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Old Hill.

The form of the memorial is a reading desk, given by his wife, and the dedication will be performed by the Bishop of Worcester.

All ringing friends that can possibly attend are invited to be present. The bells will be available for ringing from 5.30 p.m.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

GUILD JUBILEE SCHEME TO ADD TWO TREBLES.

For over half a century, among ringers of the Chester Diocesan Guild, it has been the hope that the Cathedral should one day possess a ring of ten or twelve bells. Yet for one reason or another this hope has never materialised; always there seems to have been some obstacle to bar progress in this direction. During the post-war period, when rings by the hundred have been installed or augmented, the long wished for augmentation at Chester remained a seemingly impracticable proposition. This does not mean, however, that the bells have been neglected. In spite of the fact that it has been necessary to raise and spend over £50,000 on the fabric of the Cathedral during the last 15 years, the bells were rehung in ball bearings and the frame strengthened about seven years ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Previous to this some doubt had been felt about the safety of the tower, owing to the appearance of a crack, and ringing was discontinued for several months. Acting on expert advice, the Cathedral authorities had the walls braced with iron tie-rods and the structure was subsequently pronounced safe.

Up to 1867 the bells were a ring of five, probably cast (not all at the same time) by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, but of these only one remains, the present 6th. This bell bears the Oldfield trade mark and the Latin inscription states that it was made on the order of the

Dean and Chapter in 1606. The original 2nd (now the 5th) was cast in 1604. A good deal of recasting seems to have been done between that time and 1827 by both Rudhall and Warner, and in 1867 the latter carried out a scheme which provided for three new trebles, recasting the old treble, and the construction of a massive oak frame. The Sanctus bell, cast in 1626 and weighing about 4½ cwt., was also hung in a separate frame with fittings for ringing. That the job was well done can be judged from the fact that it has lasted so long.

There is every indication now that Chester will presently be numbered among the ten-bell towers. A meeting of the Chester Branch held at the Cathedral last Saturday was attended by the Master and hon. secretary of the Guild as well as representatives of all the branches. The chair was taken by the Dean, the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett, and it was unanimously decided that, having regard to the fact that the Guild will next year celebrate its Jubilee, a scheme be launched for the addition of two trebles to the present ring of eight bells at the Cathedral.

The Master, hon. secretary, the Rev. F. J. Okell (vice-chairman, Chester Branch), Messrs. J. Morgan, J. Swindley, R. Sperring and the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the Chester Branch were elected as an Executive Committee, and plans for launching the appeal for funds will be considered almost immediately. The cost of the augmentation will be in the neighbourhood of £220.



CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

A BERKSHIRE STALWART

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM E. TAYLOR.

The death occurred early on Wednesday, February 5th, of Mr. William E. Taylor, of 8, St. Luke's Road North, Maidenhead, after a very painful illness borne with much fortitude. Mr. Taylor was the eldest son of the late Mr. William Taylor, formerly a builder, of Norfolk Park, and was a native of the town. He spent most of his 64 years in the building trade, being a partner of the firm of Taylor and Davis. In his work, as in his ringing, he was liked and respected by all. By a strange coincidence he was buried on the 40th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise (in which he took part) to be rung in the county of Berkshire. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and Oxford Diocesan Guild from the date of ringing his first peal in 1892, also of the Hertford County, Middlesex County, Guildford and Winchester Diocesan Guilds and the old Waterloo Society, London. His last peal was rung at Old Windsor, Berks, on August 29th, 1934.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 8th, the first part of the burial service being in St. Luke's Church, the Rev. Canon C. E. M. Fry, M.A., officiating, and afterwards at Maidenhead Cemetery. The mourners included the following ringers: The widow and son, J. E. Taylor (Burnham, Bucks), T. J. Fowler and A. D. Barker (District Ringing Master and secretary), W. Walker (foreman), E. Eldridge, A. Fawdry, A. Baldwin (Boyne Hill), L. Stilwell (Windsor), F. Russell (Bray) and George Gilbert (Burnham).

The flowers, which were very beautiful, included one wreath (in the shape of a trowel) from his workmates, a wreath from the Boyne

Hill ringers and one (in the shape of a bell) from the Burnham ringers. Individual wreaths were received from Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, of Thatcham, and one from Bertha and Hilda, also Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell.

Following the lowering of the coffin, handbells were rung over the grave by A. D. Barker (London County) 1-2, T. J. Fowler (A.S.O.Y.) 3-4, L. Stilwell (R.C.Y.) 5-6, and F. J. Russell (Oxford D.G.) 7-8.

The bells at Boyne Hill tower were rung half-muffled on Thursday evening and again after the funeral on Saturday. Burnham bells were also rung half-muffled during the period of the funeral.

Mr. Taylor leaves a widow and three young children to mourn their loss.

Mr. Taylor's peal list is as follows: Minor: One method 4, two methods 2, three methods 4, four methods 1, five methods 1, seven methods 12, nine methods 1. Triples: Plain Bob 2, Oxford Bob 2, Grandsire 16, Stedman 16. Major: Plain Bob 14, St. Clement's Bob 1, Double Norwich 9, Kent Treble Bob 8, Oxford Treble Bob 5, Spliced Oxford and Kent 1, Ashted Surprise 1, Berkshire 1, Cambridge 2, Ipswich 1, London 6, New Cambridge 2, Runnymede 1, Superlative 4, and Grandsire Caters 1, total 118. Of this total Mr. Taylor conducted two peals of Stedman Triples in October, 1895, and from February, 1895, until January, 1926 (a lapse of 30 years), he did not participate in any peals. A Cumberland to the backbone, one of the most cheering pieces of news he received just before his death was the fact that his only daughter had been (in addition to his wife and son) accepted a member of the society at the annual meeting recently held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

MUFFLED TOUCHES.

Among the many touches rung for the death or funeral of His Late Majesty King George were the following:—

On Tuesday, January 21st, the bells at Portishead, Somerset, were rung half-muffled in memory of His late Majesty King George, and the whole pull and stand 70 times. Also on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Edwards 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, Miss H. Orchard 3, Miss G. Stadden 4, R. G. Williams 5, J. Nisbet 6, N. Coombs (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Tuesday, January 28th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Boagley 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex, on Tuesday, January 28th, 1,260 Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled: F. W. Corney 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, H. Rumens 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, R. J. Maynard 5, J. C. Adams 6, E. B. Holman 7, E. W. Pye 8, F. C. Maynard 9, F. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 10. Rung also as a mark of respect to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, librarian to the Central Council.

At Northfleet, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled on Sunday evening, January 26th: J. Dyke (first quarter-peal) 1, L. Stacey 2, E. Peartree 3, R. Smith 4, A. Durling 5, R. Constant 6, G. Butcher 7, C. Hammond 8.

At the Parish Church, Henfield, Sussex, with muffled clappers, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Brown 1, E. W. Morey 2, C. Tyler 3, C. A. Barnes 4, F. Parsons 5, W. J. Alliss 6, A. E. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Payne 8. Also 560 Bob Major.

SILENT 'JUBILEE' BELL.

At Cosgrave, Northants, on January 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, with bells fully muffled: E. R. Lambert 1, J. Higgins 2, F. J. Lambert 3, F. Tustain 4, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 5. A treble bell has been added to make a peal of six to commemorate the Royal Jubilee, but has not yet been dedicated.

The first peal on the bells at Staplegrave, Somerset, since they were augmented in honour of King George the Fifth's Silver Jubilee was rung with half-muffled bells on the day of his funeral.

At St. Peter's Church, Colchester, on Tuesday, January 28th, previous to the commemoration service held for His late Majesty King George V., the bells were rung deeply muffled, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples. After the service, the whole pull and stand was rung by H. T. Pye, G. Townes, G. M. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, R. W. Stannard, V. Kerridge and E. P. Duffield. In the evening, with bells half-muffled, touches of Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and London Surprise; in addition to above, Messrs. W. Dent, G. Boyden, G. Wightman, R. Cadamy (all of whom are local members), A. Andrews and H. Littlewood, from Thorington, also took part.

At Ewell, Surrey, on Sunday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Jesse Beams 1, C. E. Read 2, H. Sycamore 3, J. E. Beams (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, A. Hadley 5, J. Beams 6, M. T. Grove 7, W. Popplett 8.

At St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, on January 28th, with the bells half-muffled, for a memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Rose Prudent 1, F. Dedman 2, H. Whitney 3, W. Insley 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. Vickers 6, E. Belson 7, J. Arnold 8.

At All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung, and on Sunday, February 2nd, for a memorial service, 1,080 Grandsire Caters.

At St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, on Sunday, January 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the bells muffled: F. Lasbury 1, G. Poppell 2, G. Palmer 3, F. Page (conductor) 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Davies 6, W. Page 7, J. Lovett 8. A peal in the same method was attempted on Tuesday, January 28th, with G. Wines and H. Crabh in place of G. Poppell and G. Palmer, but was lost after 2 hours and 45 minutes' good ringing.

BELLS THAT RANG FOR EVERY STATE VISIT TO WESTMINSTER.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster (Church of the House of Commons), after service attended by members of the House, the tenor was tolled 70 times muffled, and then a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung with the bells fully muffled: Miss N. Hardcastle 1, H. Hoskins 2, E. F. Pike 3, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 4, J. Euston 5, J. E. Davis 6, H. Belcher 7, R. Sanders 8. These bells have been rung for every State visit of His late Majesty King George V. to Westminster during his reign—the last time being his visit to Westminster Hall in Jubilee week, May 9th, 1935.

At Hughenden, Bucks, on Tuesday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss O. Biggs 1, F. G. Biggs 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, P. Newton 4, R. Blaby 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. On Sunday morning, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Blaby 1, R. Biggs 2, F. G. Biggs 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Jones 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. On Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Jos. Evans 1, R. Biggs (conductor) 2, Miss O. Biggs 3, F. G. Biggs 4, R. Blaby 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

At Haslemere, Surrey, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Venton 1, R. D. Elliott 2, H. R. Moore 3, E. J. Ayliffe 4, R. Hayes 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A ringers' tribute with muffled bells.

At St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Friday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,273 changes): F. Mason 1, T. Bent 2, J. Morris 3, G. Humphreys 4, E. Cattell 5, E. Morris 6, G. S. Morris 7, H. Hammersley 8, contained all the possible 4-6's 'at hand.' On Sunday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,241 changes): E. Tanser 1, E. Morris 2, F. Mason 3, T. Bent 4, G. Humphreys 5, W. Tanser 6, J. Morris 7, G. S. Morris 8, E. Cattell 9, J. Vernon, jun. 10. Both composed and conducted by Ernest Morris.

At Lewisham, Kent, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Tyler 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, H. Warnett, jun. 4, H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 5, A. P. Cannon 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

A HALF-PEAL.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Peter's Church, Tonbridge Wells, with the bells half-muffled, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung after the failure of a peal attempt: A. J. Batton 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Worsfold 3, B. V. Collison 4, H. Markwell 5, S. Russell 6, E. J. Ladd (conductor) 7, A. Mayes 8. All the ringers are service ringers at St. Peter's.

At All Saints' Parish Church, Bedworth, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with half-muffled clappers: J. Castle 1, R. Lydster 2, J. Taylor 3, C. Lawrence 4, P. Stone (conductor) 5, H. Dodd 6, L. Lawrence 7, W. Lowndes 8. First quarter-peal by 6th and tenor ringers.

At the Parish Church, Tring, Herts, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Campbell (first quarter) 1, G. Celey (first with a bob bell) 2, R. Hearn 3, J. Puplett 4, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 5, H. Brackley 6, O. Badrick 7, N. Brackley 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled. In addition to being a tribute of respect to His late Majesty, this was also rung as a mark of respect to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who, when he was Vicar of Wigginton, Herts, used to ring at Tring Church.

At St. Mary's, Southampton, on January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes), with half-muffled clappers: N. Curtis 1, D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac. 2, H. Smith 3, R. Curtis 4, T. Thirkell 5, L. M. Squires 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 9, R. Brown 10. Also on January 28th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Roy Faithfull (first quarter-peal) 1, N. Curtis 2, H. Payne 3, T. Thirkell 4, L. M. Squires 5, N. Curtis (conductor) 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, J. Elliott 8.

On Sunday, January 26th, for evensong, at Thorne, Yorks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells fully muffled as a last mark of honour to His late Majesty King George V.: R. A. Andrews (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, T. H. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Ward 8. On Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: R. A. Andrews 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, A. Ensor 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, T. H. Hepworth 8.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, a fully muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Dean 1, A. Jones 2, W. Bulpitt 3, F. Leeks 4, F. Jones 5, E. Denham 6, H. Simmons 7, G. Aides (conductor) 8.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret, Castle Bromwich, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: George Crofts 1, John Wilkinson 2, J. Leonard Stokes 3, H. Herbert Brown 4, William Rhodes (conductor) 5, Charles Bolton 6. This ringing had special local interest, as Her Majesty the Queen attended matins at this church on Sunday, August 21st, 1927, at the time she spent a holiday at Castle Bromwich Hall with the Dowager Countess of Bradford.

RUNG FOR THREE BRITISH SOVEREIGNS.

Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford, who took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, Oxford, on the day of the funeral of King George, has rung memorial peals for the last three British Sovereigns.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Penhow, Monmouthshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with half-muffled bells, on Monday, January 27th: A. R. Flook 1, the Rev. I. J. Richards 2, G. Day 3, F. Harris 4, J. A. Freebury (conductor) 5, S. Flook 6.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, London, on Wednesday, January 29th, with half-muffled clappers, as a tribute to His late Majesty King George V.: E. S. Owen 1, G. A. Parsons 2, R. E. G. Geare 3, A. Howkins 4, W. F. Troke 5, F. Shorter (conductor) 6, E. Murrell 7, J. Clifford 8. This was followed by 630 of Grandsire Triples, in which the treble was rung by W. A. Hughes.

At Dover, Kent, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells of St. Mary's Church fully muffled except the tenor: C. Hardeman 1, H. J. Saunders 2, O. R. Millway 3, H. Whitehead 4, R. T. Clark 5, L. Leach 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. J. Walker 8.

At Monacran, Cornwall, on the occasion of the Royal Funeral, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: O. Lovesey 1, R. Vague 2, H. Nunn 3, J. Nunn 4, C. F. Jerram 5, J. Vague 6.

At Sedburgh, with the bells deeply muffled, 448. 576 (Sunday), 384. 672 (Tuesday) changes of Superlative Surprise Major: H. Dawson 1, Miss N. Harrison 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, J. W. Pennington 6, H. Haresnape 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8.

A HALF-PEAL.

At St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Cheshire, on Wednesday, January 22nd, a half-peal of Minor (2,520 changes), consisting of 720 each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, and 260 Single Oxford Bob: A. Howard 1, G. Ledsham 2, J. W. Collingwood 3, F. Varty 4, H. Rogers 5, T. Rogers (conductor) 6. This was rung with the bells fully muffled.

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, the old custom was adopted on Tuesday, January 21st, of tolling 'the passing knell.' The tenor bell was tolled 'three times three' and was then rung 70 times by Mr. James George.

At the Church of All Saints', Newport, Monmouthshire, on Tuesday, January 28th, prior to the memorial service for the late King, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: J. James 1, H. Forbes 2, L. Bainham 3, T. Ford 4, F. Millard 5, G. Day 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Bullock 8.

A quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, consisting of 1,344 changes, was rung, with the bells half-muffled, at St. Michael's Church, Braintree, Essex, on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service: S. Warne 1, B. Redgewell 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Wiffen 4, R. Martin 5, H. Felton 6, L. Wiffen (conductor) 7, A. Wiffen 8. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers, and it was the first quarter-peal of London Surprise Major for the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th. Mr. H. E. Hammond has just reached his 70th birthday.

At St. John's Church, Beeston, Notts, on Tuesday, January 28th, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells muffled: H. Rogers 1, J. C. Dicken 2, H. Price 3, A. B. Moss 4, N. Kirk 5, A. Lowe 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, A. Walton 8.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at Wing, Rutland, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Huckerby 1, F. Hubbard 2, W. J. Tugwood (conductor) 3, W. Sewell 4, H. Goodman 5. Rung with bells half-muffled after the memorial service.

Other touches will be published next week.

MEMORIAL RINGING.

At Cirencester, Glos, on January 22nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun. 1, H. L. Cooke 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, S. Hicks 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. F. Bloxham (first quarter-peal of Caters) 10. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect and sympathy to the Earl and Countess Bathurst, Cirencester Park, whose only daughter, Lady Alastair Graham, was interred at Campsea Ash, Suffolk, on this date.

WHEN GEORGE IV. DIED.

PEAL OF 100 YEARS AGO RECALLED.

For the death of King George V., a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Leeds Parish Church. It is worthy of note that a peal of New Treble Bob Royal (Kent) was rung with half-muffled bells as a tribute of respect to His late Majesty King George IV. at Leeds Parish Church on July 15th, 1830, by the following ringers, who ascended the steeple shortly after 9 p.m. and completed the peal at 43 minutes past midnight: Thomas Rafton, treble, John Hudson 2, John Thorp 3, William Groves 4, Christopher Isles 5, Joseph Moxon 6, John Mortimer 7, William Gawkröger 8, Samuel Smallpage 9, James Naylor, tenor. The peal was composed by Mr. Hugh Wright and conducted by Mr. Samuel Smallpage, both of Leeds.

The William Gawkröger referred to in this peal designed the ring of 13 bells which were installed in the new Leeds Parish Church in 1841, which, according to the 'History of the Parish Church,' by John Rusby and J. G. Simpson, was the first ring of 13 bells to be installed in the Kingdom.

MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Both your own columns and those of local newspapers testify to the wholehearted response of ringers to the call of loyalty and duty in paying the tribute of muffled bells to the memory of His late Majesty.

It would be interesting to have some information as to different local usages in this respect. Doubtless in most places the death of the King was first announced by tolling a single bell. In some towers a muffled peal followed within a short time. In others it is the practice not to ring muffled peals before the day of the funeral.

Here I tolled the tenor bell at midnight and a muffled peal was rung the next day. Thereafter the tenor was tolled every evening during the King's lying-in-state. The bells were rung muffled both for the Conversion of St. Paul and on the following Sunday, and then at intervals on the day of the funeral.

Some of your readers may like to send a brief report of their doings in this respect. F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

ANOTHER QUESTION.

Dear Sir,—Here is another question which has raised controversy in this parish respecting the death of the King, and the Vicar is asked to settle it.

Should the tenor bell be tolled as at an ordinary funeral, or as the usual passing bell, or should it be pulled one stroke per minute? J. M. TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT DISCUSSES PROPOSED NEW RULES.

Tower Representatives to Meet District Committee.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Orayford on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing, which took place during the afternoon and evening, included rounds for beginners and touches in methods from Grandsire Triples to Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.

Some forty members partook of tea, which had been prepared by the Social Committee of the Church Council. After the catering expenses had been defrayed, from the proceeds of a nominal charge for the tea, a sum of 8s. was left over and was added to the association's Benevolent Fund. A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for their efforts in catering for and serving the tea.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary) was voted to the chair for the business meeting which followed, and referred to the death of King George V. A minute's silence to His Majesty's memory was observed.

Ten ringers, including the band of the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, were elected members of the association, and the election of one member previous to a peal was ratified.

Mr. E. Barnett (district representative) read a report of proceedings of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November. This report was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett for its preparation.

The most important subject discussed at this committee meeting was the draft of the revised rules as submitted by the sub-committee previously appointed. Mr. Barnett's report compared the existing rules with these in the sub-committee's suggestions and with the final draft to be placed before the annual meeting, as amended by the full committee. Mr. Barnett gave the reasons for the various alterations, with special reference to those rules and proposed rules governing the appointment of district ringing masters and the admittance of unattached members.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries read a considered statement of various objections to the adoption of these rules as at present drafted, and suggested that a plebiscite of the members be taken before further action was taken.

A vigorous discussion followed on the various points raised, as a result of which it was decided that the district secretary send a copy of the proposed rules to each tower in the district asking that the members discuss them and choose one from their number (in each tower) to meet the District Committee at some date to be fixed, the district representatives to be instructed by this special meeting in time to enable the wishes of the members to be authoritatively presented before the annual meeting on Easter Monday next.

In reference to other points raised by the report, Mr. Mitchell stated that various grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund and Benevolent Fund had been paid; that the balance in the Benevolent Fund now stood at £250, and that during 1935 the association scored 155 peals.

It was decided to visit St. Luke's, Bromley Common, if possible, for the next meeting, Beckenham being chosen as alternative. The suggested date is Saturday, May 2nd.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and authorities for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the chairman.

GOOD STRIKING AT PENSURST MEETING.

The Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association held a quarterly meeting at Penshurst on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing consisted of short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major. The quality of the ringing was pronounced by many present as some of the finest ever heard at a district meeting. Fourteen towers were represented, twelve being in the Tonbridge District. The Rev. J. Cropper, Rector of Penshurst, conducted the association's special form of service.

Forty-one members sat down to tea in the Village Hall, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the secretary (Mr. A. Richardson), the Rev. E. L. M. Allen (Vicar of Edenbridge) and the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Vicar of Shipbourne). Mr. A. J. Battin appealed to the members to make a better effort than they had done in the past to attend the annual general meeting of the association, which was to be held this year at Westerham. He said it was not fair to the general secretary not to support him after all the work he had been called upon to do for them.

Mr. W. Latter supported Mr. Battin in his appeal.

A proposition was made and carried that the district invite the Romney Marsh and District Guild to co-operate with them at the July meeting which it is proposed to hold at Benenden.

An invitation by the Maidstone District to join them at Linton on March 14th was accepted.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting was closed, and members returned to the tower for more ringing.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On December 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. R. Norton 1, Mrs. Knight 2, *N. Yeo 3, G. Yeo 4, P. Yeo (first quarter-peal in the method 'inside') 5, W. H. Knight 6, *H. A. Price (conductor) 7, *H. W. Price 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

When the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild holds its annual meeting, the district secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) has a habit of calling a spade a spade and doing his best to dispel any sense of self-complacency that may have settled on the members. They had their customary 'shake up' on Saturday when they met at Guildford. Here are some of the points from Mr. Grover's report:—

The district has been carried on in accordance with the usual routine throughout the year, and I am able to report that it is still in being, but this does not mean that much progress has been made or that there are very pronounced signs of animation anywhere. It merely indicates that we are still doing little more than drifting apathetically along.

In no case was the attendance of district members at district meetings anything to shout about.

GOOD RINGERS' 'NERVES.'

Referring to the fact that interest was aroused at Shere in 1934 by Guild members endeavouring to score a peal with members of the local band, the hon. secretary said: Do not any of you think that what was done at Shere might with advantage be repeated there and also attempted at other places? It could not make things much worse. I found two years ago that our chief difficulty with regard to matters of this description is the tendency of really good ringers to get it into their heads that their nerves will suffer unduly if they have to struggle through peals with less able ringers. What, then, is their interpretation of the remarks made at the annual dinner by the president of the Central Council, who, in referring to our difficulty in obtaining towers for peal ringing, stressed the point that peal ringing teaches a ringer to strike and handle his bell in a way which nothing else can do? What interpretation can be placed on this other than we want towers for peals primarily for the purpose of polishing up the ringing of those whose opportunities for peal ringing are either very limited or non-existent and not solely for the convenience of experienced bands who desire to ring for mere pleasure? I do not mean by this that experts ought always to sacrifice their peal ringing pleasures and do spade work, but I do think that what little peal ringing we do in this district is not made to serve the best purposes from the point of view of district members.

INTERCHANGE OF VISITS SUGGESTED.

Analysing the 15 peals rung on tower bells in the district, the hon. secretary said that, excluding an 'officers' peal and two entirely local efforts, exactly 100 ropes were taken. One half of the total number were manned by ringers who did not live in the district and one-quarter of them by ringers who were not resident in the diocese. Apart from the two 'local' peals, in which there were six first peals, only two first peals were scored in the remainder, and, in addition, nearly all the other ringers taking part in the peals were ringers with long lists of peals to their credit.

Now although perhaps such a state of affairs does little to encourage local bands to welcome peal ringing at their towers, it can certainly be urged for those ringers who organise peals in our district that their activities are to a great extent restricted by the fact that in many places they find the attitude of local ringers to be modelled on the dog in the manger, and they can hardly be expected to encourage even district members who are not prepared to welcome them. The only way out of the difficulty seems to be to effect a compromise, and I suggest that during the coming year we should all try to meet each other a little more than half-way. However much the Church authorities may be blamed for prohibiting peal ringing, I personally think that in most cases it is the local ringers who hold the power of absolute veto. I do not suggest for one moment that many hands do not deserve to be neglected. Many of them do, but as I have stressed time after time it is useless for the enthusiastic and experienced ringers to sit still and wait until they are asked for assistance. If the activities of the Guild are to be carried on, it is the enthusiastic ringers who must provide the driving force.

A further suggestion made by the hon. secretary was that some of the towers in the district should be transferred to neighbouring districts. Guildford had 23 towers and none of the other districts more than 12. He summed up his report by suggesting that each tower should do something to interchange visits with its neighbours, by which, even if the standard of ringing was not improved all in a hurry, that friendly feeling which was absolutely vital to the carrying on of an organisation such as a ringing Guild would be fostered. He then put forward a scheme for this purpose and a proposal for the transfer of certain towers to other districts, subject to the consent of the members of the towers concerned.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PLANS

An animated discussion followed the report, Mr. A. H. Pulling pointing out that it was no use going to other towers to help the ringers if the latter were not prepared to welcome the instruction given—and many of them were not. Again, those ringers who wanted help would be welcomed at the towers where they could obtain it, but they did not take advantage of the opportunities.

Mr. C. W. Denver (hon. secretary of the Aldershot District) said he had found in his district that the only way to get into touch with ringers at backward towers was by personal visits and encouragement.

Eventually it was resolved to convene a special meeting of the District Committee to discuss the whole question.

The Ringing Master's report, which had previously been received, said that Sunday service ringing was very regular and general in the district, and most bands practised regularly, but only the most enthusiastic keep practices going throughout the summer. At the district meetings everyone was given a chance, elementary, intermediate and advanced. A combined practice was held at Old Woking, and perhaps more could be done in this direction. However, he pointed out that certain bands in the district practised throughout the year on certain evenings, and if young and inexperienced ringers were keen to get on, they had the opportunity of attending these practices regularly. They would always be welcomed and receive their fair share of proper instruction. Sixteen peals had been rung in the district during the year.

The chair at the meeting was taken by Capt. H. J. Cann and the attendance numbered 48. The following officers were re-elected, with thanks for their services: Ringing Master, Mr. C. E. Smith; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden. Mr. A. J. B. Green (headmaster of Guildford Grammar School) was elected as hon. members' representative on the Executive Committee, and, after a ballot, the following were elected to represent the ringing members: Messrs. S. J. Elton and W. R. Melville.

The balance sheet showed that £17 19s. 6d. had been received in subscriptions and that the expenses of the district had been £3 8s. 6d. The balance in hand had been reduced from £24 9s. 9d. to £20 12s., but that was more than accounted for by a donation of £3 3s. to the Library Fund, and contributions of £2 2s. to each of three bell restoration funds, viz., Albury, Witley and Shalford.—The balance sheet was adopted.

The places for the district meetings in the forthcoming year were left to the hon. secretary and the dates to the Secretaries' Committee. All the retiring Guild officers were renominated, and Mr. C. W. Denver was added to the candidates for the Central Council.

The Revs. R. H. Sandiford and H. M. Insley (Cathedral) were elected hon. members, and 13 ringing members were elected, including the band of ten at Ewhurst, to whom a special welcome was extended.

The usual votes of thanks were passed and a collection was taken for the William Pre Memorial Fund.

During the afternoon ringing took place both at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas', and the Guild's service was held at the latter church, where further ringing took place in the evening.

VISITORS: ARE THEY WELCOME?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is to be hoped that the parochial viewpoint expressed by Mr. G. Grover at the annual meeting of the Guildford District deprecating ringers from outside ringing peals on towers in the district is not the general attitude of the Exercise. While peals by local companies are to be commended, circumstances in ringing with the wide graduation of proficiency make it desirable that geographical boundaries should be swept away.

When I became enrolled as a ringer I was told that I had joined a Freemasonry that extended throughout the whole country, and that I would be welcomed in every tower that I visited. So far that friendly atmosphere has never been lacking wherever I have been.

As a Guildfordian, I should feel aggrieved if there should be an impression abroad that visitors are not welcomed in this district. Our visitors' book tells a different story, and is an example of that spirit of brotherliness that emanates from our tower. I should add that however anxious and distinguished our visitor might be, there has never been hesitancy to point out the error of his ways (if any) in handling or striking, in the fond hope that he might profit from his association with us!

Change ringing will be a dying art if this spirit of parochial isolation and dependence on purely local talent for peal ringing is generally adopted. Mr. Grover must remember that the strength of a chain is its weakest link, and so is the strength of those ringing together. Importations to local peals invariably strengthen the band and enable a group to accomplish what would at times be an impossibility.

'GUILDFORDIAN.'

OVERSEAL RINGER'S WEDDING.

At St. Matthew's Church, Overseal, Derbyshire, on February 8th, the wedding took place of Mr. Geoffrey William Clayfield and Miss Jane Statham.

The bridegroom is an esteemed member of the local band and has been a member of the Midland Counties Association during the past eight years.

A large crowd gathered at the church to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rector of Seale (the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A.).

The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, sisters of the bridegroom, and the service was fully choral, the hymns, 'Lead us, Heavenly Father' and 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden,' being sung.

The bride and bridegroom left the church to a touch of Grandsire Triples, rung by members of the St. Matthew's band, and to honour the event a peal of Stedman Triples was also rung.

THREE HUNDRED TWELVE-BELL PEALS

A NEW RECORD.

Mr. Albert Walker, who for so many years was the enthusiastic Ringing Master at St. Martin's, Birmingham, has just completed what is a remarkable record. In calling the first peal, rung half-muffled in memory of King George, on the newly-augmented peal at Aston, he brought his total of twelve-bell peals to 300, of which 195 have been on tower bells and 105 on handbells. Mr. Walker would be the last to claim any special merit in the distinction he has achieved; with him it has been, he says, largely a matter of circumstances and opportunity, but it is, nevertheless, a new record in peal ringing.



MR. ALBERT WALKER.

Bred to twelve-bell ringing in St. Martin's famous tower, and occupying the office there as conductor, he has been in the happy position of leader of a belfry where more twelve-bell peals have been rung than anywhere else in the country. In addition, the ability of the men he has had round him enabled handbell peal ringing to be brought to a fine art, and this helped considerably to swell his total.

Of the 300 peals which he has rung on twelve bells, Mr. Walker has conducted 126, an indication that, despite his opportunities, he has never sought to monopolise the calling, and many a man has to thank him for the opportunity of conducting a twelve-bell peal. Of the handbell peals of Stedman Cinques, one was non-conducted and one 'silent,' the latter being unique in that the band, when they met, 'drew' for the pair of bells they were to ring. Among the peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was one rung non-conducted at St. Martin's.

In addition to these performances it is to be remembered that Mr. Walker conducted the only peal yet rung on fourteen bells, a peal of Stedman Sextuples on handbells. Here is the list of twelve-bell peals.

	Tower bells.	Handbells.
Stedman Cinques	169	101
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Erin Cinques	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5	2
Bob Maximus	1	
Forward Maximus	2	
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	17	
	195	105

Mr. Walker's twelve-bell peals on tower bells have been rung at 27 cathedrals and churches, and he has conducted peals in 19 of them. St. Martin's, Birmingham, of course, heads the list. Here he has rung no fewer than 140 peals of Cinques and Maximus. In addition to St. Martin's, he has conducted twelve-bell peals at Exeter, Worcester, Winchester, Canterbury, Sheffield and Southwark Cathedrals, Tewkesbury Abbey, Aston, Taunton, West Bromwich, Walsall, Cheltenham, Wolverhampton, Eainswick, Leicester, High Wycombe, Surfleet and Cornhill (London) churches. The other places at which he has rung a peal are St. Paul's, Lincoln and Oxford Cathedrals, Buckfast Abbey (the only peal rung on the bells), Reading, Bristol, Cirencester and Cripplegate (London).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT BROXBOURNE.

A very enjoyable time was spent by those attending the meeting of the Eastern District at Broxbourne on Saturday week. Some thirty ringers assembled and the musical peal was kept busy. The Vicar welcomed the association to Broxbourne, and conducted the service, and gave a short but helpful address, basing his words upon 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.'

Friends and members were present from Chelmsford, Springfield, Sawbridgeworth, Waltham Abbey, Leytonstone, Hertford, London, Nazing, Cheshunt, Broxbourne and Little Mundon. Methods ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH TO CONTINUE.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Paignton on Saturday, when ringers were present from Exeter, Sidmouth, Christow, Newton Abbot, Dean Prior, Cockington, Collaton and Plymouth, as well as the local ringers. Ringing took place during the afternoon, touches of Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples being rung, as well as rounds for the less experienced ringers. A service was later conducted by the Rev. W. V. Duke, who based an excellent address from the text, 'O come let us worship and fall down' (Psalms 95, v. 6).

The visitors afterwards adjourned to the Schoolroom for tea, and the general secretary (Mr. T. Laver) occupied the chair at the subsequent business meeting.

The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to His late Majesty King George V.

A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay, who wished to resign the chairmanship of the branch owing to continued illness in his household. The branch decided to place on record its appreciation of his valuable services with the hope that he would become chairman again at some future date. An apology for absence was also read from the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox), who was attending a similar meeting at Pyworthy.

The secretary's report showed that three meetings had been held during the year and that there had been an improvement in the attendances. A few bell restorations had been carried out in the branch, and three peals of Grandsire Triples had been rung during the year by mixed bands. There was a slight decrease in the membership of the branch.—The report was adopted, as was also the treasurer's report.

Arising out of a decision at the spring meeting last year to continue the branch until the annual meeting, it was decided to carry on the branch as usual, and the Rev. W. R. D. Mills, of Collaton, was elected chairman. Mr. A. L. Bennett was elected secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. R. Whiting (Collaton), G. F. Austin (Paignton) and J. Olding (Cockington) were elected representatives of the branch to serve on the General Committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dartmouth on Saturday, May 9th, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

Messrs. C. Medland and L. Wensley, of Cockington, were elected members of the branch.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Paignton for the use of the bells and Schoolroom, to the Rev. W. V. Duke (assistant priest) for conducting the service and for his address, to the organist for his help, and to the Ladies' Committee for carrying out the tea arrangements.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Woodbury on Saturday, February 1st, when 50 members and visitors were present. The following towers in the branch were represented, viz., Clyst St. George, Colaton Raleigh, East Budleigh, Lymington, Topsham, Whimble, Withycombe Raleigh and Woodbury, with visitors from Brampford Speke, Christow, Exeter, Kenn, Sidmouth and Silverton.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Bateman, and the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Nealy) gave a most instructive address. Tea was held in the Public Hall and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the new chairman, the Rev. G. Bateman, of Withycombe Raleigh. The president (the Rev. E. V. Cox) gave him a most hearty welcome.

Mr. E. Bone was unanimously elected Ringing Master for the ensuing year. Three associate members were elected, and Rockbeare was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 25th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his able address, to the organist and choir, and to the caterer for providing the tea.

The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Bob Major.

RINGER'S 55th ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING.

To celebrate the 55th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Holmes, of Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, February 9th, at St. Marie's Church: F. Gates (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Osguthorpe 2, W. Burgar 3, G. Holmes (conductor) 4, G. Lewis 5, R. Harrison 6, R. Harrison, jun. 7, H. Hurst 8.

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Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft replied on behalf of the visitors and congratulated the bellhangers upon the remarkable improvement in the 'go' of the bells.—Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., having also received nothing but praise upon the success of the work, suitably responded.

For some time Marple bells have had an unenviable reputation, and ringing them was a laborious task, due in the main to weak supporting beams and worn bearings. Now, new ball bearings have been fitted, the old timber frame strengthened and girders fixed under the beams carrying the frame. The result is gratifying to all concerned.

MARPLE BELLS.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS OLD PEAL RESTORED.

In 1731, Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast a new ring of six bells for the Parish Church of Stockport to replace five that had been taken out of the tower early in the 18th century. Some years later a portion of the tower gave way and some rude buttresses were erected. However, in 1805, after ringing for several days in succession for Nelson's great victory at Trafalgar, the old tower was so shaken that the bells were seldom rung again, and the last time they were heard from that tower was on October 13th, 1809, at the Jubilee when George III. was King.

In the following year the tower was pulled down and the bells stowed away, some in an old mill in Portwood and some in the hearse house. When the new, and present, tower was built, a new ring of eight bells was made for it whilst the old peal lay unheard and unring.

MARPLE BUYS THE BELLS.

Messrs. Rudhall, who had placed the new ring of eight in the new tower, offered the churchwardens and trustees £400 for the old six bells, but there was a very strong feeling against them leaving the parish on account of their sweet tone, and eventually at a large meeting held in March, 1816, the trustees unanimously resolved that the township of Marple should have the option to purchase at the price offered by Rudhalls. This resolution brought forth the following appeal, dated 28th March, 1816:—

To the inhabitants of Marple and its vicinity.

The trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for the taking down and rebuilding of the Parish Church of Stockport, having made the township of Marple an offer of the peal of bells belonging to the former edifice, it is earnestly hoped that a subscription may be raised equal to the purchase of them. The sum required is Four Hundred Pounds, being the price at which Mr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, a descendant of the original founder, has offered to take them from the trustees. Little, it is hoped, need be urged to prevail upon the inhabitants of Marple not to suffer these bells to be conveyed away from amongst them for ever. The real excellence of their tone must be well remembered by them, and scarcely an individual is there that has not listened to them with feelings such as few but would wish to experience again.

The site of the chapel is a consideration that ought to have its weight. On an eminence that commands an extensive view of the bold swelling hills of Derbyshire, as of the more fertile plains of Cheshire, no situation could be better adapted to give full effect to their uncommonly fine tone. From this hill the sound of them will go forth far and wide, and it cannot be doubted but that the inhabitants of the other townships, when they hear them, will rejoice that their neighbours did not suffer them to be removed for ever out of the parish, and will applaud both the spirit and the liberality of the township of Marple.

This appeal had such an effect that Samuel Oldknow, Esq., Nathaniel Wright, Esq., and the Rev. C. K. Prescott, curate of Marple, concluded the bargain and became personally responsible for the amount. On April 29th, Mr. Oldknow sent his dray for the treble and tenor, and Mr. Wright sent two carts for the remaining four.

June 30th, 1816, saw the opening of the peal; Miriam Isherwood, of Marple Hall, a descendant of Judge Bradshawe, who tried Charles I., was christened and the day kept as a gala day. Prizes were given and competed for by the ringers of the district; unfortunately, there is no record of what ringing took place nor details of the bands who competed, so our readers are left to imagine what took place.

In 1886, the bells were going badly, and the various fittings were suffering from a common complaint, old age. They were rehung by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, on the then modern principle, and again the parishioners liberally responded. The reopening took place on Easter Monday, 1886, by the Hayfield ringers, at that time one of the best companies in the district.

For some time past the 'go' of the bells has again slowly but firmly told the ringers that all was not well above, with the result the Church authorities wisely decided to make good the damage due to fair wear and tear. All the fittings have been thoroughly overhauled and new ball bearings of the latest type provided. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have again undertaken the work, which has been carried out with their usual efficiency. At the same time the opportunity was taken of having the old timber frame strengthened and the main carrying beams reinforced by heavy steel girders, and once more the parishioners have responded in their customary manner.

THE DEDICATION.

At a special service on a recent Saturday, the bells were formally reopened after rehanging; the service was fully choral and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Spackman. The Rev. A. J. Humphreys, R.D., Vicar of Norbury and Rural Dean, delivered a striking sermon in his usual inimitable manner.

In addition to the numerous parishioners, ringers from six different dioceses gave their support to the service. The usual welcome was extended to the ringers and a very substantial tea was provided in the Parish Hall at a most reasonable charge.

The Rev. F. S. Spackman greeted the visitors and briefly explained the various items of work that had been undertaken by the church authorities.

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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 20th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 18th, St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 27th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 15th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Reports ready. Members' subscriptions due. It would add to the pleasure and interest of the meeting if as many ringers and would be-ringers as possible attended.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove (Repton bells not available for this meeting) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Visitors welcomed.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held jointly with the quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service at 4.30 and tea and business meeting afterwards in the Institute.—A. H. Smith and H. F. Mills, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (1 mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Whilton (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The first monthly meeting of the year will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed, Loughborough.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. per head) in the Parochial Hall. Business: Auditors' report, election of officers, extension of radius for contest, etc. A good attendance is earnestly desired. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —The annual district meeting will be held at Sutton, near Ely, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Howell, of Ipswich, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Rev. Canon Woodard. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. — W. F. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Glemsford, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30. Meeting in the tower 7 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Perry Barr, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, 5 p.m. — Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The postponed meeting of this division will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Those intending to be present will greatly oblige if they notify me as soon as possible.—F. Ridgwell, Hon. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The monthly meeting will be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3. Tea has been arranged. Good bus and train services from most parts.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. — O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery. — Feb. 15th at Stoke Goldington. Begin 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stagsden on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells, a handy ring of six, available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Mary's, Gateshead, on Wednesday, Feb. 19th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Ringing after meeting until 6.45 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. Apply to me by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, latest. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 5 to 6 p.m. and St. John's (10) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MELTHAM, HUDDERSFIELD. — Centenary of Bells, Feb. 22nd.—Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon Marshall, President, Yorkshire Association. Free tea for ringers sending names to Edward Earnshaw, 124, Helme Lane, Meltham, before Feb. 17th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Feb. 22nd to mark the occasion of the opening of the bells after repairs. Bells will be available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea will be provided for ringers and friends at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Starling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Crediton (8 bells) on Feb. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Institute. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Feb. 15th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Tea at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, 1s. per head, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon. Please let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, how many for tea. A collection will be taken during the service to form the nucleus of a Bell Restoration Fund for the Branch.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Maggie Café. Will members of the District Committee please attend, to arrange quarterly meetings for this year?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Romsey Abbey on Feb. 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 19th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Important business. 1936 subscriptions due. Special attention to learners 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea guaranteed only for those who send names by Feb. 17th to G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Geo. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. in Church Room. Election of officers, etc. Ringers who require tea must let me know Wednesday, Feb. 19th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Bus from Westgate Street 2.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Feb. 19th?—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6), 3 to 4.45; All Saints' (8), 3 to 4.45; Cathedral (10), 6.45 to 8.30. Service, All Saints', 4.45 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.30 p.m., 6d. each, to those notifying me not later than Feb. 19th.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. G. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, by Tuesday, Feb. 18th. Gentlemen welcomed. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, near Bexley Heath, Kent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 18th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams Memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, 18th.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wraysbury on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to those who notify me not later than Feb. 17th. Subscriptions now due. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.15 p.m., at Parson's Café.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Will those coming to tea please let me know by previous Tuesday?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Minster at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. R. Owen, 8, Long Lane, Beverley, E. Yorks, by Thursday, Feb. 27th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. A farewell meeting to the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rigg, D.D.). — H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting Feb. 29th at Ossett. Bus half-hourly from Leeds. Bells 2 till 9.15 p.m. Tea provided, ladies, by kind invitation of Mayor of Ossett. All must send names to Miss Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds, by Tuesday, Feb. 25th.—E. Dorice Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Church Rooms, Heene Road. All who intend to be present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, 230, Dominion Road, Worthing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of this division will be held at Little Waltham on Feb. 29th. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 26th. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone, bells (6), on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Notify me by Wednesday previous. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark on Saturday, Mar. 21st. Details later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

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To deal first with the accusation against this paper, let us say at once that we have never pretended to be a religious journal, but to say that we have done nothing to suggest that the art of ringing is in any way allied to a spiritual cause, is to reveal ignorance of the policy and actions of this paper. When circumstances have demanded it, we have published leading articles dealing with the responsibilities of ringers in this direction; and always our columns are open and are frequently used for the publication of extracts from addresses delivered by those far more able than a layman to direct attention to the spiritual connection of the ringers' work.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
CHARLES T. COLKS 2	*HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6
*GEORGE R. PYE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 4	*WILLIAM S. CHILDS Tenor
	*JOHN E. ROOTES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.
* First peal of Erin. † First peal of Erin Triples. First peal of Erin Triples on the bells and for the association. The first 'long-course' peal of Erin yet rung. Rung for the Accession of His Majesty King Edward VIII.

ABERAVON, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE POPNELL 7
EDWARD PHILLIPS 4	WILLIAM J. PRING Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of His Majesty King Edward VIII's Accession to the Throne.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*JAMES W. GODDARD Treble	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 6
GEORGE W. MOODY 3	JACK BRAY 7
WALTER M. GODDARD 4	JOSEPH ATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Varah, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hoodless.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

KENNETH FORD Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	RONALD G. BRICK 6
DAVID MACKAY 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
NORMAN COOMES 4	HENRY WINDSOR Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
*MISS PHYLLIS TILLET 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ALBERT E. WHITING 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First attempt for a peal of London.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in 25 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose; (2) Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and Chester; (3) Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth and Rossendale; (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley; (5) Berwick and Hexham; (6) Lincoln and Goldstream; (7) London, Cuneastre and Wells.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN POLLARD Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First Spliced Surprise peal on the bells.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*E. REVETT Treble	†G. BIGGS 4
†G. MOTHERSOLE 2	*R. ARBON 5
*G. C. LEACH 3	C. H. ALDOUS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. ALDOUS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were made a ring of six in January, 1933.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF 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 LAPLIN 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON 9-10	

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

LONDON.
THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

On Friday, January 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At 17, MANDRAKE ROAD, UPPER TOOTING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3-4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7-8
HOWARD MACKMAN 9-10	

Composed by H. G. MILRS. Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor, size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5-6
JOHN SPARROW 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE V. MEMORIAL PEALS.

The following peals were rung for the passing of His Majesty King George V., with the bells fully muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAS. GOODSSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
GEORGE KING 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	ALBERT HOAD Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

BARNES, SURREY.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 5
E. RALPH MACKRILL 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
HENRY G. MILES 4	CHARLES WARNER Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 24 cwt.	
HARRY D. LISTER Treble	WILLIAM E. WATHEN 5
*ARTHUR R. WOODARD 2	SHELFORD SPARROW 6
*FRANK BORLEY 3	†EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	KEITH W. WHITTELL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ALFRED POTTER Treble	JOHN DENNER 5
MATTHEW BERRY 2	ALFRED POTTER, JUN. 6
BEN WELSBY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JAMES DENNER 4	ROBERT DENNER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	TONY PRICE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5th and 7th.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).	
*ROBERT H. VIGOR Treble	FRANK RAYMENT 5
HAROLD WALKER 2	FRED NEWTON 6
RONALD H. DOVE 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
*HORACE S. MORLEY 4	†EDWARD BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

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

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
GEORGE CONDICK Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 2	WILLIAM C. JONES 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	JOHN AUSTIN 7
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 4	HENRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES DURRANT Treble	WILLIAM KINSEY 5
KRITH WHITTELL 2	CHARLES SHEMMING 6
ERNEST BLOMFIELD 3	CLAUDE WOODWARD 7
JAMES ROSE 4	GEORGE MORE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by J. ROSE.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN TURNER Treble	RONALD SQUIRES 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL 2	FRANK RHODES 6
WALTER DRANSFIELD 3	JOE C. MELLOR 7
*WILLIAM HARGREAVES 4	HENRY H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOE C. MELLOR.

* First peal of Major. Also rung as a token of respect to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who held his first curacy at the above church, 1905-1909.

SIX BELL PEAL.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 5 cwt. 22 lb.	
MISS MILLY FEATHERS ... Treble	JOE WHITAKER 4
JOHN WORTH 2	STANLEY NOBLE 5
*HORACE MARSDEN 3	WILFRED STEVENSON Tenor

Conducted by W. STEVENSON.

* First peal, at first attempt, and belongs to the local band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

The following peals were rung with the bells half-muffled:—

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

THOMAS M. COX Treble	RALPH W. JACKSON 5
THOMAS METCALFE 2	SAMUEL YEATES 6
MRS. R. WARRIOR 3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON 7
GEORGE KIMBALL 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by MRS. R. WARRIOR.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 15 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
JOHN GRUNDY 2	WILLIAM SMITH 6
COLIN HARRISON 3	EDWARD READER 7
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	LESLIE W. STEPHENS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*JAMES A. GLASS... ..Treble	†THOMAS J. LOCK 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 6
†KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of New Cambridge. W. Welling and E. S. T. Farr have now rung 50 peals together.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FRANK J. GREEN ... ..Treble	JOHN A. GREEN 5
FREDERICK C. CASE 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
HARRY G. RIDGWAY 4	GEORGE FODDY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL ... ..Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	EDWARD FOSTER 7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. TIMMIS... ..Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
NORMAN H. SMITH 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE 6
WILLIAM BRANT 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
THOMAS G. MARTIN 4	JAMES SHAW ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First attempt for a peal.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours,

At Brookfield Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH REED ... ..Treble	CHARLES OLLIER... .. 5
EDWARD F. MAWBY 2	HARRY GASKELL 6
JOHN FEARNHEAD 3	ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 7
WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	JAMES CHAMBERLAIN ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES OLLIER.

First peal in the method by all in the band. First peal in the method on the bells. A peal attempt was made on Tuesday, January 28th.

TICKHILL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

EDGAR C. STACEY ... ..Treble	*WILLIAM FAY 5
*WILLIAM JOHNSON 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE 6
*HARRY GOODALE 3	*FOORD P. NEWTON 7
HERBERT CHADOCK 4	ERNEST COOPER ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal of Major.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES WHITING ... ..Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	HARRY J. VINCE 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	ALDERMAN LING ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by A. LING.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ...Treble	HORACE BYFIELD 5
EDMUND C. CHASTY 2	FRANK BRADLEY 6
THOMAS STORER 3	TOM CLARKE... .. 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

G. W. PEVRELL ... ..Treble	S. BRYANT 5
*R. T. SIMPSON 2	J. T. TITT 6
J. WEST 3	J. PENTLAND... .. 7
G. W. HUTCHINSON 4	R. B. ROBINSON ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by G. W. PEVRELL.

* First peal in the method.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

H. THRIFT ... ..Treble	ALBERT PRYKE 5
*EDWARD T. STITCH 2	JOHN STITCH... .. 6
*CHARLES HARRINGTON ... 3	CHARLES PRYKE 7
BERTRAM C. HINES 4	HARRY TURNER ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Major.

KINGSWINFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM PARKER ... ..Treble	*STANLEY J. MAJOR 5
ARTHUR HINGLEY 2	HOWARD HOWELL 6
†HENRY L. LANGLEY 3	*HAROLD SMITH 7
DAVID HINGLEY 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by H. SMITH.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEA, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BAKER ... ..Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN 4
*JOSEPH A. LUNN 2	NOEL B. THORLEY 5
MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ...Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

BRINDLE.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. POWER Treble	C. R. POWER 4
A. HATCH 2	H. BLACKLIDGE 5
F. BLACKLIDGE 3	W. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKLIDGE.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVEN Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	ALBERT MARYIN 5
TOM WORRALL 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT BROWN Treble	* MAURICE MILLARD 4
* ALBERT APPLEBY 2	JAMES SHARPE 5
WILLIAM WILKINSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. 50th peal as conductor.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

J. GEOFFREY GEARY Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
ALBERT L. WARD 2	† JOHN F. HUBBARD 5
* JOHN H. BLUFF 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

* First peal in four Minor methods. † First peal in four methods.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, with different callings.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS Treble	* GEORGE SAUNDERS 4
* RICHARD ROPER 2	ARTHUR SMITH 5
† WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3	WALTER SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

STANDLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six different 840's.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

GORDON COSTAR Treble	HARRY FARMER 4
CHARLES BOWSHER 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 5
BERTRAM COSTAR 3	PERCY TRINDER Tenor

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Winifred,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 10 cwt.

H. MALBY Treble	S. ADAMS 3
W. DAKIN 2	G. HILL 4
J. W. BOOTH Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. BOOTH.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 20 different callings.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. EDWARD WHITLOCK Treble	CHARLES G. ALDERMAN 4
* REGINALD G. ABRAHAM 2	† REGINALD H. HOWSON 5
† ARTHUR G. MAY 3	ARCHIE LATHALL Tenor

Conducted by J. E. WHITLOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PEAL BOARD MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. W. PYE.

The annual business meeting of the Guild was held at Liskeard on February 1st. Canon Windsor took the chair and there were present Lt.-Col. Jerram (Ringing Master), Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (secretary), Mr. H. Dunstan (treasurer), Mr. C. Lanxon (peal secretary) and representatives from every branch of the Guild and the Mid-Cornwall Association.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary said he had received a letter from Bishop Frere, thanking the Guild for their sympathy in his illness and good wishes for the future. The secretary also said he regretted that Dr. Symons, their president, was unable to be with them.

The Ringing Master reported that he had attended most of the minor festivals and the diocesan festival, and expressed his regret that the autumn festival of the Launceston Branch had not taken place.

The secretary reported that two towers had joined the Guild (Advent and Lanivet), and that one (St. Dominic) had dropped out. The bells of Callington had been restored and those of Redruth augmented to eight.

The treasurer reported a balance of 19s. 1d., with £64 3s. 1d. on deposit.

The peal secretary reported that nine peals had been rung for the Guild during the last twelve months.

The secretary reported that the Bishop (Dr. J. Hunkin) had consented to become patron of the Guild.

All the officers were re-elected unanimously as follows: President, Dr. J. Symons; vice-presidents, the two Archdeacons, Canon H. Mills, Canon S. Windsor, the Rev. R. Hocking, Messrs. W. H. Southard, J. T. Treffry and W. Wood; Ringing Master, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram; secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella; treasurer, Mr. H. Dunstan; peal secretary, Mr. C. Lanxon.

It was agreed to form a Standing Committee, consisting of the Ringing Master, secretary, treasurer (if money matters affected) and the secretaries of the branches and Mid-Cornwall Association.

A proposal to redraft the rules concerning the award of medals and certificates was referred to the Standing Committee.

It was agreed to place a board in the tower of St. Stephen-in-Brannel Church to commemorate the last peal called by the late William Pye, which was in that tower. The Rector of St. Stephen, who is secretary of the Mid-Cornwall Association, gladly agreed to accept this peal board for his church.

Mr. C. Lanxon was elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council for the next three years.

It was resolved to hold the annual festival at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, and the Rector gave his consent.

After the meeting members went to Liskeard tower, and rounds, call changes, Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung.

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A YORKSHIRE STALWART**DEATH OF MR. W. D. HILLARY, OF SKIPTON.**

The death has occurred at Skipton, Yorks, of Mr. William Downham Hillary, at the age of 76 years. A native of Kettlewell, he had resided at Skipton since his marriage in 1880 to Miss Elizabeth Billows. They celebrated their golden wedding in July, 1930, but Mrs. Hillary predeceased her husband.

By his death, the Skipton Parish Church ringers have lost one of their most able and conscientious members. He was the second oldest member of the band, the oldest being his brother-in-law, Mr. William Billows, who has two years' longer service. Mr. Hillary joined the band in 1878, when there was only a peal of six bells, and the ringers were Mr. William Trees, Mr. Joseph Barrett, Mr. J. Ingham, Mr. W. Pate, Mr. Joseph Thompson, Mr. Tom Harry Trees, Mr. S. Watson, Mr. W. Holdsworth, Mr. William Billows and himself.

He served under three rectors—the Rev. P. C. Kidd, the Rev. H. L. Cook and the present holder of the living, Canon R. S. Stoney; he rang in honour of great events in the reigns of three monarchs, among them the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887, the Diamond Jubilee in 1897, the coronations of King Edward and King George and the Jubilee of King George. Illness prevented him from taking his usual stand on the occasion of the funeral of King George V.

Mr. Hillary took part in 38 peals, including 6,048 of Oxford Treble Bob in 1889. Mr. Hillary joined the Yorkshire Association in 1887 and was at the time of his death an honorary life member.

During the war, when a number of ringers joined the fighting forces, their places were filled by four ladies, among them being Mr. Hillary's daughter, Miss Ada Hillary (now Mrs. George Bottomley), who rang until 1922.

In 1879 Mr. Hillary joined the old Skipton Volunteers and served until 1901, having attained the rank of sergeant. For 19 years Mr. Hillary was a member of the Skipton Fire Brigade, and he rose to the position of superintendent.

As a young man, Mr. Hillary was a prominent athlete, and at one time was regarded as the best exponent of the long jump in the district. He also acquitted himself well in the sprint events, and was no mean performer in events over long distances, as his success testified.

He had five sons and four daughters. One son, Thomas, who was a member of the Territorials, died before the war, while two of his brothers died during the war—Horace, in England, from wounds received at Gallipoli, and Harold, in France.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**INTERESTING CELEBRATION AT GUILDFORD.**

An interesting peal is recorded in our columns this week. It was rung at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on February 1st, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Raddon, of Guildford. Mrs. Raddon was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, of Woodbridge House, Potterne, Wilts, and the wedding was solemnised at Potterne Parish Church, on December 2nd, 1885, by the Ven. T. B. Buchanan, Archdeacon of Wilts. Mr. Raddon was at that time one of the ringers at Potterne.

In 1898 Mr. and Mrs. Raddon moved to Guildford, and Mr. Raddon joined the old Winchester Diocesan Guild. For some years, before the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Raddon very efficiently discharged the duties of hon. secretary of the Guildford District, and he became one of the foundation members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The peal in honour of the golden wedding was arranged for December 7th, but the funeral of King George's sister on that day caused its postponement. It was eventually rung on February 1st at S. Nicolas' Church, where Mr. Raddon for nearly 40 years has been a member of the band, and one of the ringers was Mr. C. S. Burden, of the St. Paul's Cathedral Company, who rang at Potterne 50 years ago for Mr. and Mrs. Raddon's wedding. He was one of Mr. Raddon's ringing pupils.

Mr. Raddon was unable to take part in the peal, but he met the band and wished them 'good luck' before they started, and was at the bottom of the belfry steps to greet and congratulate them when they finished. Afterwards, 'continued health and happiness' to Mr. and Mrs. Raddon was appropriately honoured.

WIGAN BROADCAST.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was disgusted to read the scathing letter in the issue of February 14th with regard to the performance of the Wigan band on the occasion of their broadcast.

It was not good, but the band would probably have appreciated a little healthy criticism from one who had the courage to sign his name.

Hitchin.

DONALD C. MEARS.

IN REPLY TO 'DISGUSTED.'

Sir.—If I was strong enough to write a letter like 'Disgusted,' I would be strong enough to write my own name.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is interesting to note that the number of reports which have reached us of peals rung either muffled or half-muffled for His Majesty King George is 174. This is only about 15 less than those rung in celebration of His Majesty's Silver Jubilee. When King Edward VII. died, 103 memorial peals were rung.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are carrying out two rehanging jobs in the county of Stafford, viz., the ring of eight at Stone and the ring of five at Seighford.

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on February 29th once more promises to bring together a 'national' gathering of ringers. Visitors on that occasion will have the opportunity of ringing on the new peal of twelve at Aston Parish Church, where the bells will be available from 3 o'clock until 5 p.m.

The talented handbell band at Oxhey, Herts, last Friday rang a peal of Spliced London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, with 106 changes of method! It was composed and conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore. The other ringers were Messrs. H. Hodgetts, C. W. Woolley and F. W. Brinklow. This must surely be the finest ringing performance ever accomplished. Last November the same band rang on handbells a peal of Spliced London and Cambridge, and, great as is their latest achievement, we have no doubt their ambition soars higher yet!

After a good many years' service as hon. secretary of the Bristol Branch and subsequently of the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Mr. Frank Skidmore has given up the office. His successor is Mr. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cottrell, near Bristol, Glos.

An acre of grass land at Eltham, Kent, the revenue from which, for 400 years, has been used to provide bell ropes for the Parish Church, and as an ancient charity yielded about 20s. a year, is now covered by Council houses, and the Woolwich Borough Council has decided to redeem the charity.

THOUSAND PEALERS' PEAL.

A UNIQUE PERFORMANCE.

The 'thousand pealers' were successful in their effort at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on Saturday. They rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, but, we are told, with all their experience the importance of the occasion weighed so heavily upon them that they started 'as nervous as kittens'.

We have not yet received the official account of the peal, or accurate details of the colossal peal aggregate of these eight ringers, who, in addition to their outstanding individual achievements, now have the distinction of being the first peal band whose members have each rung over a thousand peals.

Our readers will be interested to know the names of the ringers. They were James George 1, George R. Pye 2, William H. Fussell 3, John H. Cheesman 4, Frank Bennett 5, James E. Davis 6, George Williams 7, Alfred H. Pulling 8. It was called by the doyen of conductors, George Williams, and rung in 3 hours 16 minutes for the Middlesex Association.

There are other particulars which we hope to publish about this unique performance when the 'official' report comes to hand.

PEALS IN 1935.

SEVENTY-NINE MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

The total number of peals rung in the year 1935, according to the records published in 'The Ringing World,' was 1,863, an increase of 84 tower-bell peals, and a decrease of five handbell peals in 1934, when the total was 1,784. The increase in peals on tower bells was due, of course, to the large number rung for King George's Silver Jubilee. Here is a summary of the peals rung last year and in the previous year:—

Previous year	Max.	Cinq.	Roy.	Caters	Maj.	Trip.	Minor	Doubles	Total
1935									
Tower bells	9	35	46	82	670	376	381	182	1,781
Handbells	1	5	8	7	41	12	5	3	82
	10	40	54	89	711	388	386	185	1,863
1934									
Tower bells	12	23	61	68	724	324	355	130	1,697
Handbells	—	6	5	9	47	7	7	6	87
	12	29	66	77	771	331	362	136	1,784

In 1933, 1,734 tower-bell peals and 99 handbell peals were rung, and in 1932 the numbers were 2,111 and 91 respectively.

A DATE TOUCH.

At All Saints' Church, Waltham-on-Avon, on Saturday, February 1st, in 1 hour 12 minutes, a date touch of 1,936 changes, consisting of 16 Original, 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure and College Pleasure, and 240 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: W. Bramham 1, A. Gill 2, C. D. Potter 3, G. Lord 4, A. Panther (conductor) 5, W. Green 6. Specially arranged for Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who afterwards entertained the company to supper.

MUFFLED RINGING.**WHAT IS THE RIGHT PROCEDURE?**

Questions as to proper practice in regard to muffled ringing have been raised by the variety of procedure in connection with the death of King George V. In most cases the local ringers acted on their own initiative, and sometimes in consultation with the incumbent, and the natural result has been that there was no uniform procedure.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read the correspondence on muffled ringing in the 'Ringing World' of last week, and also having noted the numerous peals published during the last few weeks in connection with the passing of His late Majesty, I think there are several points that need discussion.

Firstly, are we quite correct in ringing half-muffled for the passing of a monarch or any member of the royal family, and especially for the memorial service? Surely the ringing ought to be fully muffled!

Secondly, should the 'passing bell' be tolled, or rung up, and should this be done between sunset and sunrise? I think it would be to good advantage if some definite rule could be referred to on these occasions, drawn up by the Central Council and supported by the Church authorities. At present the method adopted is more or less left for each individual to act on his own initiative.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggests readers should send a brief report of their doings in this respect. Here the tenor was tolled one stroke per minute for an hour on Tuesday, January 21st, at sunrise, and in conclusion 70 strokes were chimed, representing the age of the dead monarch. The bells were chimed (singly) for the services on Sunday, January 26th. On Monday, January 27th, a peal was rung half-muffled. On Tuesday, 28th, the bells were rung fully muffled for an hour prior to the memorial service at 7 p.m.

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

AT DEVIZES.

Sir,—When we, at St. James', Southbroom, Devizes, heard of the sad news, my father, captain of the tower, tolled the tenor bell half-muffled for one hour, viz., from 8 to 9 a.m. Then, in the evening of the same day (Tuesday, January 21st), we rang half-muffled, some of the time ringing 'the whole pull and stand.' On the following Sunday as well as on the day of the funeral the bells were rung fully muffled.

A. T. WEEKS.

AN ISLE OF WIGHT 'UNWRITTEN LAW.'

The unwritten law at Newport, Isle of Wight, which has been respected with regard to muffled ringing is as follows: Fully muffled for a member of the royal family, a bishop and a ranger; half-muffled for any other church dignitary or churchworker. For the death of King George the knell was tolled four times daily for a quarter of an hour at one minute intervals, at 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., until the morning of His late Majesty's funeral. The bells were rung fully muffled for the memorial service on Tuesday, January 28th, and also at the Sunday services on January 25th.

For the proclamation of H.M. King Edward VIII., on Wednesday, January 22nd, they were rung open at the request of the Mayor of the borough.

HALF OR FULLY MUFFLED?

Dear Sir,—The question of the correct procedure in regard to muffled and half-muffled ringing is, I consider, a very important one, and should be not only discussed by the Central Council, but a definite decision passed—since there appears to be a varied opinion among ringers.

In expressing a nation's sorrow in the passing of a King so beloved through the message of the bells, surely 'fully muffled' would have been the most appropriate.

If otherwise—the question for the Central Council's consideration appears to be 'For whom should bells be fully muffled?'

Ryde, Isle of Wight.

B. J. SNOW.

LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

At Kirton, near Boston, on February 1st, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: L. Lyon 1, J. W. Lakin, jun. 2, D. Flatters 3, J. Kemp 4, Dr. P. V. Hardwicke 5, G. Coleman, sen. 6, A. E. Flatters (conductor) 7, W. Boothby 8. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to W. T. Bishop, sen., for many years a ringer at the above church, who was interred during the afternoon.

RINGERS' PLACE IN THE CHURCH.**AN INDICTMENT.****To the Editor.**

Sir,—In your issue of the 31st ult. you admit to some annoyance at the remarks of the Vicar of Kingston. Less haste and more careful reading of what he said (as reported in that same issue) would have prevented your woeful misconstruction of his viewpoint. Your report makes it clear he wants to see the bells repaired; that it is the concern of all Kingston and he hopes all Kingston will help, and that his church will find £300 of the cost, though they could do with the money for more important things.

Merely 'as a church the church has no interest in the bells'; you dislike this, but it is true. The Church's job is to save souls; bells are of very little use in that job. They used to call out to the clock-less countryside that it was time for worship; in these modern days that is not needed. They have an aural appeal up to a point, and few Englishmen would like church bells to become silent. But you cannot honestly maintain that they play much part in helping to convert souls to Christ, or in bringing people to church. Probably 70 per cent. of the ringers themselves very rarely, if ever, attend the worship to which their ringing is supposed to have called others. This has much to do with the declining interest of the Church in its bells and ringers.

Quite frankly, the majority of the ringers ring as a hobby; they have no other interest in the work or witness of a church. Ringers are too selfish and narrow-minded in very many cases. They want people to erect and maintain belfries—what for? So that ringers may pursue their hobby, ring hours of peals of mathematical marvels of no interest to anyone but themselves, and if the overburdened churchfolk or parsons murmur, the ringers' journal finds it 'difficult to write with restraint.'

I want to see ringers come into the full stream Christian service and their work recognised, but ringers will have to consecrate their work and their outlook far more than they do, and be found among the worshippers whom the Church has to seek and save.

Ringers must get out of the narrowness of the belfry and look on the Kingdom of God from the cross and the altar.

I note that you state that Kingston's bells have failed to have any influence on the people; you assert that 'only a bold man would deny it!' 'The Ringing World' has never a line or a word, from cover to cover, week by week, that would even remotely suggest that ringers regard the Exercise as anything more than an art or a pastime; nothing to suggest that it is in any way allied to a spiritual cause or the extension of the Kingdom of God among men. Ringers have no interest in the church 'as a church,' but they dislike the inevitable consequence that the 'church as a church' has little interest in them.

Ringers need to broaden their outlook and your journal should help them; not attempt to stir them up to resentment of a courageous and very proper point of view.

'SINCERE WELLWISHER.'

[We refer to this letter in our leading article.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World'.]

A DERBYSHIRE RE-OPENING.**PREACHER FINDS HIS TEXT IN 'A GREAT ADVENTURE.'**

Wednesday evening, February 12th, saw the culmination of a spirited effort by the authorities of Spondon Parish Church, Derbyshire, in getting their bells placed in first-class order, when the work of rehanging was rededicated at a special service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Brocklehurst. The preacher for the occasion was the Rev. A. B. Roberts, Rector of Stanton-by-Dale, who said that when he was asked to preach this special sermon he did a lot of wondering as to what his text should be until he read a copy of 'A Great Adventure.' In that book he saw that the inscription on the tenor bell of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, Tasmania, was 'Their sound has gone out to all lands and their words unto the end of the world,' and this gave him that which he sought.

The result was a fine sermon, in the course of which he explained in a very lucid manner what the 'Great Adventure' was. We do not know whether the reverend gentleman is a ringer, but he certainly seems to be a ringers' parson.

The bells at Spondon consist of a very handy ring of six, with a tenor weighing 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb., easy to handle, and the sound in the ringing room is 'just nice.' The bells can be 'tapped' with that degree of nicety so beloved by devotees of good striking. If a hand cannot strike these bells they cannot ring any peal as they should be rung.

The Vicar and his people are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have tackled the job. In spite of the vast amount of money they have raised during the past years for other purposes, they faced the issue boldly and without undue delay, setting an example to many a more wealthy place. Immediately they knew that work had to be done to the bells there was no dilly-dallying, but a concerted effort to put things right. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work, and one cannot speak too highly of the manner in which they have carried out the contract. The result speaks for itself. At the opening service they were represented by Mr. John P. Fidler.

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MUFFLED TOUCHES.

Among the many touches rung for the death or funeral of His Late Majesty King George were the following:—

On Tuesday evening, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on muffled bells at St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme: E. Kettle 1, A. Moore 2, S. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 3, G. Holbrook 4, F. A. Forster 5, K. Thacker (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, A. Thompson (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, A. Allman 8. All the ringers are regular ringers at St. Giles'.

At Dudley, Worcestershire, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Smith 1, H. Goodman 2, J. Goodman (conductor) 3, W. Goodman 4, G. Guest 5, E. Sheppard 6, R. Goodman 7, N. G. Leech 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

At Bonenden, Kent, with the bells half-muffled, on Sunday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (five callings): W. Lambert 1, R. Weller 2, A. Stevenson 3, G. Burt 4, J. Avery 5, J. Austin 6, G. Sims (conductor) 7, H. Pope 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 behind.

RINGERS' TWO MINUTES' SILENCE.

Doncaster Parish Church ringers rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled on Sunday, January 26th: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, E. Stacey 4, A. Stavely 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, H. Wagsstaff 7, P. Daw 8. For the funeral on January 28th, at the Priory Church, 1,008 Stedman Triples was rung, after which the ringers stood by their ropes for the two minutes' silence, following which a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the memorial service at the Parish Church. The following took part: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Stacey 2, J. Holmes 3, W. E. Lloyd 4, R. Thompson 5, A. Stavely 6, H. Wagsstaff 7, P. Daw 8.

At Great Baddow, Essex, on Sunday, January 26th, with fully muffled clappers, for the memorial service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Carter (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, Dr. Spencer Phillips 2, J. W. Cornford 3, A. Bartholomew 4, P. Felton 5, C. Pennack (first quarter-peal of Major) 6, P. Green 7, G. Green (conductor) 8. Also 630 Grandsire Triples, conducted by P. Green.

At the Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, for morning service, on Sunday, January 26th, with the bells fully muffled, 1,050 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Ansell 1, H. M. White 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, H. Bull 5, H. A. Wacey 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. On Tuesday afternoon, January 28th, for the memorial service, 504 in the same method was rung before and after the service.

At Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, on Sunday morning, January 26th, before service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells fully muffled: W. Southgate 1, E. Smith 2, W. Rouse 3, H. Cuthbert 4, M. Ling 5, E. Davey (conductor) 6, H. A. Wright 7, A. J. Clark 8. All are Sunday service ringers.

On Tuesday, January 28th, the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, were rung with the bells half-muffled. Touches of Stedman Cinques, Caters, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, in which the following members took part: F. Arnold, J. E. Bailey, W. Berry, T. Bevan, Mrs. G. H. Cross, G. H. Cross, Mrs. C. J. Matthews, C. J. Matthews, Thomas Newman, Alfred Pye, S. Shellock, J. Sparrow, G. W. Steere, F. G. Symonds and Miss J. Thomson.

At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester, for the King's funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled, but the tenor open at backstroke: G. Lee 1, J. Best 2, M. Harris 3, R. Huxley 4, W. Hopwood 5, J. Hayes (conductor) 6, J. Mather 7, T. Price 8.

The bells of the Parish Church, Ickleton, Cambs, were rung deeply muffled for both morning and evening services on Sunday, January 26th. For morning service, five courses of Double Norwich were rung. On Tuesday, January 28th, after the memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Smooty 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, L. Lilley 3, R. Clements 4, L. Plitton 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Plitton 7, A. G. Lilley 8. This ringing was also a token of respect for the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, formerly secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association.

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, 504 Grandsire Triples with the bells fully muffled before the memorial service, and 504 Grandsire Triples half-muffled after the service: C. F. Cheekley 1, H. C. Beard (conductor) 2, J. Mapley 3, R. G. Abraham 4, R. H. Howson 5, E. G. Lathall 6, R. A. Hall 7, D. J. Clare 8.

At St. James' Church, Whitfield, Glossop, there are no fewer than three ringers who have rung for the death of three Sovereigns. They are T. Jackson, J. Marsden, and E. Garside, who all completed 50 years of continuous service this month. They rang to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee (1887) and Diamond Jubilee (1888) and for her death, the death of King Edward VII. and King George V. They now look forward to taking part in celebrating the crowning of King Edward VIII. On January 26th, with the bells deeply muffled, 1,728 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by J. Buckley (conductor) 1, F. Johnston 2, T. Jackson 3, J. Marsden 4, D. Cuthbert 5, H. Woodhead 6, E. Garside 7, F. Marsden 8.

A quarter-peal of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled was rung on Tuesday, January 21st, at Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough: C. Hobbs (first quarter-peal) 1, W. J. Wood 2, S. Wood 3, F. Pankhurst 4, G. Wood 5, W. A. Wood (conductor) 6.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Little Horkesley, Essex, on Monday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings) with the bells half-muffled: E. Leggett (conductor) 1, J. H. Edwards 2, B. F. Leggett 3, Corpl. V. B. Leggett, R.A.F., 4, W. G. Gusterson 5.

For morning service, at Shipley, Yorks, on January 26th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: E. H. Simpson (conductor) 1, Miss W. Foster 2, Miss M. White 3, T. B. Kendall 4, K. Simpson 4, H. Stott 6. For evening service, touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with T. A. King and F. Seager taking part. On January 28th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): G. Titterton 1, Miss M. White 2, W. Newman 3, K. Simpson 4, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 5, H. Stott 6, W. Helliwell 7, T. B. Kendall 8. Longest length of Bob Major for ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

FIRST PEAL ON MEMORIAL BELLS.

The half-muffled peal, rung for the death of His Majesty, at Penarth, Glamorganshire, took place on the anniversary of the death of the late Mr. E. Hodges, one time a churchwarden at this church, to whose memory the six bells were recently recast and augmented to eight by his daughter, Mrs. Wilkinson. It was the first peal on this beautiful ring, installed by Taylor and Co.

A half-muffled peal of Bob Major was attempted at St. David's Church, Bangor, North Wales, on Saturday, January 25th, but came to grief after ringing 2,528 changes in 1 hour and 40 minutes through a change course: A. E. Pegler, jun. 1, J. H. Midwinter 2, E. Atkinson 3, T. Turner 4, R. Fairlie, jun. 5, J. H. Fuller 6, J. Evans 7, A. E. Pegler, sen. (conductor) 8. On Tuesday, January 28th, with the bells half-muffled, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung for 70 years of the late King's age.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late King George. The peal was, unfortunately, unsuccessful after nearly three hours' ringing owing to a change course. The band were: L. L. Gray 1, A. Linbatt 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, F. Varty 4, J. Brown 5, R. G. Edwards 6, J. Ridyard 7, E. C. Birkett 8, E. Counce 9, H. Roberts 10.

At Accrington, on Sunday, January 26th, 720 St. Clement's College Bob: F. Platt 1, S. Brown 2, J. Beattie 3, C. Blakey 4, A. Stanton 5, W. Aaron (conductor) 6. First 720 of St. Clement's ever rung at Accrington, and first for all the band except W. Aaron. For evening service, 720 of Minor (240 each of Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): W. Ashworth 1, S. Brown 2, J. Beattie 3, C. Blakey 4, A. Stanton 5, W. Aaron (conductor) 6. Both 720's were rung with bells half-muffled.

At Wendover, Bucks, on Sunday, January 26th, with fully muffled bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Simmons 1, A. Buggy 2, W. A. Lee 3, A. Bird 4, H. C. Jones (conductor) 5, J. Hopcraft 6.

Other touches will be published next week.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at St. John's Church, Redhill, on Saturday, February 1st. The Rev. J. H. Ifor Jones (curate) conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar, who was indisposed. The Vicar sent a message saying how sorry he was not to be present and extending a welcome to the Surrey Association once more to St. John's. Tea followed in the Parochial Hall, where 43 were present from the following towers: Reigate, Horley, Limpsfield Chart, Burstow, Buckland, Marham, Bletchingley and Lingfield, and visitors from Crawley, Beddington, Turner's Hill, Croydon, Dorking and the local band, with Mr. Alderman Temple Newell, J.P., and Mr. J. Gear, churchwarden.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, Mr. Temple Newell presiding. The chairman referred to the passing of His Majesty King George V., and asked the company to stand in silence for a few moments.

The treasurer's report and balance sheet were adopted.

The secretary's report showed that four district meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of 30 members. Twenty new members were elected during the year, and one tower, Lingfield, was affiliated to the association. Eleven peals were rung.

It was decided to hold the following meetings during the year if possible: Nutfield in March; Buckland in June; Burstow in September; Horley in December; Reigate in January, 1937, for the annual meeting; with two joint meetings, viz., with the Sussex Association at Crawley, and East Grinstead Guild at Lingfield.

The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. A. J. Bull (Horley); treasurer, Mr. M. Northover (Reigate); hon. secretary, Mr. W. Claydon (Reigate); auditor, Mr. A. Gear (Redhill); committee, Mr. A. Willett (Redhill), Mr. Sheldon (Reigate) and Mr. H. Wallis (Lingfield). Mr. W. Claydon was nominated for election to the Central Council.

After change ringing on the handbells, a vote of thanks was passed to the curate for taking the service and Mr. West for presiding at the organ, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gear and friends for arrangements and helping at the tea, and Mr. Temple Newell for presiding at the meeting.

The bells were in use both in the afternoon and evening, and ringing extended from rounds to London Surprise Major.

SCOTTOW'S 'JUBILEE' BELL. AUGMENTED PEAL DEDICATED.

The new peal at Scottow, Norfolk, was dedicated on Tuesday, February 4th, by the Ingworth Rural Dean, the Rev. Harvard Watts, Rector of Blickling, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. Newton Kent) and the Rev. R. Jenkyn Owen (Rector of Swanton Abbott). A shortened form of evensong preceded the usual prayers, etc., used for the benediction of bells, wherein was heard three strokes on the new treble, which is an addition to the old peal of five, and then a course of Bob Minor by the following: W. C. Duffield (Buxton) 1, B. Rout (Aylsham) 2, C. E. Barrett (Norwich) 3, E. J. Barton (Buxton) 4, W. C. Medler (Hovingham) 5, G. W. Bailey (Wroxham) 6. Good striking enabled all to enjoy the clear musical tones of a very handy peal, the tenor being about 10½ cwt.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has put in a new iron frame and rehung the old five in all new fittings, the whole job having been completed in a most satisfactory manner.

The tower had also needed certain repairs, and the funds were largely provided by a generous donor, who prefers to remain anonymous, augmented by the surplus from the Parish Jubilee Fund. The work was undertaken as a memorial of King George V.'s Jubilee, the new treble bearing the inscription, 'Jubilee,' followed by portraits of the late King and Queen Mary.

About 20 ringers, some from remote parts of Norfolk, greatly enjoyed the ringing, which continued until late in the evening, and the very adequate tea so kindly provided by Miss Durrant at Scottow Hall.

DEATH OF A LONDON RINGER.

FIFTY YEARS A CUMBERLAND YOUTH.

The death occurred on February 10th of Mr. John Lee, of Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W., at the age of 71 years. He had been in failing health for a few months, had a heart attack in December and passed away peacefully on Monday of last week.

Mr. Lee was for 50 years a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and also a member of the London County, Surrey and Middlesex Associations and a member of the St. Leonard's, Streatham, band. He kept no count of the number of the peals he rang, but it is assumed to be about a hundred. The most noteworthy in which he took part were the peal, in six hours, of 10,072 changes Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Foxearth, Essex, in 1888, and the Surrey Association peal 10,400 changes of Double Norwich Major on Easter Monday, 1924, at Christ Church, Epsom.

The funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery on Friday, February 14th. In addition to the family mourners there were present Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master of the London County Association), Mr. H. Mance (Southern District Master of the London County Association), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (secretary of the South and West District, Middlesex County Association), Mr. J. W. Euston, of Balham, also officials of the London Parks Committee (L.C.C.), by which deceased was employed.

Touches were rung on Saturday, February 15th, half-muffled during the evening at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, by local and visiting ringers as a mark of respect.

As a ringer, deceased was a perfect striker, and will be greatly missed. He frequently attended practices and district meetings in London and suburbs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE MANCHESTER BRANCH SECRETARYSHIP.

A meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Birch-in-Rusholme on Saturday, February 15th. Ringers attended from Bowden, Bredbury, Gorton, Prestwich, Pendleton, Radcliffe, West Didsbury and Worsley, together with a few unattached members of the branch. The meeting had the pleasure, also of the presence of Mr. J. H. Sheppard, of Swindon.

The business meeting was held in the tower, with the branch president, Mr. C. Gudgeon, in the chair.

At the outset the chairman requested the members to stand in silence as a tribute to the memory of His late Majesty King George V. Associated also with the tribute was the late Mr. James H. Collier, of Flixton. The chairman spoke also of Mr. R. H. Bent, of Prestwich, who has been ill for a considerable period.

Places chosen for next quarter's meetings were: March 21st, Prestwich; April 18th, Gorton; and May 16th, Worsley.

The following were elected members of the association: Messrs. Charles Ridyard and R. Jones, of Worsley; Alan Mosley, John Huxstep, Harry Ogden, John and Alan Wrigley, of Birch; Ewart Mungatroyd, of West Didsbury; Alan Brown, of Bowden, Cheshire; and H. Charles Bond, of Cirencester.

The secretary (Mr. D. Brown) intimated his desire to resign from the position owing to his difficulty in attending the meetings and keeping in close touch with the branch, and requested the meeting to consider the desirability of electing a successor at the next quarterly meeting in May.

After the usual votes of thanks had been passed, several of the new members were given some very useful practice, which at the moment is very welcome at Birch, where a young band is endeavouring not only to raise their status as ringers, but also to raise funds for a bell restoration scheme. We wish them success in every way.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Norbury (Hazel Grove) on Saturday, January 25th. The bells were rung fully muffled from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., when the service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys), who gave a very inspiring address, basing his remarks on the text, 'Unto you I call.' He observed how the bells reflected the different feelings of the populace. At that time they showed our sorrow at the death of our beloved King, and last May they sounded forth their note of joy on his completion of 25 years' reign. Still, under all circumstances, their call was to the people to join the church in its sorrow or joy, as it had been all down the ages.

After service tea was served in the school by the local ringers and their good ladies, and some 35 members and friends partook of an excellent repast.

After tea the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar, and at the commencement the members stood for a moment in silence as a mark of respect and affection for His late Majesty.

The Chairman expressed regret at the death of the ex-Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. A. Clements, who had passed away about a fortnight before. He said he felt sure the members would wish to send a message of condolence to Mrs. Clements, and he moved that the secretary be instructed to do so. This suggestion was unanimously adopted by the meeting, and the members stood silently for a minute as a tribute to his memory. The report and statement of accounts were approved and adopted by the meeting. The officers for the ensuing year were elected, and thanks were extended to the retiring officers for their services.

Six new members were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his fine address, to the local ringers for having everything ready, to the ladies who so ably catered for the requirements of the inner man, and to the organist for his assistance in church.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

A good muster of members braved the foggy weather for the annual meeting of the Central Branch, held at Sutton-in-the-Isle on Saturday last. The Rev. Canon Woodard conducted the Guild service and gave the members a warm welcome to Sutton. The hymns were 'We love the place, O God' and 'There is a blessed home.' Mrs. Woodard was at the organ. Tea was taken in the Schoolroom, the hostesses being Mrs. G. Few and Mrs. C. Gimbert, both ringers' wives.

Before the business meeting, at which Canon Woodard presided, the company stood for a minute's silence as a token of respect to the late general secretary, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and Mr. A. T. Faux, vergier and ringer at Sutton Church.

The following officers were elected: President, the Rev. A. E. Kirkland (Vicar of Haddenham); vice-president, the Rev. Canon Woodard (Sutton); Ringing Master, Mr. G. Few; secretary, Mr. F. Warrington.

After discussion, and on the proposition of Mr. B. Wayman, of Over, seconded by Mr. W. Seekings, of Chatteris, Mr. F. Warrington was nominated as a representative to the Central Council.

The next annual meeting is to take place at Ely and the next ringing meeting at Longstanton.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Canon Woodard for his kindness and warm welcome. During the afternoon and after the business meeting some good ringing took place, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise. Among those present was Mr. Smith (Master, Cambridge University Guild), Mr. A. H. Peter Woodard (hon. secretary) and Mr. P. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Cambridge University.

A 720 IN 12 PLAIN METHODS.

At Bigby, Lincs, on Thursday, February 13th, a 720 of Minor in 12 Plain methods was rung. The 720 is the composition of Mr. A. G. Driver, and the methods were Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall, Lytham Bob, St. Clement's, College, Childwall and Wavertree; E. Britain 1, G. W. Moody 2, F. Lord 3, Mrs. Bray 4, J. Bray 5, G. E. Feirn (conductor) 6. There were 53 changes of method and 18 singles. It is believed to be the first time this 12-method 720 has been rung.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Address to the King.

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday week, when the best attendance for some years, over 60, was recorded. Nearly all the affiliated towers were represented. Ringing took place at Hampton during the afternoon under the direction of the Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Coles, while the Master, Mr. George Kilby, was in charge at Twickenham, where ringing was to be had both in the afternoon and evening. A feature was the variety of methods rung, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, the latter the best struck touch of the day.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the president of the association, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, who is Vicar of Twickenham. The National Anthem prefaced the service.

The President, in a brief address, referred to the life and death of His late Majesty King George V. He hoped that the wonderful example of a Christian life, as lived by him, would be a strength and comfort to all.

The vice-president read the lesson, specially selected as a tribute to the King and also to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. The hymns were well sung, as usual.

Tea, held in the Church Hall, taxed the resources of the caterers to the utmost (they did forget their postcards, after all). Eventually all were supplied, although some were seated rather unconventionally! Immediately after tea, a touch was rung on Mr. George Kilby's fine handbells.

The President, referring to the events of the past fortnight, moved the following address to King Edward:—

'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild respectfully tender to Your Majesty an expression of their deep sorrow at the grievous loss which the nation has sustained in the death of Your Majesty's illustrious father, and an expression of their respectful sympathy with Your Majesty in these the dark days of your grief.

'They tender to Your Majesty a spontaneous and dutiful expression of their loyalty, and they pray that your reign may be blessed by peace for your people and comfort for Your Majesty's own self.'

The members stood to receive the motion and signified their assent in silence.

Mr. J. A. Trollope spoke in feeling terms of the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.—After a tribute to his work for and his value to the Exorcise, it was agreed that a message of sympathy be sent to the widow and family.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), in his report, commenced by referring to the passing of the greatest ringer of all time on March 8th, Mr. William Pye. He had been Master of the association since 1910 and he had raised the standard of ringing enormously since then. His great ringing feats at Exeter, Loughborough and Ashton-under-Lyne, to mention but a few, will long be remembered. He was the first man to call a thousand peals. He rang 1,969 peals in all, of which he called 1,427. He was a man of great modesty and greatly loved by those who really knew him. Details of the proposed memorial to his memory were given and an earnest appeal for further donations made.

THE ORGANISATION OF LOCAL GUILDS.

Continuing, the hon. secretary gave details of meetings held during the year, the average attendance of 31 being an increase on the previous year. Sunday service ringing had been maintained, although several bands were finding it difficult to keep up to full strength. While the problem of new ringers is one of some perplexity, it is not without solution. A closer co-operation with the incumbent is desirable on this point, and while there are choirboys and youth organisations in the parish, one source, at least, of possible recruits should remain. Teaching should not be the somewhat haphazard performance it sometimes is, but should be carefully planned, with maintenance of interest an important feature. Handbells can be used in this respect with advantage, ringing both tunes and changes. The active interest of church officials should be stimulated on all possible occasions. All bands should be formed into a Guild to rank as a parochial organisation, holding a meeting at least once a year, and, if possible, an annual outing.

Heston ringers headed the quarter-peal list with ten in five different methods. Only twelve peals were rung during the year, a big decrease. The best performance was the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods. This was conducted by E. C. S. Turner from an 'inside' bell, and was his own composition. Congratulations were extended to both the Heston and Sunbury bands on ringing peals with an entirely local band. Thirteen members were elected during the year, but there was a dismal story of over 20 outstanding subscriptions. (Pay up and play the game!)

The report concluded with thanks and congratulations to Mr. C. T. Coles, who had recently completed 25 years as hon. secretary of the North and East District.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COMPETITION FOR OFFICES.

The annual general meeting was held on Saturday at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Ringing took place at St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, and St. Clement Danes, where many methods were indulged in. Service in St. Clement Danes Church was attended by a large number of members and friends. Led by the organist and choristers, the service was conducted, in the absence of the honorary chaplain (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), by the Rev. W. Kingston, who gave a short address, in which he pointed out the importance of bells in calling the people to worship.

Tea was partaken of in Perdy's Restaurant, where a company of 97 sat down. Afterwards some returned for further ringing at St. Clement's till 7 p.m., others made their way to the meeting hall and a few left rang handbells, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major being among the items: E. J. King 1-2, T. W. Taffender 3-4, A. D. Barker 5-6, J. G. A. Prior 7-8.

Business in the Parish Hall was presided over by the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. O. Moore) and assistant secretaries, stewards, etc. The presentation of the balance sheet by one of the auditors (Mr. A. D. Barker) revealed that the association had a balance in hand on the year's working, thus increasing the society's assets.

The annual report showed that during the year 1935, 13 peals had been rung, being two more than in 1934. They were conducted by nine different ringers as follows: The Master 4, Mr. T. W. Taffender 2, and the following one each: Messrs. J. Bennett, J. W. Chapman, W. Hewitt, E. J. King, F. Skevington, E. D. Smith and W. Williams. The outstanding peals were the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, by a band of Freemasons on October 28th, the first peal of Major and Surprise on the bells at Woodford on November 16th, and the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on December 7th, rung muffled for an esteemed member, Mr. R. Bevan. The association had elected 37 members during the year, and, with regret, had lost by death, in addition to Mr. R. Bevan, Mr. R. A. Daniell, who was a past secretary and did so much in formulating the London County Association in 1903 from the old St. James' Society, founded 1824. He was also the compiler and donor of the association's service books. The report also noted the practices adopted by the Northern District for mid-week, and, with regret, the inability of Mr. J. Herbert to carry on the secretaryship of the Southern District. It was hoped to produce an annual report this year for sale at a small cost giving very useful information.

A HANDBELL COMPETITION.

Interest next centred on the election of officers who had been nominated at the previous quarterly meeting. There were two nominations for the Mastership, Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. A. D. Barker. The result of the election revealed an overwhelming majority in favour of Mr. T. H. Taffender, who was declared elected amid applause. For the office of general secretary there were also two nominations, Mr. C. O. Moore and Mr. T. W. Taffender. Mr. C. O. Moore withdrew and Mr. T. W. Taffender was, therefore, duly elected. The following were elected to the other offices: Messrs. A. J. Harding and F. E. Hawthorne, assistant secretaries; Mr. E. A. Young, treasurer; Messrs. T. Wyatt and P. Carter, stewards; Mr. A. H. Keighley and Mr. F. E. Dawe, trustees; Central Council representatives, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. J. Waugh. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the clergy for the use of their bells during the afternoon, to the honorary chaplain for the attendance of the organist and choristers, and leaving him to dispose as he wished of the collection made at the service.

The meeting then expressed its opinion in connection with the proposed removal of All Hallows, Lombard Street, and the secretary was requested to write the appropriate authorities that the church should be preserved and allowed to remain if at all possible.

The concluding item of the evening was the handbell contest. There were four entrants, but one band had to withdraw, as one of its members was unavoidably absent. This left the representatives of St. Mary's, Woodford, to compete first, followed by St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. Each band rang a course of Grandsire Triples. The decision of the three umpires resulted in the cup being retained by the band of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. The meeting then came to a close with another course of Treble Bob Major on handbells.

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It was agreed to hold the fifth annual supper next year, and the next district annual meeting at Isleworth.

F. D. Bishop and V. A. Rawlings, of Chiswick, and the Rev. J. W. Ainger, of Twickenham, were elected members.

W. H. Coles was elected Master and E. C. S. Turner his deputy. The hon. secretary (F. W. Goodfellow), assistant hon. secretary (W. G. Wilson) and hon. treasurer (T. Collins) were all re-elected. Thanks were accorded to all who contributed to the success of the meeting and to the retiring officers.

FOR BEGINNERS.**A STEP IN CHANGE RINGING.**

Let us hark back this week, for the sake of the 'very beginners' who are just making a start with change ringing. In the first issues of 'The Ringing World' this year we tried to show the correct way to ring a bell and went on to explain how to hunt the treble in Doubles. We want to go a step further this week in this direction and give young ringers a little direction in ringing some other bell than the treble to Doubles.

It is as well, perhaps, to explain that there is a variety of ways in which Doubles (that is ringing five bells and changing two pairs at a time) can be produced. One of the oldest methods is Grandsire, and this is frequently the method in which beginners are started. On five bells and upwards no method will produce all the possible changes; Grandsire Doubles produces only 30 out of the possible 120, which is the number that can be got with five bells.

The reason is this: In this method there are two bells which follow only a plain hunting course, that is moving one place at a time from front to back and back to front without any deviation, and as a consequence they return to their relative starting positions every ten changes. There are, therefore, three bells left to do the 'work' of the method, and as they complete the cycle by the time the hunt bells have been up and down three times, the bells come round at the end of 30 changes.

The working bells, as they are called, all follow the same cycle, but each begins it at a different place. In the plain course, the never leaves it, whatever happens. The working bells in the plain treble and 2nd are the bells doing the plain hunting, and the treble course are, therefore, 3, 4 and 5. And they hunt, for the most part, like the other two, moving one place up or down as the case may be. But if they did nothing more than this, the bells would be back in rounds at the end of ten changes.

Some variation in the work has consequently to be made, and it is done in this way: The bell which the treble takes off at lead, instead of hunting right up to the back, only goes as far as 3rd's place. Here he has a whole pull (it happens to come at backstroke and hand-stroke, just as the whole pull behind does when you make it) and hunts down again to lead.

PLACE MAKING AND DODGING.

That really should be quite easy to do, for, having led and struck over the treble and one other bell, you strike over the treble and the other bell again in the same order, and lead once more.

This making of 3rd's place checks the hunting of the other two behind, and they each have to take one step back, which is called a dodge, before going on again. One bell dodges after lying its whole-pull behind, and this is called 5-4 down, and the other dodges before it lies its whole-pull, which is called 4-5 up.

We shall probably be taken to task for using the term '5-4 down.' For one thing, most people call it '4-5 down,' and for another the word 'down' is superfluous if you say '5-4,' which should indicate that the dodge is made on the way down. We have, however, made use of both expressions so that you may have no doubt about them.

Now, in between the dodges and the 3rd's place, all the bells plain hunt, and there are various ways in which you may know when the dodges occur.

You should count your way as well as hunt it, by knowing at each pull exactly what place you are in, whether it is 2nd's, or 3rd's, or 4th's, or 5th's. Then you will know when you come to your dodging places.

The Grandsire method actually begins with the 3rd's place and the accompanying dodge, so let us imagine you are ringing the 3rd. While you are ringing rounds you are making one of the blows which constitutes the 3rd's place. When you start into changes, therefore, you must have one more blow in 3rd's before hunting down to lead. This will be over the treble. Next you strike over the other bell that is in the hunt, and then lead. Now you hunt up and lie a whole pull behind. When you have started to hunt down and have struck in 4th's place, you will find that the bell you struck over is not coming up over you. He is the one that is making 3rd's, and you must go back a step over the bell you had previously struck over. When that has been done you will be able to continue your forward march to lead. By the time you get behind again another bell will be making 3rd's, and on account of the ground you lost in the previous dodge you will find that this time you must dodge before you lie your whole pull. When you do this whole pull, the second blow will be over the treble, which, as we say, 'turns you from behind,' and consequently will take you off at lead.

This, as has already been pointed out, means that you have this time got to make 3rd's place. This, then, is the cycle of the work: Make 3rd's place, lead, hunt up, lie a whole pull behind, dodge 5-4 down, hunt down, lead, hunt up, dodge 4-5 up, lie a whole pull behind, hunt down, lead, make 3rd's place.

If you count your places and notice where you pass the treble, you have a guide as to what to do, by the following table:—

Pass treble in 3-4 going up, dodge 5-4 down.

Pass treble in 2-3 going up, dodge 4-5 up.

Pass treble in 1-2 going up, make 3rd's and lead again.

NOTICES.

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. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 27th, at 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 5 to 6 p.m. and St. John's (10) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Feb. 22nd to mark the occasion of the opening of the bells after repairs. Bells will be available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea will be provided for ringers and friends at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Starling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Tea at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, 1s. per head, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon. A collection will be taken during the service to form the nucleus of a Bell Restoration Fund for the Branch.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Magpie Café. Will members of the District Committee please attend, to arrange quarterly meetings for this year?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Romsey Abbey on Feb. 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6), 3 to 4.45; All Saints' (8), 3 to 4.45; Cathedral (10), 6.45 to 8.30. Service, All Saints', 4.45 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.30 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Geo. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Important business. 1936 subscriptions due. Special attention to learners 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Gentlemen welcomed.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, near Bexley Heath, Kent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wraybury on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.15 p.m., at Parson's Café.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Mary-le-Bow next Sunday. Special mid-week meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, 7.30 p.m., at All Hallows', Lombard Street. Speciality: Grandsire and Stedman. All welcome.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A practice meeting will be held at Shoreditch on Thursday, Feb. 27th, from 6.30 till 8.30. All ringers welcome. This is especially to help the younger members.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, 26th inst.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Minster at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. R. Owen, 8, Long Lane, Beverley, E. Yorks, by Thursday, Feb. 27th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. A farewell meeting to the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rigg, D.D.).—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 48th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 29th, 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 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Aston bells will also be available from 3 to 5 o'clock. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting Feb. 29th at Ossett. Bus half-hourly from Leeds. Bells 2 till 9.15 p.m. Tea provided, ladies, by kind invitation of Mayor of Ossett. All must send names to Miss Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds, by Tuesday, Feb. 25th.—E. Dorice Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Church Rooms, Heene Road. All who intend to be present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, 230, Dominion Road, Worthing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of this division will be held at Little Waltham on Feb. 29th. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 26th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone, bells (6), on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Notify me by Wednesday previous. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, the 26th inst.—Claude Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol, Glos.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. Nicholas' House. Please send names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. It will greatly assist if those intending to be present will notify me by Wednesday previous. Please attend in good numbers. Ringing to suit all.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in tower at 6 o'clock. 1936 subscriptions now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Café, The Borough. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Royston, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar (Rev. F. F. Greig) for those who notify him by the previous Thursday. Roll up and keep up the average for 1936. Don't forget—a postcard to the Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—Joint meeting. A meeting will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise Mr. D. J. Williams, 48, St. Paul's Terrace, Garden Village, Gorseinon. Numbers for tea by Mar. 4th. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly

advise me by Wednesday, Mar. 4th, and oblige.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 118th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells available all day. Dinner at the Thatch Tavern at 4.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark on Saturday, Mar. 21st. Details later.—Chas. H. Kippen, Hon. Sec.

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CANN.—On Feb. 14th, at Brookwood, Surrey, to Captain and Mrs. Cann, a son.

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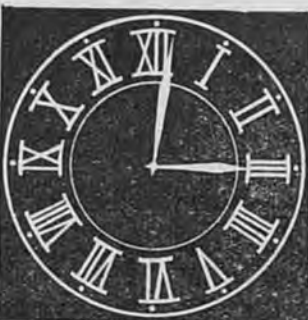
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ARTHUR DURLING Treble	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... 5
†MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON ... 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Major with an 'inside' bell and first attempt.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. G. W. Clayfield, the esteemed vice-captain of the local band, to Miss J. Statham, which took place at this church earlier in the afternoon.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

GEORGE LADD Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREWS ... 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
*HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 7
HAROLD BARSLEY 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	*HARRY R. ROPER 5
*MISS SYLVIA R. BOWYER... 2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Bob Major and first attempt.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	*WILLIAM H. PERRY 5
MISS DORIS E. BLENCOWE... 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
MISS VERA ROBINSON... .. 3	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	HARRY W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for a peal. A birthday compliment to ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSCRIPTION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*HARVEY H. WINNEY... .. Treble	H. ERNEST COX 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
VICTOR C. PRICE 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 7
GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... 4	WILLIAM T. WATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. T. POSTON.

* First peal on eight bells away from the tenor.

HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE Treble	GEORGE JENNINGS 5
URBAN WILDNEY 2	WILLIAM NEVARD 6
MAURICE LING 3	HORACE WRIGHT 7
ALAN ANDREWS 4	EDWARD DAVEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. DAVEY.

First peal in the method on the bells and rung on the 80th birthday of Mr. William J. Nevard and the 50th anniversary of his first peal in the method.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN O. WELLER... .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
*FRANK B. JEAL 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Surprise.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

HARRY BAKER Treble	JAMES G. POWELL 5
*CHARLES H. SONE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
*TOM SAUNDERS 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* 100th peal together. First peal as conductor on eight. A birthday peal for Peggy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Powell.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*CYRIL DOBNEY Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
ERNEST T. KING 2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON... 6
†RALPH G. LEY 3	JOHN W. CARTER 7
FRANK RICHARDSON 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	†JOHN S. MORTON ... 6
HARRY HOVERD ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT E. ADDSLEY
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Bristol. First peal in the method as conductor.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
FREDERICK J. HODGKIN ... Treble	TOM SANDERS ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	GEORGE KENWARD ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	WILLIAM WENBAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

HEDON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.	Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Treble	GEORGE DOWLING ... 5
DERRICK M. SHARP ... 2	JOHN H. HOWELL ... 6
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	*ARTHUR E. WEST ... 7
Cecil CORRICK ... 4	†LESLIE BARROW ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*MALCOLM R. TAYLOR ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... 6
RENE REDPATH ... 3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	MOLLIE REDPATH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt for a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.
JAMES GEORGE (1249) St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of	
	Birmingham Treble
GEORGE R. PYE (1708) Essex County Association ... 2	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL (1055) Oxford Diocesan Guild ... 3	
JOHN H. CHEESMAN (1006) Kent County Association ... 4	
FRANK BENNETT (1350) Sussex County Association ... 5	
JAMES E. DAVIS (1091) Surrey Association ... 6	
GEORGE WILLIAMS (1397) Winchester and Portsmouth	
	Diocesan Guild 7
ALFRED H. PULLING (1122) Guildford Diocesan Guild ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Each member of the band, as shown by the figures in parentheses above, has rung over 1,000 peals.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, five callings.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*J. USSELL ... Treble	W. COLL ... 4
W. RIMELL ... 2	†C. COLL ... 5
F. WHITE ... 3	*R. SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. RIMELL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are members of the local band.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, Beverley, Primrose, York, Cambridge and Durham.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
HORACE M. DAY ... Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. T. Williams), who was inducted the same afternoon.

MONKS RISBOROUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720's of Plain Bob and two of Double Court.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR POULTON ... Treble	REGINALD BLARY ... 4
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

This was Mr. A. Poulton's first attempt for a peal for 12 years.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

On Friday, February 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*W. SHORTER ... Treble	C. G. PRYKE ... 4
R. CHAMBERS ... 2	F. DAY ... 5
F. HUNT ... 3	H. HOLLOCKS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. DAY.

* First peal on six bells. Rung as a tribute to Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, who recently celebrated his 78th birthday, and who has given every help and encouragement to the band.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER CHAPMAN ... Treble	SIDNEY H. MANCER ... 4
WALTER MANSFIELD ... 2	FRANK HAYES ... 5
HARRY HOWARD ... 3	VICTOR G. LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MANSFIELD.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Mansfield. The ringer of the 4th bells from Chishill.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM WOODS ... 4
FRANK L. FISHER ... 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Woods.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROY C. HURST Treble	†LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4
†CECIL H. SMART 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
WILLIAM G. YOUNG 3	ARTHUR G. ROSE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents each of Stedman and St. Simon's, and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 28 callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
*HUBERT SMITH 2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB 5
*GEORGE H. WHITEMORE 3	†FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal of Doubles in five methods. First peal on the bells.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Treble	WILLIAM H. J. LOYD 4
*EDWARD T. EMBREY 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER 5
REGINALD R. POLE 3	*THOMAS WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. A. FARMER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HARRY JOHNSON 4
LOUIS NEAL 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
JOHN R. KEMP 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal 'inside' in seven methods by Miss Neal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CORFE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire with 24 callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

WALTER WILLIAMS Treble	JACK ROY 3
ARTHUR H. REED 2	*WILLIAM G. GIGG 4

HARRY CHURCHILL Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

* 50th peal. First peal in three methods by all. First peal on the bells.

EYTHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. THOMAS ELLENDER Treble	CHARLES TURNER 3
FREDERICK A. RYE 2	EDWARD J. WALKER 4

LIONEL H. LEACH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*WILLIAM CARNWELL Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	JAMES WALLEY 5
*HENRY CARNWELL 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods and also first in seven Surprise methods on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. Williams, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Carnwell, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

BARNBY-IN-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

R. THOMAS VESSEY Treble	JAMES W. RAITHEY 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	FRANK W. VERNON 5
RICHARD HARVEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

First peal by all the band. First peal on the bells by a local band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

EDITH K. FLETCHER 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3-4	*ISAAC ATTWATER 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method on handbells. Umpire: J. Parker.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

EDITH K. FLETCHER 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8
*ISAAC ATTWATER 9-10	

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Bob Royal on handbells. Rung on the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's wedding. Umpire: J. Parker.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

*WILFRED WILLIAMS 1-2	EDITH K. FLETCHER 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	†ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7-8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells. Umpire: J. Parker.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON. CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14 in D.

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.

The peal consisted of 3,392 London, 832 Cambridge and 864 Superlative, with 106 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. Umpire: John E. Rootes.

THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE V. MEMORIAL PEALS.

The following peals were rung for the passing of His Majesty King George V., with the bells fully muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

WALTER H. DOBBIE Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM J. WOOD 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

Also rung in memory of the Rev. Perkins, a retired clergyman, who lived in the parish, and who passed away the previous Saturday. This composition, a four-part, containing the 6th the extent at home, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's and only six times each in 5th's, is now rung for the first time.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT EILBECK Treble	JAMES E. BROWN 5
JOHN H. ROTHERY 2	GEORGE W. TEMBEY 6
ALFRED EILBECK 3	WILLIAM NORMAN 7
WILLIAM H. COOK 4	†ALAN DORHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Quickest peal on the bells

The following peals were rung with the bells half-muffled:—

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PETER WOOD Treble	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 5
ALBERT FEIST 2	*WALTER WICKS 6
THOMAS ADAMS 3	RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. 7
*CECIL H. WOOD 4	ERNEST HOWELL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

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

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS E. C. BARCHAM ... Treble	†REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 5
*GEORGE A. TRENDALL ... 2	BERT COCK 6
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 3	THOMAS BIRD 7
ALAN M. GERRY 4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

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

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ALFRED BURLEY Treble	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 6
GEORGE EASTMAN 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE 4	GEORGE KENWOOD Tenor

Conducted by S. B. DOBBIE.

* First peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

REGINALD C. THIRFT ... Treble	GEORGE GREEN 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	HAROLD E. PENNACK 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	PERCY GREEN 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	FRED CHALK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

This composition contains the 6th 12 times 'wrong' and 24 times 'right.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

BIGBY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNESS ... Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Mr. G. E. Feirn has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BORBAGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob; (2) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (3) Charlwood and Wragby Delight; (4) Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (5) Sandal Treble Bob; (6) Sandal and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... Treble	*GEORGE ASHMORE 4
*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
†KENNETH LEWIS 3	†JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal in ten methods. † 25th peal together.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and twelve six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	ROBERT J. GARDINER ... 4
*WILLIAM A. NEWHAM ... 2	†ERNEST G. GARRARD ... 5
HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 3	*JAMES R. NAPTHINE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**NORTH-WEST DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.**

A meeting of the North-West Branch was held at Pyworthy. The Rev. Ravenhill, of Sutcombe, the chairman of the branch, and Mr. J. W. Sangwin, the hon. secretary, were supported by a muster of about 40 ringers from Bridgerule, Exeter, Bramford Speke, Holsworthy, Plymouth, Petersmarland and the home tower. The president of the Devon Guild, the Rev. E. V. Cox, also attended.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Herbert, who gave an interesting and helpful address. The Rev. Ravenhill read the lesson.

Tea was served by the church helpers in the Vicarage Hall, after which the annual business meeting was carried through. Mr. Sangwin read his report, and Mr. W. Shears submitted the balance sheet, which showed an increased balance in hand.

The Rev. Ravenhill was re-elected chairman, Mr. J. W. Sangwin secretary, Mr. W. Shears treasurer, and Messrs. F. Sangwin, A. J. Motters and the Rev. W. H. Smale as representatives to the General Committee.

The Vicar of Pyworthy was elected as an honorary member of the branch. It was decided to hold the summer meeting at North Lew (where, according to local tradition, the Devil died with the cold), and the next annual meeting at Torrington.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Pyworthy, the organist and choir and all the ladies who had helped in the provision of tea and the comfort of those present.

DEATH OF MR. G. F. PICKLES.**AN OLD HORBURY RINGER.**

The death took place on Tuesday, February 13th, of Mr. George Frederick Pickles, at the age of 72 years. He was a change ringer at St. Peter's Church, Horbury, for 46 years, and an old member of the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1891. There are now only two members left of that old team at Horbury, namely, Mr. Robert Thicket and Mr. Herbert Rowley. Mr. Pickles, in addition to his interest in ringing, was also a prominent supporter of the church throughout his life, and at one time acted as sidesman.

The interment took place on Saturday, February 15th, at Horbury Cemetery. A large number of ringing friends attended, and touches were rung on the muffled bells throughout the afternoon, and at the graveside a touch of Grandsire was rung on handbells. On Sunday the local ringers rang with bells half-muffled to 720 Kent and 600 Oxford Treble Bob as a token of respect and esteem.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT'S 'SURPRISE' MEETING.**

A good deal is heard about Surprise in ringing in these days, but a great surprise was in store at Leatherhead on Saturday week, when 50 ringers representing 19 towers assembled there, in spite of the thick fog, for the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. The Ringing Master had a busy afternoon, trying to suit everybody's tastes and capabilities. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. P. V. Bruckin, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, and several choirboys assisted in the singing.

Tea was served, as usual, in the Institute, and was presided over by the Rev. P. V. Bruckin, who was voted to the chair for the business meeting which followed. The balance sheet and committee's report were read and adopted. The balance showed a decrease of £1 10s., but part of that had been replaced by stock, several badges being still for sale.

The report was not altogether satisfactory, as a few ringing subscriptions had not been paid and two honorary members had been lost, the Rev. A. E. Robins having moved from Dorking and Mr. W. T. Waller having died. Attendances at the meetings had increased slightly, but still only about half the members had attended a meeting. Four peals had been rung in the district, one of Grandsire Triples and three of Double Norwich. These included two 'first peals' and one 'first in the method.' These ringers were all members of the Banstead band. Other gratifying features were the restorations at Ewell and Dorking, and the interest shown in ringing by the new Vicar of Ewell at the reopening of the bells.

Two new members were elected, and after a ballot for two members for the Guild Executive Committee, all the retiring district officers were re-elected, and all the retiring general officers renominated, with the addition of Messrs. A. Harman and G. Marriner to the names of those nominated for the election of Central Council representatives.

The committee's recommendations as to places for meetings during the year were accepted without comment.

Mr. A. Harman's scheme for combined practices, that two adjoining towers work together and visit each other on alternate weeks, was next discussed and finally agreed to.

Miss H. F. Mills thanked the district for the welcome given to the Ladies' Guild.—The secretary replied that visitors were always welcome to the district meetings.

After the usual votes of thanks to all who had helped to make a good meeting, the men went back to the tower, the ladies rejoining them after their short business meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of six bells of Bitton Church, near Bristol, is to be rehung in new framework and two trebles added to complete the peal. The work will be carried out by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

A visitor to this country from Tasmania, Mr. Malcolm R. Taylor, a member of the band at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, has scored a peal at Crayford, where he has had the opportunity of learning change ringing with that enthusiastic company. Mr. Taylor is the first Tasmanian born ringer to score a peal, and the knowledge which he is gaining in the art in England should be invaluable when he returns home.

There was another interesting thing about the peal at Crayford. The tenor was rung by Miss Mollie Redpath, who thus completed the 'circle' in this tower. Few other ladies have, up to the present, rung a peal on all the bells in any one tower. The peal was originally arranged as a purely local one, and the band extend their thanks to Mr. H. E. Audsley in filling up, at a moment's notice, the gap caused by the temporary indisposition of Mr. Edwin Barnett.

The composition of the peal of Spliced London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major rung on handbells at Oxhey on Feb. 14th was the same as that published in 'The Ringing World' on Nov. 15th for the Spliced London and Cambridge, except that Superlative was rung for Cambridge in courses 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14 and 15 in each part.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, has called 50 compositions, by Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, when rung for the first time. They include four peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 36 of Kent Treble Bob Major, three of Oxford Treble Bob Major, six of Double Norwich Major and one of Grandsire Caters.

Among the notable performances recorded in our peal columns this week is a peal of seven different 720's of Bob Minor rung by the local ringers at Barnby-in-Willows, Notts. It was the first peal by all the band, who deserve congratulations upon their achievement.

Mr. James George, at 83, is the oldest member of the 'Thousand Pealers' band, and Mr. Alfred Pulling, at 57, is the youngest.

All the ringers are in the habit of climbing belfry steps, but one of them exhibited such an intense dislike of the escalator that he chose to walk up the steps rather than ride on the moving stairs at Waterloo Station after the peal.

The 'Apollo Magazine' for February contains a finely illustrated article on ringers' jugs, pitchers and gotchers. This is the second article and the two together embrace all the known examples of these curios. It has been written by J. R. Nichols, author of 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' and Ernest Morris, author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing' and the recently published volume 'Legends of the Bells.'

On Sunday evening a dedication at Rickmansworth will give Hertfordshire another ring of ten bells.

It has taken 37 years for false rows in a peal of London Surprise Major, composed by Mr. Frank Bennett, to come to light. The peal was published in 1899, but the repetition escaped the notice of the critics of those days, and now, after all this time, the error has been discovered by Mr. C. W. Roberts. In another column the composer withdraws the peal. It is bad luck for all concerned—but accidents of this kind will happen.

A number of letters received on the methods adopted in muffled ringing have been received and will appear in our next issue. Numerous other reports are also unavoidably held over.

SILVER JUBILEE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

With our issue of March 13th 'The Ringing World' will celebrate its silver jubilee. The number will be of special interest to readers.

BROKEN CLAPPERS.

At the usual practice at Yeovil last week three courses of Grandsire were attempted, but after the first course the bells were 'falling about' so badly that the conductor called 'rounds' and 'stand.'

As usual, the tenor man had a solo, and before he got his 'footing,' the clapper of the bell snapped off and collapsed. This is not a new thing at Yeovil. The same thing happened only a month ago, and last week's happening was the fourth time in all.

Can anyone, we are asked, recommend something for sticking them together?

KINGSTON TRADERS SUPPORT APPEAL.

A meeting of the Kingston-on-Thames Chamber of Commerce last week decided to support an appeal for £300 towards the cost of the restoration of the Parish Church bells, on condition that the Church authorities raised the other £300 that would be necessary. It was decided to urge the Mayor to issue the appeal, and the decision of the meeting has been communicated to the Vicar.

Several speakers, while expressing support of the proposal, took exception to the Vicar's attitude that the bells were of no interest to the church as a church.

MEN OF ONE THOUSAND PEALS.

'I looked far back into other years, and lo! in bright array,
I saw as in a dream the forms of ringers passed away.'

The dear little Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, in the City of London, is destined to make history, like the team of church bell-ringers who assembled there on Saturday, February 15th, 1936.

Previous gatherings of visiting clans have included the Sep-tuagenarians, the Bankers and the Masonic Brotherhood, and it would appear that St. Olave's Church was spared from the Great Fire of London in 1666 to secure for herself these 20th century records.

If you approach the church from the Old Jewry, there can be seen to-day a house built A.D. 1650, or again from the Tower of London you traverse Seething Lane, a thoroughfare which Fabian Stedman and Samuel Pepys frequently travelled—the former to ring, the latter to sing at St. Olave's.

uncertain, and, for better or for worse, 'Go, Cambridge,' sounded soon after three o'clock.

As to the actual ringing, it was real good, a little on the slow side due to the muffled clappers used 'in memoriam' for H.M. the late King George V. There was scarcely a hitch throughout, excepting about the second hour, when the bells in 5-6 failed to clear each other for a couple of blows. It was only natural that the band should be anxious to ring a perfect peal, but no human machine has yet done so, and it is doubtful if the same team could achieve a better. The formal record will be found in another column.

Thanks to the Rector, Prebendary Wellard, the ringers were made welcome to the bells, and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. H. Willson), who received them with right goodwill. The little Olive branches who met at the church the day after St. Valentine's appreciated the kindness granted them.

Near Mark Lane Station tea was enjoyed at a Lyons Cafe by the team and their friends just as the place was closing at 7 p.m., and was short of rations. The staff cut short the animated conversation.



[Photo by London News Agency.]

THE BAND WHO RANG THE PEAL AT ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, LONDON,
Photographed from an exceptional angle. Left to right: W. H. Fussell, A. H. Pulling, J. H. Cheesman, J. E. Davis, F. Bennett, G. R. Pye, J. George, G. Williams.

The preservation of this building is mostly due to its position at the junction of two roadways—Hart Street and Seething Lane, with the burial ground on the other sides. Its old ring of six bells, tenor dated 1662, were cast a mile east of Aldgate at the old Whitechapel Bellfoundry, a couple of good trebles to complete the octave having been added in recent years.

A peculiarly dense fog prevailed all over London on the day that the 'thousand pealers' met, and main line trains were delayed, but the team duly arrived safely in time for the photographer to take a flashlight before attempting the peal; and to receive encouraging words from a few friends—Mr. C. T. Coles, the Kilby brothers, Messrs. R. Saunders, W. R. Madgwick, E. Brett, J. H. Riding, E. F. Pike and others among them.

Assembled in the belfry, several questions arose as to which society should the attempt be credited, each man having at one time or another joined most of those in England. Who would like to conduct? and who would ring the tenor? At last pressmen, photographers, friends and the steeplekeeper retired and left the team to their fate, ever

Expressions of regret were heard at the absence of Mr. Keith Hart, the only other living ringer who has rung one thousand peals. Memories of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the first man to ring 1,000, were recalled, and the early loss of the late William Pye, in 1935, after compiling the highest total ever rung, was deplored.

One could add much to the history of the respective members who took part in this peal, and I fully realise that all of them were born years too soon, because their total combined age amounts to 565 years, or an average of over 70 years per man. Again their total peals number 9,978, or nearly 1,250 per member. Mr. Williams has now conducted 998 peals, and should make it 1,000 by the time he rings 1,400. Mr. James George, our 'nipper,' cannot exist without some climax to his performance, in this case he celebrates his 'first' peal, rung at St. George's, Camberwell, February 16th, 1889, and is the only survivor of the team of 47 years ago. We said 'Goodnight' to each other in semi-darkness, muffled forms disappearing in dense fog in various directions like the ghosts of departed Annable and Holt.

W. H. F.

PEAL RINGING AT RHYL.

STEPS TAKEN TO AVOID ANNOYANCE TO PUBLIC.

The annual meeting of St. Thomas' Society, Rhyl, was held on February 11th, the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Roberts) presiding. A discussion with regard to peal ringing took place, and the president said he had received complaints from one or two people living in the vicinity of the church to the effect that peal ringing caused an annoyance. However, steps have been taken to remedy this by boarding up the louvres of the belfry to direct the sound upwards.

Another item of interest was the retirement of the secretary, Mr. B. R. Collis, after 27 years in this office. He was congratulated upon his long service by the Vicar and his fellow-ringers.

The new secretary is J. Dean, Broxton, Brighton Road, Rhyl.

A FALSE PEAL OF LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My attention has been called by Mr. C. W. Roberts to a 5,056 London Surprise Major in two equal parts with an In and 5th course in each part, which I published in 'The Bell News' of August 19th, 1899, and in the Sussex Report of 1901. Unfortunately, I find there is a repetition in 3-4 in the 6th lead of the 10th course with the 3rd lead of the 23rd, and again in the 11th and 22nd courses. The peal was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on January 14th, 1901, conducted by G. Williams, and again at Lindfield, November 20th, 1935, conducted by O. Sippetts. I sincerely apologise to all those who took part in these two peals for such an error on my part.

F. BENNETT.

RINGERS' PLACE IN THE CHURCH.

We have received many letters on the issues raised last week by 'Sincere Wellwisher.' The following is a selection from them.

A COUNTRY VICAR'S EXPERIENCES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I, as a ringing Vicar and lover of bells, write some thoughts which came to me as the result of reading the last two numbers of 'The Ringing World'?

I have not seen a full account of what the Vicar of Kingston-on-Thames said, and so do not care to give an opinion on it. The letter of 'Sincere Wellwisher' contains some truth, but is it the whole truth? Of course it is the business of the Church to save souls and of all her members to do all that lies in their power to help in this work. But it is also the work of the Church to offer worship. I regard the service as a great offering of worship, in which music has an important place, and the ringing as making up part of the whole contributed also by the organist, choir and congregation, each doing its own part in the producing of one act of worship. An old Yorkshire ringer once said to me, 'It is not decent to offer to God anything but the best. You must not ring Grandsire if you can ring Stedman. The people don't know, but it is for God.'

My experience of ringers does not agree with the writer of the letter. From the days when I was privileged to ring with great Yorkshire ringers like William Snowden and Charles Hattersley to the present time, I have met a good many. Ringing twice on Sunday with my own men and at the association meetings, I have come to believe that the ringers are usually earnest churchmen. I can only speak from my own experience, but I have always had from ringers unflinching help both in the belfry and in other work for the church.

No doubt there are clergy who do not realise that bell music is worship, and ringers, often 'unattached,' who ring a bell, dedicated to God, for their own amusement. In both cases it is regrettable, but no good is done by abuse. Let the people who care work on quietly to make things better. Certainly I value the men who ring with me and worship with me, and when I get too old to ring with them I hope those I have taught will carry on their work for God.

A COUNTRY VICAR.

RINGING IS A PART OF THE SERVICE.

Sir,—'Sincere Wellwisher's' letter in your issue of February 21st contains some very plain speaking and much matter for thought. It is well that any reply should be equally plain.

'Sincere Wellwisher' does not seem to grasp the fact that in all church work there are activities that do not directly save souls. Some of these activities are administrative, as, for instance, the work of parochial church councils, and some are contributory or supplementary. Among the latter are organ, choir and bellringers.

It is obvious that organists are not chosen primarily for their piety. They are chosen because they are experts very much in love with their art and ready to devote their talents to the service of God. Choristers, too, are usually enthusiastic amateurs, with a love of music, anxious to give what service they can to their Maker. No church would say 'The church has no interest in organ or choir.'

Bellringers certainly ring for the love of their art, as organists play and choristers sing for the love of their art. Nevertheless, it should not be overlooked that ringers are conscious of their responsibilities, anxious to present the best in their ringing, and perhaps even more unvarying in their attendance for duty twice on Sunday than many so-called churchgoers.

Is the service to God a sham because it arises in the first place from a love of the art itself? It cannot be, until the art fails to contribute to the glory of God. Love of art produced J. S. Bach, and a divinely inspired determination produced the 'St. Matthew Passion.' Love of the art has provided for us great physicians, and divine inspiration has led them to confer great benefits on mankind.

If 'Sincere Wellwisher' will broaden his outlook, he may come to perceive ringers as important office bearers in the church. The time when bells were rung to call people to service is past. The ringing is a part of the service, and the bellringers have the privilege of sounding forth the mighty prelude to the service, proud and glad to do so on one of the noblest musical instruments God has given.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

MISREPRESENTED.

Sir,—After reading the letter in 'The Ringing World' of last week's issue, headed 'Ringers' Place in the Church,' I think we, as a body of ringers, have been grossly misrepresented by 'Sincere Wellwisher.' He has certainly not minced matters, and has given us a full share of the deepest dye. He asserts that the bells play little or no part in the life of the Church. Whether this be so or not, at the present time our bells and belfries have never had more attention, nor have restorations been more extensively carried out, which goes to prove that the average clergy and laymen have as deep a love as ever for the sound of English church bells. Judging from other remarks made by 'Sincere Wellwisher,' he is not a ringer, nor has he much conception of what a regular Sunday service ringer is willing to sacrifice, week by week, both in time and distance, for the good of his church.

We are accused of being narrow-minded, selfish and nonentities in the general welfare of the Church. I would point out that in many cases a ringer is found to take more interest in general church work than the rest of his fellow-workers. If he is not already aware, it may interest 'Sincere Wellwisher' to know that in our ranks we have clergy, lay readers, churchwardens, church councillors, choir members, sidesmen, servers, etc., so I fail to see that the ringing fraternity does not take an active part in church work as a whole.

True, there are black sheep in every flock, and we are no exception, and if we do not attend service as often as is desired, to my mind this question must be left to each individual to regulate, and the ringer stands on his own merit, just as any other laymen or churchworker.

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Hon. Secretary, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, South Lines.

AN ILLUSTRATION FROM OVER.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid all will not agree with 'Sincere Wellwisher.' By the sound of London's bells 'Whittington' turned back, so the story goes, to become Lord Mayor of London. Who knows, at the present time, a soul, perhaps on a journey to hell, is turned back by the sound of bells. On page 127 of your issue No. 1,300 you give an account of a ringers' guild service at Sutton. Perhaps it will delight 'Wellwisher' to know that at that service it was noticed several were singing without aid of hymn books. Where did they learn it? In church, of course! One Christmas morning not far distant we ringers at Over rang at 6.15 a.m. Fourteen were present and twelve stayed and took part in the celebration. Our bells are rung in peal for morning and evening services throughout the winter and often in summer, and most of the ringers stay for morning and all for evening services. Four ringers are sidesmen, three on Parochial Church Council and three in the choir. These are all members of Over Society of Ringers.

One Sunday evening, not long since, 29 past and present ringers were counted at evensong, and this in a small parish of about 850 population. If church bells bring back one soul to repentance, they are not rung in vain. There is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine that need no repentance.

F. WARRINGTON, Vice-Capt., Over Society of Ringers.

ACCUSATIONS UNJUST AND UNTRUE.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent 'Wellwisher,' by his attack on 'The Ringing World,' proves that he is not conversant with his subject, but as you have dealt so effectively with him I need say no more on this point.

To 'Wellwisher' I would say his accusations against ringers are both unjust and untrue: ringers as a body are neither selfish nor narrow, but, on the contrary, I find the great majority with whom I come into contact really broadminded people.

'Wellwisher' says that probably 70 per cent. of ringers rarely if ever attend service. I say that 80 per cent. are regular churchgoers, and, furthermore, a great majority of these are regular communicants. The reason for this is not far to seek. Ringers to-day are recruited from among churchpeople. In our own band, for instance, we have a churchwarden, a sidesman, a Sunday School teacher, two choristers and an organ blower, whilst three of these and still one other are members of the Church Council, and I know that our band is typical of many another band to-day. 'Wellwisher' says that the interest of the church in its bells is declining. Once again he is wrong. If he read 'The Ringing World' he should know that during the last few years more bell restorations have been undertaken than ever before, and he will also find that ringers are doing their bit, financially and otherwise, to help in the work of the Church at home and overseas.

FRANK W. LACK.

Great Staughton, Hunts.

THE PHARISEE AND THE RINGER—A PARABLE.

Two men went up into the temple to pray—the one a Pharisee and the other a Ringer. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: 'God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are; extortioners, unjust . . . or even as this ringer, selfish, narrow-minded, never looking on Thy Kingdom from cross or altar; caring for nothing but his hobby: annoying greatly we righteous Pharisees with hours of peals; and, above all, reading a journal whose editor acknowledges Thee not. O God, turn these perverse ringers (particularly the 70 per cent. who rarely, if ever, attend the worship to which their ringing is supposed to call others) into the full stream of Christian service. May Thy Church seek and save them, perfecting them, as I am perfect and scorn all sinners.'

The Ringer, standing afar off . . . prayed—'God be merciful to me, a sinner, and help me to improve my art to Thy honour and glory.'

The Ringer returns to his beloved bells—the Pharisee takes pen and paper and writes behind the obscurity of a non-de-plume.

Verily a parable for certain who trust in themselves that they are righteous, and despise others.

CHARLES DENYER.

Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the account, in your issue of February 14th, of the meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, particular reference is made to that part of the district representatives' report of last November's Central Committee meeting which concerns the proposed revision of the association rules.

The following is a summary of the present position:—

It was felt at the annual committee meeting, held in November, 1934, that the present rules, having been in existence since the association was formed, were now of little value and needed revising.

A sub-committee, formed to consider the matter, met on October 5th, 1935, and proposed several alterations and new rules.

The district representatives received the proposals on October 26th. The last Lewisham District meeting, before the Central Committee meeting on November 23rd, had been held on October 12th, and, as it was impossible for them to be guided by the wishes of the district, the representatives had to act as they thought fit. Part of the sub-committee's proposed Rule 8 was as follows:—

'A Ringing Master may also be elected, whose duty will be to take charge of the ringing when meetings are held, provided that no responsible member of the tower is present.'

(The italics are mine.)

For this clause in italics Mr. W. J. Jeffries was responsible. When it was discussed by the sub-committee of five on October 5th, three opposed it, but by a misunderstanding the secretary included it in the proposals. Unaware of Mr. Jeffries' connection with this clause, I, in writing to him on October 27th, said: 'I received the draft of the proposed rules last evening, and was pleased to see the Ringing Master mentioned, but concerning the clause, 'provided that no responsible member of the tower is present,' I shall consult my colleague (Mr. W. Smith) with a view to opposing it, as to give power with one hand and take it away with the other is absurd.'

This I did at Maidstone on November 23rd, on the ground that a man either held an office, or he did not; there could be no 'ifs,' 'buts' and 'provided,' and that if such a clause were to remain, it would make the office a farce, and the holder an object of ridicule. The other members apparently thought the same, for, of the 28 present, 26 voted against the motion.

This I reported to the Lewisham District, at Crayford, on February 1st. Thereupon Mr. Jeffries, who seems to be representing a perpetually disgruntled section of the district, read what might be termed more accurately a 'considerable' than 'considered' statement (see 'Ringing World' of Feb. 14th), which charged the representatives with being 'Mussolinis,' and acting without any authority from their district.

As has been said, the sub-committee met on October 5th, but their recommendations were not known until October 26th. Neither representative was a member of the sub-committee, so that if Mr. Jeffries was so anxious that they should act in accordance with the district's wishes, why did not he, at the district meeting at Bromley on October 12th, inform both the members and the representatives of the proposed alterations, instead of abusing the representatives for not seeking the members' views on matters which neither knew anything about?

Rule 4(a) in the sub-committee's recommendations is:—

'They may join singly or in bands, and in the latter case the subscription may be paid in one sum by any parish or ringers' fund, but no ringer shall be admitted as an unattached member in the county where there is a band in his parish or near neighbourhood which he may join.'

Both Mr. Smith and I considered that this should end at the words 'ringers' fund,' as the rest could not be enforced; and again the majority of members supported our contention.

To this also Mr. Jeffries took exception. But why? There are in the Lewisham District eight unattached members, of whom seven are regular Sunday service ringers. For personal reasons, however, they do not wish officially to join any band. Surely such members' wishes should be respected. They should not be made to feel that the association does not want them.

Lastly it was decided by a majority of the members present at Crayford, at the instigation of Mr. Jeffries, to hold a meeting of the Lewisham District Committee in order to discuss the proposed new rules, and presumably to order the representatives how to vote. But if such a meeting takes place, it can have no effect—and certainly the representatives will not be bound by its decisions—as the rules are for all members, and will be discussed, not at a committee meeting, but at the annual meeting of the association, when each member will have the opportunity of voicing his own opinions.

I write this in the hope that it will interest others outside the Lewisham District, and I sincerely hope that they, in the five other districts, will not have such obsequy to overcome.

E. BARNETT.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ANOTHER STEP IN CHANGE RINGING.

It was explained last week that the Grandsire method, which we were endeavouring to show you how to ring, would produce, in itself, only 30 changes when applied to five bells. There are, however, 120 possible changes on five bells, and, therefore, to ring them all it is necessary to have 'bobs' and 'singles.' These are variations in the work, which take one bell out of the hunt (the one which is not the treble) and puts another in its place. The bell that comes out of the hunt joins the other two in the cycle of work—that is, the dodging and place-making.

Here let us interrupt a moment to point out something which appeared in the article last week, and which, as it stood, was apparently rubbish. It was merely a transposition of two lines, the third and fourth in the fourth paragraph. The material part of it should have read as follows: 'In the plain course the treble and 2nd are the bells doing the plain hunting, and the treble never leaves it, whatever happens. The working bells in the plain course are, therefore, 3, 4 and 5. . .'

But to resume. From this it is obvious that the first bell to come out of the hunt when a bob or single has to be made must be the 2nd, which is in the hunt when you begin, and some other bell has to take its place. It has already been explained that the Grandsire method is formed from the plain hunting course by the insertion of a 3rd's place immediately after the treble leads. A bob is effected by an additional 3rd's place immediately in front of the 3rd's place common to every lead. This causes the bell that had been in the hunt to have two dodges (or a double dodge, as it is called) in 5-4 (down), which is after turning the treble from behind and lying a whole pull. The effect of this is to stop the bell, which would otherwise come to dodge in 5-4 (down), before it lies its whole pull behind, and cause it to dodge twice in 4-5 (up) with the bell that is coming out of the hunt.

The additional 3rd's place is made by the bell that passed the treble in 2-3 going up. Instead of hunting on up to 4-5 for a dodge, it stays a whole pull in 3rd's and then hunts down again and leads after the treble. It is then in the hunt, and follows the treble from front to back and back to front until another bob or single is called.

A bob makes no difference to two of the bells—the treble and the bell that the treble takes from lead; the one, that is, that makes the ordinary 3rd's place.

If the bob is called by the conductor at the right time you should have no difficulty in knowing what to do.

If you have got to make 3rd's and go into the hunt, the treble will be the next bell you strike over. If you have to double dodge behind, you will actually be in the dodging place, that is in 4th's on the way up, or in 5th's on the way down.

But as another check, do not forget that you should be counting your places, and you will know what to do by the position in which you pass the treble. We can formulate a little table for the purpose, as we did for the plain course, thus:—

Pass treble in 4-5 going up, dodge twice in 5-4 (down) out of the hunt.
Pass treble in 3-4 going up, dodge twice in 4-5 (up).
Pass treble in 2-3 going up, make 3rd's and lead again, in the hunt.
Pass treble in 1-2 going up, make 3rd's and lead again.

Perhaps it ought to be explained that a double dodge, that is dodging twice, means taking a step back, going forward one place, and stepping back a second time before going on with the hunting.

One other thing needs explanation before you attempt to ring 120 on a working bell, and that is, how to make a 'single.' The actual work differs in two particulars from a bob. The treble is still unaffected, and the bells double dodge behind exactly as at a bob, but the bell that made 3rd's place, after passing the treble in 2-3 going up, makes the other 3rd's place as well; that is, it stops two whole pulls in 3rd's place before going back to lead again. It is not then in the hunt.

The effect of this double 3rd's place is that the bell which ordinarily would have made 3rd's cannot reach that position, and it has to have a whole pull in 2nd's place over the treble, and lead after the treble, which puts it into the hunt. The figures which follow show the difference between a plain, a bob and a single lead.

Plain	Bob	Single
43521	43521	43521
45312	45312	45312
54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423
15243	15432	15432
12534	14523	15423
21543	41532	51432
25134	45123	54123
52314	54213	45213

THREE CONDUCTORS.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in which the conducting was shared by three of the ringers, was rung for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, on February 23rd: Miss B. Mills 1, Miss M. Ashbrook 2, T. H. Taffender 3, R. Mowforth 4, E. J. King 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, T. W. Taffender 7, A. Harris 8. The conducting was shared in turns by ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

A BUSY DAY AT LEICESTER.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held at Leicester on Saturday, February 8th, the following forces being represented: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Birmingham City, Leicester City, Liverpool City, Cardiff City, Reigate Borough, Bolton Borough, Grantham Borough, Lancashire County, Leicestershire County and Nottingham County.

The visitors began to arrive in the city about 11 a.m., and visited St. Peter's Church, Belgrave, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. The ringing here concluded about 12.30 p.m., and a move was then made to the George Hotel, Haymarket, for luncheon. The company, which numbered over 50, were honoured at the luncheon by the presence of Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable of Leicester, and the Rev. K. F. Parsons, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

After an excellent repast, the Guild president, Supt. F. R. Williams, Manchester City, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the Guild to these two guests. In replying, the Chief Constable said he knew nothing about bellringing, but intended visiting St. Margaret's Church during the afternoon, whilst ringing was in progress, to see how it was done. The Rev. K. F. Parsons also replied, and congratulated the Guild on the progress made since its formation.

St. Margaret's Church was then visited, and the peal tablet in the belfry, to record the first peal of Stedman Cinques by a band of police officers, was dedicated by the Vicar and unveiled by the Guild president.

Ringling then followed on the twelve bells at St. Margaret's, after which a move was made to St. John the Divine's Church. Here touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung and also a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal. A return was then made to the George Hotel for tea, after which the business meeting was held.

NEXT MEETING TO BE AT LIVERPOOL.

A hearty invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Liverpool was extended by P.C. Birkett on behalf of the Liverpool members, and it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting there.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, Supt. F. R. Williams (Manchester City); vice-president, Chief Inspector W. Bottrill (Metropolitan); hon. secretary and treasurer, Inspector H. J. Poole (Leicester City); auditor, Sergt. H. G. Jenny (Leicester City); committee, Sergt. P. C. Crook (Bolton Borough), Sergt. H. G. Jenney (Leicester City), P.C. N. Bagworth (Metropolitan), ex-Sergt. W. Dowding (Birmingham City), ex-Sergt. A. Lawrence (Herts County), ex-P.C. Page (Manchester City), ex-P.C. Claydon (Reigate Borough) and P.C. Brown (Manchester City).

Congratulations were extended to Inspector Poole on his recent promotion, and were duly acknowledged by him.

A very welcome visitor was Mr. J. W. Jones, the secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouthshire Association.

In the evening a social was held at the Police Headquarters Clubroom, and a splendid entertainment was provided by the following: Det. Sergts. Billson and Pym, P.C.s Mowl, Whightman, Briars and Sampson. Mr. Harry Smith rendered some songs, and the Friends Adult School Handbell Ringers gave selections on the handbells. A touch of Stedman Caters and a course of Stedman Cinques were also rung on the handbells.

The close came all too soon with everyone well satisfied. This was, indeed, another very fine meeting and day's enjoyment to be added to the annals of the Guild.

CARDIFF'S OLDEST BELLRINGER.

DEATH OF MR. J. CLUTTERBUCK.

Cardiff's oldest bellringer, Mr. John Clutterbuck, died on Saturday, February 15th, at the age of 88 at the home of his son, Mr. George Clutterbuck, Kyle Avenue, Whitechurch, Cardiff. He had been a ringer at St. John's, Cardiff, and at Llandaff Cathedral, and for several years was leader at the latter tower. He was one of the first members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, founded in 1893, and was Master in 1904. He rang 35 peals, which included Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Bob Minor and Kent Minor. He conducted one peal of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Clutterbuck had not been able to take any active part in ringing for several years, but retained his interest in the art right up to the last.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, February 18th, the Diocesan Association being represented by the Master (Mr. G. Wines), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), Mr. A. W. Heath (St. John's, Cardiff), Mr. H. Grabbie (Pentre), Mr. A. Weaver (Penarth) and Mr. E. Coles (Whitechurch). He is laid to rest in Cardiff Cemetery close to his old workmate and ringing colleague, the late Mr. W. Coombes. In the past these two old friends had rung several peals together. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but lost owing to a shift course towards the end, on the bells of Llandaff Cathedral, which were half-muffled as a last tribute of respect. Floral tributes were sent by the ringers of both St. John's, Cardiff, and Llandaff Cathedral.

The late Mr. Clutterbuck was a native of Tidenham, Gloucestershire, and, by a coincidence, the writer was born in the same house 70 years ago.

J. W. J.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

The annual meeting of the North and East District was held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, February 8th, and was attended by upwards of 60 members. The beautiful peal of ten bells, one of the finest in the country, and always a credit to the founders, was rung to many methods between three and five o'clock, when the usual short service was held. In the absence of the Vicar, through illness, the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Edwards.

Tea was served at the Cherry Tree Hotel, after which the business meeting took place. The chair was taken by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), who was supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president, South and West District), Mr. W. H. Hollier (association treasurer), Mr. W. H. Oram (district treasurer), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), etc.

A resolution expressing sympathy with His Majesty the King in the loss of his illustrious father, and wishing him a successful reign, was carried. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and with the Ely Diocesan Guild, in their serious loss, was also carried.

The formal business of the meeting was then proceeded with. The balance sheet, submitted by the treasurer, which showed a loss on the year's working of £10 9s. 2d., was carried. It was noted, however, that a sum of £15 had been voted to the William Pye Memorial Fund, so that the year actually showed a considerable credit balance. The assets showed £29 9s. 7d. in the hands of the treasurer and stock to the face value of £73 13s. 8d.

Twelve new members were elected, and two elections made prior to peals were confirmed.

The election of officers then took place. The District Master, Mr. A. W. Coles, felt it was desirable that he should make way for another ringer on his election to the position of Ringing Master of the association. Mr. Thomas J. Lock, of Willesden, was, therefore, elected to the District Mastership, amidst loud applause. Mr. Lock, in returning thanks, said he would do his best for the members and hoped always to have their support. The other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. G. R. Goodship; Central Committee, Messrs. R. E. Geare, H. Kilby and G. B. Lucas; auditor, Mr. G. W. Fletcher; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Oram, C. T. Coles and W. Pickworth.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Master was proposed by the chairman.—Mr. A. W. Coles, in reply, said he hoped to be able to carry on at those towers where he had been giving help, and would do anything he could to help the association.

The hon. secretary was requested to send the good wishes of the meeting to Mr. R. K. Knight, of Leytonstone, who had recently reached his 91st birthday. It was mentioned that Mr. Knight had been a member of the Royal Cumberlands since 1866, surely a record!

THE PYE MEMORIAL.

The present position of the William Pye Memorial Fund was explained by the hon. secretary, who said that the fund now amounted to about £156, and that the money was still coming in slowly. Estimates were being invited from the leading bellfounders, so that the committee hoped to be in a position to place the order very shortly. It was sincerely hoped that the bells would be ready to have the opening when the Council met in London at Whitsun, so that this truly national memorial would have a truly national opening.

St. Mary's, Finchley, was chosen for the next district meeting on March 14th, and St. Augustine's, Kilburn, for the next annual meeting.

The Chairman, after welcoming the several members of the South and West District who were present, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow) for the use of the bells; to the preacher (the Rev. H. Edwards); to Mr. J. E. Miller and the local ringers, and to the organist, to which Mr. Edwards very suitably replied.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for the able way he had conducted the meeting.

Handbell ringing followed, Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Double Norwich Major being rung; whilst many visited the tower, where anything from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung. The new Master, Mr. T. J. Lock, was anxious to see that everybody had an opportunity to ring, and made quite a good impression in this his first effort at looking after the ringing requirements of a big meeting.

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MUFFLED TOUCHES.

Among the many touches rung for the death or funeral of His Late Majesty King George were the following:—

On Tuesday, January 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Ilminster, before a memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, double muffled, with tenor open at backstroke: D. G. Taylor 1, G. Sibley 2, B. Sibley 3, A. J. Sibley 4, V. Crabb 5, A. Sibley 6, E. White 7, G. Novell 8.

At the Church of St. Lawrence, Bourton-on-the-Water, on Tuesday afternoon January 28th, the local ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples half-muffled following the memorial service: R. Phillips 1, W. Wright 2, H. James 3, T. Banning 4, A. Stayte 5, C. Pratley 6, B. Phillips (conductor) 7, E. Gardener 8.

VANCOUVER BELLS JOIN IN MOURNING.

The bells at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, were rung fully muffled on Tuesday, January 28th, for an hour before the memorial service held for the late King George V., and again for one hour immediately after the service. Several touches of Grandsire and some Stedman were rung, those taking part being Messrs. Arthur King, Pitman, George Roberts, W. Sampson, Tom Greenaway, Andy Lomas, H. Tapper, Bond, Bailey, Matthew Bennett, Fred Hird and A. C. Limpus. The bells were also rung open on Wednesday, January 22nd, for the Accession of King Edward VIII, when 504 Grandsire Triples and other touches were rung.

On January 28th, for the memorial service, the bells were rung with clappers half-muffled at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire: E. Fowler 1, F. Elliott 2, J. Barrick 3, H. E. Dannatt 4, A. W. Crowder 5, R. Pratt 6.

On January 28th, at Seale, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: W. Thompson 1, J. W. Carter 2, H. Jeffreys 3, E. Gardner 4, C. Newman 5, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled bells.

At St. Peter's Church, Horbury, with bells deeply muffled, on January 21st, 720 Oxford Bob: H. Pickles 1, E. Pickles 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, J. Milner 4, George Goldstraw 5, G. W. Pickles 6. On Sunday morning, January 26th, 720 Duke of York: H. Pickles 1, E. Pickles 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, G. W. Pickles 4, G. Goldstraw 5, R. Thicket 6. For evening service, 720 Violet and 380 New London Pleasure. On Monday, January 28th, with bells half-muffled, 756 Stedman: H. Pickles 1, G. W. Pickles 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, G. Bennett (Ossett) 5, W. Tattersall (Ossett) 6, R. Thicket 7, G. Goldstraw 8.

On January 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with bells half-muffled: E. Thatcher 1, F. Fisher 2, E. Fisher 3, F. Gosling 4, A. E. Standen (conductor) 5, G. Fisher 6, R. Fisher 7, P. Bush 8.

At the Pro-Cathedral of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon, before the memorial service, the bells were rung half-muffled and the tenor tolled 70 times. In the evening, after meeting one short for Caters, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: M. Greedy (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Crabb 2, J. Bullen 3, F. Atwell 4, C. Greedy (conductor) 5, F. Greedy 6, W. Phillips 7, A. Thomas 8.

HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 26th, at Hatfield, the Hatfield Guild of College Youths rang for morning service, with bells half-muffled, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: L. Lawrence 1, J. Kentish 2, A. Shepherd 3, R. E. Richardson 4, H. Nobbs 5, D. Richardson 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, L. Cull 8; and for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Young (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Cull 2, D. Ellingham 3, R. E. Richardson 4, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 5, A. Shepherd 6, A. Lawrence 7, L. Lawrence 8. On Tuesday, January 28th, 1,200 Stedman Triples: L. Lawrence 1, A. Shepherd 2, S. Cull 3, R. E. Richardson 4, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 5, Albert R. Lawrence 6, A. Lawrence 7, Dudley Richardson 8.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at Frensham, Surrey, 720 Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled: N. Overington 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss Doris Aslett 3, E. J. Heath 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

At St. Mary's Church, Broomfield, on January 28th, a quarter-peal, 1,296 changes, consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 216 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. E. Bowers 1, R. Parker 2, H. Bradley 3, R. Denney 4, E. Clark 5, H. Devenish (conductor) 6.

At Danbury, Essex, on January 21st, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, and on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, both with the bells fully muffled. On Tuesday, January 28th, two 720's of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were W. Spokes, F. Galley, D. Roast, H. Joyce, W. Burgess, T. Abbott, G. Coppin and H. W. Shadrack.

NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 48th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 29th, 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 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Aston bells will also be available from 3 to 5 o'clock. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. — Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Minster at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. A farewell meeting to the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rigg, D.D.).—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone, bells (6), on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; in Church Rooms. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. Nicholas' House. Please send names or numbers for tea. — J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—The following towers in the district have been arranged for combined practices: Waltham, Feb. 29th, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. Minor; Thornton Curtis, Mar. 21st, London Surprise and St. Clement's Minor; Barton-on-Humber, April 4th, Cambridge Major and Double Norwich. All 6 p.m. start. Please look up the methods. Then come and ring them. — J. Bray, Ringing Master, Burton-on-Stather; H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Please attend in good numbers. Ringing to suit all.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of this division will be held at Little Waltham on Feb. 29th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Café, The Borough. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Royston, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Roll up and keep up the average for 1936.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches. — Joint meeting. A meeting will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for March: Service ringing, St. Clement Danes', March 1st, 10 a.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, March 8th, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, March 22nd, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', March 2nd, 16th, 30th, 7.30 p.m. Combined practice St. Mary's, Lambeth, March 31st, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—The two new trebles to make a ring of ten, installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Belcher, on Sunday evening next, March 1st. The bells will be available for ringing after the service until about 8.30 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 3rd and 31st, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 17th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 26th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Mr Geo. Lewis, Ringing Master, will arrange touches from Minor to Royal. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service by Vicar (Rev. H. C. Foster) 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441A, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Take Fulwood car for Ranmoor at Leopold Street; fare 1½d. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise Mr. D. J. Williams, 48, St. Paul's Terrace, Garden Village, Gorseinon. Numbers for tea by Mar. 4th. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, Mar. 4th, and oblige.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 118th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells available all day. Dinner at the Thatch Tavern at 4.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Meeting and tea to follow. Those requiring tea please send in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newcastle (10 bells) on Saturday, March 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than March 4th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch. — A meeting will be held at West Haddon (5 bells) on Saturday, March 7th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know by Tuesday, March 3rd?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Mar. 14th, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Please let me know by Friday, 13th, numbers for tea.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, March 14th. If you require tea please notify Mr. R. Whittington, Guildford Road, Cranleigh, before March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall 5 o'clock (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting. It is essential that all those intending to be present notify me not later than Tuesday, March 10th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the School at 5 p.m., but please notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, by Thursday, March 12th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., 235, Greenhill Road, Bramley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Maidstone and Tonbridge districts will be held at Linton on March 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Association service at 5, followed by tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Haire). Please be sure to send names for tea to Mr. C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, before Wednesday, March 11th. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone and Marden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Mar. 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please send me a card. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note the date.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXHEY. HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Mar. 14th.—Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 and usual business meeting. Railway Station: Bushey. Coach service runs close to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the division, for elec-

tion of officers, etc., will be held at Barcombe on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members attending this meeting. As the tea is by kind invitation of the Rev. H. Farrar, and will be held at the Rectory, it will be appreciated if *all* who intend to come let me know by the previous Wednesday.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark on Saturday, Mar. 21st. Details later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 6 p.m. Full details later.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.15 p.m. Any notices of motion or applications for restoration grants should be in the general secretary's hands before March 7th.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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*S. GEORGE COLES	3	*WILLIAM A. SIVIER	8
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EDWARD J. CHARMAN 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 8
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Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*MISS D. L. DITCHAM ... Treble	ROBERT BARBER 5
GEORGE MAVERS 2	†CHARLES LOOME 6
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Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HAROLD JUDD Treble	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 5
*ARNOLD ARMITAGE 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
JACK BRAY 3	FRANK LORD 7
FRED LACY 4	ERNEST BRITAIN ... Tenor

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WALTER SCOTT, SEN ... Treble	ALBERT D. CALLAWAY ... 5
FRANK S. TAYLOR 2	SIDNEY MOODY 6
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HAROLD G. THOMAS ... Treble	BERTRAM HEAD 5
BERTRAM H. HEAD 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER 6
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Conducted by Miss G. ANNIE CROOK.

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HERBERT WALKER 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
HORACE FOX 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
WILLIAM R. TATE 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A birthday peal for W. Gorrings and his 50th peal. The composition, No. 395, is now rung for the first time.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK CORKE ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	WALTER AYRE 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composer unknown.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method (Craven's No. 10 Reverse), and was rung without previous practice. The method was published on August 22nd, 1930.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.
JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
GEORGE LARGE 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
REV. IVOR RICHARDS 3	FRANK SKIDMORE 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	ALFRED W. HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

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ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.	
*FRANK MASON	Treble	SIDNEY HARRISON	5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	2	EDWIN CATTELL	6
†R. S. WILLIAM SMITH	3	ALBAN DISNEY	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	†HAROLD HAMMERSLEY ...	Tenor

Transposed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal away from tenor. † First in the method. ‡ First peal and a 16th birthday compliment.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH THACKRAY	Treble	FRANK RAYMENT	5
GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	2	EDWARD CRABTREE	6
HARRY LOTHOUSE	3	JACK STITSON	7
MISS OLIVE RENTON	4	SYDNEY BARRON	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. STITSON.

First peal in the method by all except the treble ringer.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 27 cwt.	
GEORGE WINES	Treble	WILLIAM PAGE	5
FREDERICK LASBURY	2	JOSEPH LOVETT	6
HERBERT DAVIES	3	TOM PAGE	7
THOMAS HAMLIN	4	HENRY CRABB	Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

Ring as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th, who was 74 years old the same day. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church, and, between them, have put in 232 years' service at this tower, viz., 42, 23, 26, 41, 30, 12, 30 and 28 years respectively.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
*JOHN H. BAILESS	Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDEHAM ...	5
FRANCIS R. DRACON	2	CECIL E. CARR	6
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
EDWARD J. CLOUGH	4	ALFRED BALLARD	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal on eight. First peal as conductor. Ring to welcome the Rev. J. W. Burford, who was inducted the previous Thursday.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*JOSEPH LUNN	Treble	†JACK MILLHOUSE	5
†MISS ADRIANE A. STOKES ...	2	†GEOFFREY M. MAYER	6
†KENNETH W. MAYER	3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	7
†CECIL J. MAYER	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First eight-bell peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major. G. E. Feirn's first peal of Bob Major as conductor and his 50th peal for the Lincoln Guild. The average age of the band is 20 years 8 months. It is believed to be the youngest band to ring an eight-bell peal for the Guild.

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Next week 'The Ringing World' will celebrate its Silver Jubilee with an enlarged issue containing special articles.

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EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

EDWIN SHEPHERD	Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY	5
WILLIAM H. HOWE	2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ...	6
THOMAS J. BARTLETT	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
ARTHUR M. SEARLE	4	ALFRED G. BETTS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON	Treble	*ROBERT E. SUMMERS	5
H. ERNEST COX	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	6
JOHN J. WEBB	3	CHARLES L. SADLER	7
WILLIAM T. POSTON	4	WILLIAM POSTON	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* 100th peal for the Hereford Guild. C. L. Sadler has now 'completed the circle' in this tower. First in the method for the Guild.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*EDWARD DALINGWATER ...	Treble	JOHN WALDEN	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	2	*GEORGE W. CREASEY	6
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ...	3	ROBERT RICHARDSON	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4	†JOHN A. FREEMAN	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
SIDNEY ROMANS	Treble	†THOMAS BORRHAM	5
ALFRED G. HANNIS	2	THOMAS BALDWIN	6
*GEORGE SIMMONS	3	JOHN F. BALLINGER	7
WILLIAM HUNT	4	†HENRY BALL	Tenor

Conducted by J. F. BALLINGER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

First peal of Triples on the bells, which were recently augmented to eight by the gift of two trebles by Miss Hughes.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL	Treble	WILLIAM T. BERSON	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	CECIL NICE	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

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

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 3	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 7
WILLIAM SMITH ... 4	LESLIE W. STEVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

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

*JIM HURRELL ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
*CHARLES A. BINES ... 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
ERNEST BRETT ... 3	*JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 7
JOHN J. LAMB ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 1,440 of Kent Treble Bob, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD BIRD ... Treble	†FREDERICK P. LEWIS ... 4
*FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	FRED CHALK ... 5
MISS AMY E. WALDOCK ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Ring as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Waldo.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE BALLS ... Treble	BERT F. LEGGETT ... 4
JAMES H. EDWARDS ... 2	WILFRED G. GUSTERSON ... 5
EDWARD LEGGETT ... 3	*FREDERICK CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD LEGGETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES H. EDWARDS ... Treble	FRANK SMITH ... 4
WILLIAM CHALK ... 2	WILFRED G. GUSTERSON ... 5
EDWARD LEGGETT ... 3	GEORGE TOWNES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOWNES.

Ring as a welcome to the new Rector of the parish, the Rev. G. B. Crosthwaite.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Thursday, February 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4
ALBERT NASH ... 2	TOM BROTHWELL ... 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	REGINALD PAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 8 lb.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	DAVID MACKAY ... 4
*HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 5
KENNETH FORD ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRED WIGMORE ... Treble	WALLACE COUSINS ... 4
GEORGE MASON ... 2	LEWIS BUSH ... 5
JOHN FRANCIS ... 3	CLAUDR COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

LEWIS J. BATLEY ... Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL ... 4
HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... 2	PERCY G. POTTER ... 5
GEORGE FILBEY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in 30 methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck and Reverse Bob (2) Sandal, Kingston, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Wath and Carishrooke Delight; (4) Marple, Taxal, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate and College Bob IV. Delight; (5) Algarkirk Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (6) London Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

First peal in 30 methods by all. First peal in 30 methods for the Guild. There were 132 changes of method.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY HARDING... .. Treble	JOHN GIDDINGS 4
HAROLD HARDING 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 5
*FRANK SLATFORD 3	*ROY HARDING Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. West.

* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church with the exception of the conductor, and as such are the first to ring a peal on these bells.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Lightfoot, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 1 reble	DAVID MACKAY 4
NORMAN G. WILLIAMS 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
KENNETH FORD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. Beck.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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 8 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*JAMES A. GLASS... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven methods.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER STORRY Treble	ERIC SHINKINS 4
*CECIL BUTTERS 2	THOMAS BUSH 5
JOHN RICHARDSON 3	LEWIS BUSH Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS BUSH.

* First peal.

SELSTON, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, February 19, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, three 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's Kent Treble Bob.

*THOMAS STORR Treble	ARTHUR BROWN 4
FRANK COOKE 2	HAROLD DOUGHTY 5
F. GERARD RAWSON 3	A. LESLIE RAWSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOKE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversaries of the 4th and 5th ringers.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, seven callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE SIMMONS Treble	*WALTER A. LEE 4
*ARTHUR BOGGY 2	HARRY C. JONES 5
*ERNEST WILLIAMS 3	*JOSEPH HOPCRAFT Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. JONES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, and first peal by an entirely local band at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At 156, DERHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 1-2	ALBERT ROUGHT 5-6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3-4	BEN S. THOMPSON 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Witnesses—Mrs. B. J. Howchin and Mrs. G. H. Cross.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLAN F. BAILEY 5-6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3-4	A. ERNEST JONES 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—J. N. BAILEY.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GROUPING OF EASTERN DISTRICT TOWERS.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Beverley Minster on Saturday, February 29th, and was attended by over 40 ringers, representing Cottingham, Hemmingbrough, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Ripon, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, York and the local company—an excellent gathering considering the shocking state of the weather.

Service was held in the Minster, and an address was given by the Vicar, Canon W. H. Riggs, D.D.

Tea was followed by the business meeting in the Parish Room, over which the Vicar presided. Four new members were elected, viz., Miss Marion Henry, of Cottingham, Mrs. Searth, of Pickering, Mr. Leslie Barrow, of Hedon, and Mr. John Knox, of Hull.

Bridlington was selected as the place of the June meeting, or, failing Bridlington, Hatfield.

It was decided to support the Northern District by holding a joint meeting at Helmsley in April, Mr. E. Hudson, the Northern District secretary, having asked the Eastern District members to combine with the Northern in holding the meeting.

All the retiring officers were re-elected for a further period of three years.

After discussion it was decided to leave in the hands of the vice-president and district secretary arrangements for the grouping of towers for special practices and meetings, it being hoped by these means to improve the standard of ringing and give more encouragement to towers in isolated districts.

Mr. Cryer moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and said how sorry he was that the Vicar was leaving Beverley. He wished him 'God-speed' on his departure to a living in Cornwall.—The motion was seconded by Mr. Howell, who remarked on Canon Riggs's kindness at all times to the ringers of the Yorkshire Association.

Canon Riggs, in replying, said how happy he had been to welcome the association to Beverley, and added that he would look back on his 15 years at Beverley with pleasure. That was his last public function before leaving Beverley. He hoped the ringers would give his successor a good welcome.

Mr. West proposed and Mr. Hull seconded a vote of thanks to the local company, which was responded to by Mr. Middleton.

Further ringing concluded a very good meeting.

DEATH OF A MILNROW VETERAN.

The death took place on Wednesday, February 19th, of Mr. John Fitton, of Milnrow, at the age of 81 years. The late Mr. Fitton had been a ringer at Milnrow for 64 years and was a life member of the Lancashire Association. He had taken part in 61 peals and was a very keen and devoted ringer, regularly attending both at Sunday service and practice ringing.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 22nd, in the Milnrow Churchyard in the presence of a large gathering of ringers and friends. As the cortege arrived at the church the bells were ringing fully muffled. Messrs. J. C. Bennett, W. Staff, H. Hamar, S. Parry, A. Buckley and J. H. C. Massey, six of his brother ringers, acted as bearers, and ringers were present from Newhey, Rochdale (Parish Church and St. Alban's), East Orompton, Hamer, Middleton, Bacup (St. Saviour's), with Messrs. T. Isherwood, S. W. Dunn, A. Sidebottom and J. Shaw (unattached). After the coffin had been lowered to its last resting place a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells over the grave by Mrs. W. Crabtree, Miss R. Bell, Mr. W. Crabtree and Mr. H. Devonport.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the tower bells by Mrs. W. Crabtree 1, H. Hamar 2, Miss R. Bell 3, S. W. Parry 4, G. Staff 5, H. Devonport 6, W. Crabtree (conductor) 7, J. H. C. Massey 8.

DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLES AT RICKMANSWORTH.**A JUBILEE COMMEMORATION BELL.**

The two new trebles, to complete the ring of ten, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Rickmansworth, Herts, were dedicated and rung at a service held on Sunday evening last. Pre-service ringing was performed on the existing eight bells, the actual dedication of the two new bells taking place after the first hymn.

The Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. B. Belcher) preceded the choir to the western porch, where hung extension ropes from the new bells, the whole congregation facing westwards. After short prayers, the Vicar swung each bell in turn, dedicating the first treble in memory of Harriet Alice Millett, the mother of one of the local band, and the second in memory of the Jubilee year of our late revered Sovereign King George V. Following two collects, the new trebles were raised and for the first time the pealing of the ring of ten was heard by the congregation and neighbourhood.

Subsequently, in a simple, stirring sermon based on the scriptural verse, 'The sound has gone out to all lands,' the Vicar spoke of the primary purpose of the bells being to summon people to the House of God. The sound of the bells, he said, was a challenge to unbelievers and to those that needed encouragement in the Christian life besides giving a welcome to those who come to worship God. These two bells, he continued, stand for all that is noble and fine, the one to a devoted mother, the other to a devoted King, both servants of the same God. The Vicar concluded by quoting the inscriptions from the old bells, mentioning that the first historical reference to the original bells hung in the steeple was in 1552.

A company of upwards of 35 ringers from various towers as far apart as Lincolnshire and Sussex gathered in the ringing chamber after the service, and various touches of Caters and Royal were indulged in.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, from Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who carried out the work, was present, and received many congratulations, not only on the excellent tone of the new bells, but also on the amazing improvement of the ring as a whole as a consequence of the additions.

The dedication ringing of the ten was performed by the local band: A. E. Millett 1, J. E. Jones 2, W. Crowsley 3, C. Lord 4, J. Foster 5, A. W. Howlett 6, A. Jones 7, T. Long 8, F. W. Elliott 9, E. Hookham 10.

The Vicar visited the ringing chamber and extended a welcome to all the visiting ringers.

The inscription on the Jubilee bell reads:—

'The people of Rickmansworth placed me here,
To ring out their thanks in Jubilee year.'

LEICESTER AND DISTRICTS' ANNUAL DINNER.**THE BEST YET!**

In spite of dreadful weather—snow and sleet galore—the Leicester and Districts' annual dinner this year proved to be the best yet! The bells of St. John the Divine (10) and St. Margaret's (12), 5 to 6 p.m., were made good use of during the afternoon, in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques. At 6.30 a company of well over 100 assembled at the George Hotel, and it is rumoured that if the members go on increasing at these annual 'do's,' the management contemplate enlarging the dining room. Those present came from Anstey, Aylestone, Belgrave, Billesdon, Burbage, Ratley, Sileby, Syston, Loughborough and other places, and friends from Kettering, Rugby, Southwell, Oakham and elsewhere.

The social which followed was quite an impromptu affair, there being no 'set' programme and no speeches of any kind. It opened with a perfect course of Stedman Caters on handbells by C. Harrison, G. S. Morris, E. Morris, H. J. Poole and J. Morris. Then followed violin solos by a gifted member of the Police Force, and humorous ditties from a like source were very much enjoyed. Handbell tunes by C. H. Webb, F. E. Wilson, E. Morris and H. J. Poole were appreciated, but the tit-bit was the monologue by 'Dirty Daniel,' whose discourse on 'peas' brought down the house! His identity was discovered, however, when he gave the evergreen 'Ilkka' moor bart hat,' and we knew the 'Fidler,' who for his efforts was awarded a rubber duck! Later on, 'A flat,' not to be outdone, contributed his famous 'Farm-yard,' and he too received a duck. To see these ducks hobnobbing made one wonder if this is an omen for further 'duck suppers'!

The Sergeant-Major may be Dexter-ous at froth blowing, but at balloon blowing he is nowhere. This competition was won by the two Harrisons—Colin and Sidney. Anstey Bell Fund came in for a small donation when the chairman announced a penny raffle for a 'prize worth having—an ornament to any home.' Rathy won this and we trust good use will be made of it!

Miss Haigh sang dainty Scotch songs, and Mr. Joe Morris gave his old favourite 'Johnny.' Further courses on handbells of Stedman Cinques and Triples, Rugby Major (?) and Musical Minor all helped to make up an enjoyable evening. The phrase 'all that could be desired' aptly applies to this social gathering, and any present who did not enjoy themselves would be well advised to see a doctor at once!

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Triples on the bells at Norton, Glos.—a peal of Stedman on Saturday, February 15th—was rung on the 16th anniversary of the peal of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick. This peal occupied 8 hours 45 minutes, and three of the band took part in the peal at Norton, Messrs. A. G. Hannis, T. Baldwin and J. F. Ballinger.

Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert asks us to state that the long course composition of Erin Triples, rung at Denham, for what was believed to be the first time, had been rung at Wednesbury on February 3rd, 1912, conducted by A. G. Wallater.

The peal at St. David's, Exeter, recorded in this issue, was rung as a jubilee peal for Mr. A. W. Searle, in the belfry where he learned to handle a rope. It was also a diamond jubilee celebration for Mr. E. Shepherd and Mr. W. Richardson. In addition, it was a golden wedding peal for Mr. E. Shepherd.

Mr. Harry Mason, of Goodrest, Hagley, chairman of the Birmingham Gun Barrel Co., Ltd., of Haysech, Old Hill, who died December 7th last, aged 72 years, has left estate of the value of £15,588 11s. 6d., with net personalty £15,509 15s. Mr. Mason was long connected with Midland ringing circles, and a well-known member of the Worcestershire Association, St. Martin's Guild and Dudley and District Guild.

The ring of five bells of Bulwick Church, Northants, is being rehung with new fittings in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

Two veteran ringers who attended the Henry Johnson commemoration on Saturday were present at the first dinner 48 years ago. They were Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. Tom Miller. Incidentally it is interesting to know that the latter rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques as long ago as 1880!

One of the Birmingham veterans whom ill-health compelled to miss Saturday's dinner was Mr. Tom Russam. He is 81 and has played an active part in ringing in Birmingham for two generations.

Mr. Harry Withers, who has just retired from the service of Messrs. Cadbury, of Bournville, where he was the firm's first carillonneur, still holds the record for the longest unbroken attendance at the Johnson dinner. He was present on Saturday for the—well, we don't quite know how many times, but it is about 40 in succession.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild has lost another old and esteemed member in the person of Mr. George Passingham, of Fareham, who has died at the age of 77 years. He rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Fareham as long ago as 1887. He was buried at Fareham on Monday.

Mr. Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, known best, perhaps, for his famous twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, will celebrate his 83rd birthday to-morrow, and friends are meeting at his village tower that afternoon to celebrate the event. Ringers everywhere will join in congratulations to the veteran.

BELL BROADCASTS.

PRAISE FOR CROYDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was a real pleasure to listen to the splendid performance by the Croydon Parish Church band when they broadcast on Sunday morning last, and anyone who has rung on these bells in recent years will, I think, agree that the ringers deserve the highest praise for their excellent striking.

The performance was not unduly marred by the announcer, who was mercifully short—an example which might well be emulated by the Sunday evening announcers.

Should this happen to be the 'swan song' of these bells 'over the air' before they are broken up, those who listened-in will at least have a memory of a grand peal beautifully rung. R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

'HATS OFF TO THE B.B.C.'

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that all interested ringers who are listeners on the radio make an opportunity to thank the B.B.C. for all they do for our art. To-day, Sunday, March 1st, with your article in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' still fresh in mind, I sat down to listen to the broadcast of His Majesty the King. Five minutes before this was timed to begin all programmes were stopped and millions of people all over the world were prepared for His Majesty's message with four minutes of that wonderful recording of the bells of Bow. Surely bellringing at its best never received such publicity. Also I would point out that the B.B.C. seem to like to put bell music in the programmes. I can recall many times, in plays and local features, when the sound of bells has been put in, which indicates, I think, that the B.B.C. like bells to be heard.

To-night, I listened in to the broadcast from Derby on Midland Regional, and here again the B.B.C. are to be congratulated. On this occasion the bells were faded in and allowed almost four minutes without interruption. Then the bells were faded down behind the announcer's voice until they almost blended with the organ, which was faded in towards the end of his remarks. I should imagine that to a non-ringer this would appear to have a good effect. Might I add that the Derby band struck well and gave us something worth listening to. So away with grumbling. I say, 'Hats off to the B.B.C.'

RICHARD LONGDEN.

Manchester.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

Representative Gathering at Birmingham

St. Martin's Guild Prosperity.

There was once again a large and representative gathering of ringers at Birmingham, when, on Saturday, the 'Henry Johnson' dinner was held for the 48th time. This occasion is always one of the most attractive social events of the year in the Exercise, and visitors were present from many distant places. In the afternoon there was the opportunity of ringing at the famous Church of St. Martin and at Bishop Ryder's, and for the first time for many years Aston Parish Church bells were available. Here there is a fine new ring of twelve, opened last year, and naturally attracted the attention of all who could get to the tower. There is, of course, an intimate association between Henry Johnson and Aston, for it was here that he did much of his ringing and in the churchyard he lies buried.

An excellent dinner was served in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, to which nearly 140 sat down. Canon T. Guy Rogers (Rector of Birmingham) presided with his customary geniality, supported by the Rev. H. McGowan (Vicar of Aston) and Mrs. McGowan, the Rev. H. Sproule (curate), the Rev. Canon Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), the Rev. C. H. Williams (Vicar of Bishop Ryder's), the Rev. A. E. Fraser (Vicar of Solihull) and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. F. W. Stevens (churchwarden of St. Martin's), Mr. W. R. Heaton (Solihull), Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild) and Mrs. Reeves, Mr. F. E. Haynes (Ringing Master), Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, J. H. Shepherd, J. George (the oldest ringer present) and A. Walker (vice-presidents), Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson. Ringers were present from many of the towers in the diocese and there were visitors from London, York, Sheffield, Bristol, Gloucester, Derby, Liverpool, Bath, Oxford, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Loughborough, Croydon, Appleton, Rotherham, Davenham, etc.

THE MASTER'S GREETINGS.

The Hon. Secretary said letters of apology for absence had been received from, among others, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, Mrs. Guy Rogers, Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), etc. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of the Guild, wrote thanking the members for re-electing him and expressing regret that he would be unable to be present at the dinner. 'As the members of the Guild insist upon re-electing me Master, notwithstanding my age (81) and infirmities,' he wrote, 'I cannot refuse an honour that is so kindly meant, and if my ringing friends are content with a Master who can only be so in name, there is nothing more to be said. I need hardly say,' he continued, 'that I deeply regret my enforced absence from the dinner after so many years, and that I shall be thinking of you all the time and wishing I could be there to propose "Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild," but there comes an end to all things, and I am happy to think I have been spared to be with you for so many years. Please give my kindest regards to all my old friends. Every good wish for the welfare of the Guild and each and every one of its members.'

After the toast of the King had been enthusiastically honoured, Mr. Frank Smallwood proposed 'Church and the State.' He said they, as ringers would yield to none in their loyalty to the Church. They were good churchmen; they knew what the Church stood for and they tried to live up to it (applause). They watched with pride the efforts which the Rector of Birmingham was making towards that most desired end, Church unity, and they admired the way he took his stand in the Dissenters' pulpits (applause). Fifty years ago that would have been such a shock to the parishioners of St. Martin's that they would have felt themselves justified in predicting the end of the world (laughter). Proceeding, Mr. Smallwood deprecated treating the toast as so much for the Church and so much for the State. They should be taken together and indivisible. They did not want to see the State controlled by the Church, nor the Church controlled by the State. They had followed with interest and sympathy, he said, the recent deliberations of the Church Assembly, and whatever was the outcome, as ringers they would be prepared to abide by it. They had recently got a new head of the State, and ringers would concede to him full loyalty and support. They had already shown their loyalty in many ways, by ringing peals for his accession, and they had shown their loyalty also by the muffled ringing which took place on the occasion of the lamented death of King George. In coupling with the toast the names of the chairman and the Rev. H. McGowan, Mr. Smallwood referred to the work which the latter had done in securing the recasting, augmentation and rehanging of Aston bells, and said St. Martin's Guild was glad to be able to return to its other headquarters and to know that at Aston ringing was going 'great guns' again.

SERVICES RENDERED BY RINGERS.

The Chairman first responded, and remarked upon the present happy partnership which existed between Church and State, compared with the condition of things in some other countries. He hoped the outstanding title problem was going at last to be settled in that spirit so characteristic of this country, which some called the spirit of com-

promise, but which he would rather call the spirit of mutual consideration. Canon Rogers expressed pride in the services rendered by ringers, and said he was exceedingly proud of the ringers of St. Martin's and the happy relationship which existed between him and them (applause). It had been a great happiness to him that evening to meet and shake hands with ringers from all parts of England and to know that they appreciated that gathering and the hospitality and kindness, which led to a mutual increase of friendship (applause).

The Rev. H. McGowan also replied in a humorous speech. He said one of the most encouraging things about the reinstatement of Aston bells had been the marvellous spirit in which the old ringers had rallied round and the help they had received from St. Martin's in getting the twelve bells rung. Taylors had distinguished themselves by the bells they had provided, and he felt that all who visited the tower would feel the same about them. The speaker reminded the company that Henry Johnson was buried at Aston and that over his grave was a very distinguished monument provided by the ringers of England. Ringers deserved well of the Church, and in his experience he had found that they were often a great help in many ways besides in the belfry (applause).

A PICTURE OF JOHNSON.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in proposing the toast to 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson,' said Johnson was born at Lichfield 127 years ago and very soon came to Birmingham. He was, as they all knew, a striking example of what a man should be. He (the speaker) made Henry Johnson's acquaintance immediately after his 72nd birthday, when he rang in the then longest peal of 9,328 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's. He rang one peal with Johnson, one of the finest five thousands of Stedman Cinques that could ever be rung, and when Hullsworth, the conductor, who had the deepest voice he had ever heard in a belfry, growled 'This is all,' Henry Johnson, jun., who was also in the peal, turned round and said, 'Beat that in London if you can.' He (Mr. Dawe) rang with Johnson on many occasions, and they were the greatest friends. He had profound respect for the old gentleman, who was of a most lovable character and had a delightful personality. He could picture him in a slate-coloured suit of clothes, a hard felt black hat, with his silvery hair, a fresh complexion with the bloom of health, and a clear grey eye even at his great age. To Henry Johnson and the late John Cox, of the Royal Cumberland Society, he owed a debt of gratitude for all he ever knew of composition. He had still got the proof scales which Johnson gave him, and now he had a little more time at home he would look out these old papers and letters which he had from Johnson and take an early opportunity of handing them to the Guild. They would be worth having (applause). Mr. Dawe continued that he remembered going to the first Johnson dinner on the day that Johnson was 80 years old. On that occasion the old man was at his best. It was marvellous for an old man of 80 to get up and talk to them as he did. On that occasion he represented the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which he was then the Master. It was a national gathering, and he wondered if there was anyone else present that evening who attended that first gathering. He had been present at many similar gatherings since and had always been received with the utmost kindness and courtesy and had enjoyed the ringing he had had in Birmingham, where the Sunday ringing was as good as could be heard anywhere in the country. The spirit which obtained in Johnson's day obtained now, and would, he felt sure, continue into the future in a manner that time would never crack or sever.

EIGHT WHO RANG WITH JOHNSON.

Mr. Dawe asked those present who rang with Henry Johnson to stand, and this revealed that there were eight present. Mr. Dawe added that he hoped they would long be spared to meet again and enjoy one another's company as much as they were doing that evening.

The toast was drunk in silence.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, who, in the absence of the Master, proposed the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' said they would all be sorry at the absence of Alderman Pritchett. Of course, he was in his 82nd year and had lately been suffering from a bad chill, and they could well understand why he was not with them that evening. Mr. Reeves would convey to the Alderman the kindest regards and best wishes from all in that room (applause). It was difficult, continued Mr. Smith, to be called upon to follow a man, a silver-tongued orator, such as Alderman Pritchett was, for it was difficult to imagine a more pleasant speaker, particularly when he was proposing that toast, as he had done year after year. He could not attempt to copy his methods, but he could in some degree keep to the order of his speech. He used to lead off by mentioning those members whom they lost during the twelve months by death, and it was his (the speaker's) sad duty to mention the names of four who had passed away since the last Johnson dinner was held. Their old friend Harry Mason was a regular attendant at those gatherings. He was 72 years of age, and although he was never a twelve-bell ringer, he was a most excellent man and a loyal churchman, and a regular ringer on eight bells. On ten he was not so happy and on twelve he practically confessed he was positively miserable (laughter). The Rev. C. A. Clements was a Cambridge man and at one time curate at Oldswinford. In those days he always postponed everything that might turn up on a

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GUILD'S EXCELLENT OFFICERS.

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Tuesday evening to come in to the practice in the Bull Ring, and he always caught a very late train home. Those were in the pre-war days (laughter). There were many others in that gathering who had enjoyed the hours in his company after the practices at St. Martin's. He was later preferred to Grappenhall. They very much regretted to know he had passed on. Another who had gone from them was Mr. George Pigott, of Smethwick, who died just twelve months ago. It was nice to know they still had with them and in that room that night one of his brothers. The last he had to mention was Mr. Charles Cook, of Perry Barr, not known, perhaps, to many of those present, but one who was just a regular ringer at his own church. He never travelled very much, but had been a member of the Guild for many years. In a sense, said Mr. Smith, he thought they were fortunate, they had only lost four members in the last twelve months, and they must be thankful that death had dealt lightly with them.

A PROSPEROUS GUILD.

With regard to the prosperity of the Guild, he thought he could say they were prosperous. Their bank balance grew from year to year. One of these days, perhaps, the members would get a dividend or a bonus distribution on their shares (laughter). Considering their activities, it was good to know that they were on the right side as far as money was concerned. The chief event within the last twelve months was, of course, the opening of that magnificent ring of twelve bells at Aston. They were all very delighted to have with them that night the Vicar of that famous old church. It had already been referred to as their 'other headquarters.' The Guild comprised the ancient St. Martin's Youlds, which was later the St. Martin's Society, and the Holt Society of Aston. They were amalgamated and the two churches were always regarded as headquarters. Unfortunately for the Guild, Aston bells got out of order and became impossible to ring. Now, under the Rev. H. McGowan, they had not only been restored, but they were fortunate in having a new peal of twelve. They could once more claim to be double-headed, and in that way, perhaps, they were a little remarkable.

Proceeding, Mr. Paddon Smith referred to the recent expression of national mourning in the ringing of the bells of this country. It was, he said, time that ringers gave up the mode of describing muffled ringing as 'muffled clappers.' The clappers were only part of the machine used to ring the bell, like the wheel, the stock and the slider. It had nothing to do with the tone, and yet they read of bells being rung with half-muffled clappers. Imagine, he said, a writer on the day of the King's funeral, standing in the country describing the effect as he stood on the top of a hill overlooking a valley on a typical winter afternoon and saying from the grey tower below came the mournful sound of the muffled clappers. 'Well, I ask you?' said Mr. Smith. 'It seems to me perfectly stupid.'

It would be impossible, continued Mr. Smith, to have prosperity in their Guild unless they had really good officers, and they were very fortunate in this respect in Birmingham. They had a good Ringing Master in Frank Haynes, a 'youngster' who was bringing new ideas to the job. Everyone was perfectly loyal to him, with the result that ringing at St. Martin's and in other belfries was successfully carried out, but sometimes the practices were rather thinly attended. He would ask those members who could possibly manage it to be a little more regular in attendance on Tuesdays at St. Martin's. Some of them could not get there, but there were plenty who could. Mr. Reeves was the best secretary the Guild ever had, but he had a long way to go before he had finished his sentence (laughter). His three immediate predecessors each occupied the office for 20 years. Mr. Reeves had only done seven years yet, and they would not remit any of the remainder (laughter and hear, hear). Mr. Reeves was an excellent secretary, and it was nice to know they could almost see in him his father, Mr. Sam Reeves, who, in his day, was Master of St. Martin's Guild. If he were alive to-day he would be very proud of Mr. Thomas Reeves, as they all were. Long night he remain in office (applause).

(To be continued.)

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RIDDLES OF THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to endorse the reasoned statement by Mr. E. Barnett, which appeared in your last issue, and commend to other members, that Rule 8 must terminate at 'held' and Rule 4(a) at 'ringers' fund,' as obviously rules(?) such as those proposed by our esteemed friend Mr. W. J. Jeffries are utter nonsense. Will Mr. Jeffries answer the following:—

Rule (riddle) 8: When is the Ringing Master not the Ringing Master?

Rule (riddle) 4(a): If one of his service ringers left and failed to join another band, would he remain a member of the K.C.A.?

Rule 8: If his object is a tilt at the present R.M., surely the proper course is to nominate another at the next annual district meeting.

Rule 4(a): This apparently is a gibe at the unattached 'peal grabbers,' but, even so, he must admit that for practices and peal attempts he has found them very useful.

No, no more leg pulling, please, is the earnest desire of

'ONE OF THE SEVEN.'

PROPOSED REVISION OF RULES.

Dear Sir,—It is regrettable that the personal differences of opinions between responsible officers of the association should be allowed to be placed before your readers. In regard to Mr. E. Barnett's letter to you, published in last week's issue, it is purely a case of six of one to half a dozen of the other. Mr. Barnett accuses Mr. Jeffries of obstinacy, but he was just as obstinate over Rule 4(a) ending at funds (see last week's issue) as Mr. Jeffries was over Rule 8.

I am as deeply interested in this proposed revision as either of these two men, but I shall express my views in the right place, and, I hope, the right manner. If my propositions are not acceptable to the majority, then majority rule wins, and I stand by it. This is part of the constitution of any association, and must be adhered to. I trust we shall read no more about this matter, at least until after the annual meeting of the association, when all the members will have a chance to pass opinion.

ALEC E. RICHARDSON.

MR. HERBERT KNIGHT'S 38th ELECTION.

WOLVERHAMPTON LEADER'S LONG SERVICE.

For the 38th time Mr. Herbert Knight has been elected captain of St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton. Other officers re-elected were Messrs. G. A. Baker (secretary and treasurer), Mr. F. Brotherton (librarian) and Mr. T. Smith (representative to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford).

The elections took place at the annual meeting which followed the annual supper of the society, over which the Rector (the Rev. Canon J. Brierley) presided. He expressed thanks to the ringers for their services, and described their activities as a valuable piece of work done in the best spirit of the church.

The secretary, in his report, referred to the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Peter's on August 24th last year, in which Mrs. R. Richardson took part. It is believed to be the only peal in St. Peter's in which a lady has rung. Appreciation was expressed at the efforts of the former Rector (Archdeacon Hodson), the wardens and the Church Council in having had the bells overhauled at a cost of £122, towards which the ringers had made a donation of £5. Mention was made of touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters at 6 a.m. last Easter Day—a record for so early in the morning—and the receipt of a Christmas greeting from the ringers at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, Tasmania.

Thanks were accorded the wardens—Messrs. S. H. Tonks and W. M. Pinson—and Mr. C. H. Clapham for continued interest in the society and its annual gathering.

A musical programme, including selections on handbells, followed.

WELL-KNOWN HAMPSHIRE RINGER DEAD.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur E. Smith, which took place suddenly at King's Somborne, on February 17th. The funeral took place on February 21st, and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were represented by the Master, Mr. G. Williams (North Stoneham), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. E. J. Harding (Portsmouth), Mr. W. Linter (Fareham), Mr. J. Smith (Wickham) and Mr. G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke).

Following the lowering of the coffin, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells over the grave by E. J. Harding 1-2, W. Andrews 3-4, G. Williams 5-6, W. Linter 7-8.

Mr. Smith was of a very jolly nature, and well known to Hampshire ringers. His car was often at the disposal of members for getting to out-of-the-way towers. He had taken part in three peals for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and was very interested in all matters connected with ringing. He was largely instrumental in getting the old five bells at King's Somborne rehung and increased to six a few years ago.

As senior member of a firm of agricultural engineers, he was well known to farmers in the counties of Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A CONTRAST WITH 50 YEARS AGO IN READING BRANCH.**

Canon G. F. Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, speaking at the annual meeting of the Reading Branch, at Reading on Feb. 22nd, contrasted the position of the branch to-day with what it was 50 years ago, when he was hon. secretary. In those now rather distant days the district consisted of only the three Reading towers, Caversham and Tilehurst, and they used to hold committee meetings seated on barrels in a room in Mr. William Newell's brewhouse. They transacted their business all right, but, said the Canon, amid laughter, the smell of the malt and hops and other things in the brewery drove out any desire to drink the finished product. He could not call to mind a single instance when any member of the committee ever had anything to drink after the meeting. In those days the branch had only about a third of its present membership, but they were a very happy party. It was about 52 years since he took over the secretaryship, which he had to relinquish on going to Crowtherne ten years later, but his interest in the branch would remain as long as he had breath in his body. He hoped it would continue to flourish and increase. Commenting on the presence of a number of youthful ringers from Checkenden, Canon Coleridge said this was a happy augury for the future. He urged these youths to continue their interest in this branch of church work, and in their pursuit of knowledge of the art, he told them they would find great help from the articles for beginners appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

The meeting was held in St. Mary's Church House, under the chairmanship of Dr. J. L. Joyce (chairman of the branch), who was supported by the branch hon. secretary (Mr. E. G. Foster), and, in addition to Canon Coleridge, the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), Mr. A. H. Wright (Guild treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary).

The balance sheet, which was adopted, showed that the balance in hand had been raised from £3 16s. 10d. to £9 9s. 4d., largely owing to the fact that last year the branch did not pay for teas at the annual meeting. £8 had been remitted to general treasurer.

In his report, the hon. secretary stated that there were 21 honorary members and 151 ringing members, a reduction of eight in the latter. Three satisfactory quarterly meetings were held, and it had been decided by the committee to establish a bell restoration fund in the branch.

All the officers were re-elected, and Mortimer (in the spring), Nettlebed (in the summer) and Henley (in the autumn) were selected for the quarterly meetings.

TILEHURST BELLS NEED REHANGING.

Representatives of towers gave their reports on their respective bellfries, the Chairman commenting that, on the whole, they seemed satisfactory.

Among the reports was one in respect of Tilehurst, where the bells badly need rehanging. In this connection Mr. Hibbert, who had made an inspection, said the fact that six of the bells swung the weakest way of the tower had a great deal to do with the trouble.

The Vicar of Tilehurst said a sum of £260 was needed to carry out the necessary work, and he was prepared to put the matter before his Church Council. It would be a thousand pities to allow the bells to go all to pieces, and, while they were at present able to do a little ringing, there was no reason why they should not do more ringing if the bells were in a better state. The parish was already committed to repaying £600 for a new hall, and, in addition to what they at present received, they had to raise £330 a year for the church to pay their way. If they undertook the bell restoration scheme and raised a fund by a special effort, he hoped the ringers of the district would rally to their support.

Mr. Hibbert said now was the time for the Vicar to make an application to the Guild for help. He hoped he (Mr. Hibbert) would live to see the bells at Tilehurst, Sheffeld and Swallowfield all made to 'go.'

At the outset of the meeting the Chairman had welcomed visitors from other branches of the Oxford Guild and from the Herts Association, Guildford Diocesan Guild and Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the welcome given and congratulated the branch upon the able officers it had at the head of its affairs.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

In the afternoon there had been ringing on the twelve bells at St. Laurence's Church, and the rings of eight at St. Mary's and St. Giles'. Service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by Canon Parham, who, in an interesting address, said the craft of the ringers was exercised primarily for the glory of God, and it was this which gave dignity and importance to the office of church bellringer. Ringers were regarded, for the most part, as important workers in the parish in which they served, and for that reason he always liked, when speaking to a company of ringers, to express on behalf of the clergy and congregation their thanks and gratitude to the ringers. In the exercise of the craft in which they found so much pleasure and interest the ringers themselves should recognise they had a vocation which was an act of service to God, and that in it they should give of their best. Their service should not begin and end in the belfry; it should be a prelude to the offering of worship in the fellowship of the Church and of the life of service rendered in the performance of the duties of every day. Service rendered in that way, in praise and

adoration, and with humble love and gratitude in their hearts, would not fail to meet with love's reward.

A collection, amounting to 21s. 6d., was made for the purpose of establishing a bell restoration fund in the branch.

NEWBURY BRANCH AT SHAW.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Shaw on Saturday, February 15th, when upwards of 30 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening. The following towers were represented: Beedon, Brightwalton, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore, Shaw and Thatcham. Visitors attended from Abingdon, Beenham, Burghclere, Highclere and North Stoneham. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), who gave a very inspiring address. Mr. W. A. D. Morris was at the organ. Tea, to which 27 sat down, was served in the Parish Hall.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided over the business meeting, supported by the Rev. R. Howes (Vicar of Beenham).

The next meeting was fixed for Peasemore on April 25th.

The Rev. R. Howes thanked the Rector of Shaw for his address and welcome.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to Mr. Morris for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Owen and other ringers' wives who helped in providing the tea.

The tower was again visited, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor rung.

V.W.H. BRANCH MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Longcot.

Touchees of various methods were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rev. B. M. Hawes (Vicar of Longcot), who also gave an interesting address. Mr. K. Edwards was at the organ.

Tea was served to 26 ringers and visitors in the Schoolroom, and was followed by a short business meeting, at which the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne (chairman of the branch) presided, supported by the Rev. B. M. Hawes, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford (Vicar of Shrivenham), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary), and members from Longcot, Faringdon, Buckland, Shellingford and Shrivenham, with visitors from High Wycombe, Abingdon, Bicester and Swindon.

It was proposed to hold the annual meeting at Faringdon and the next by-meeting at Shrivenham.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Longcot for allowing the meeting to be held there and for his impressive address, to the organist for giving his services and to the ladies who did the catering. The Chairman said he was very pleased to see such a good attendance and thanked the visitors for coming.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg replied and gave a few words of encouragement to the members of the branch.

The ringers then returned to the tower and ringing continued during the evening.

The Deputy Master and a few others paid a visit to the Uffington and Great Coxwell towers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION AT COGGESHALL.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Coggeshall, and, despite adverse weather conditions, 40 ringers were present from Chelmsford, Earls Colne, Springfield, Braintree, Kelvedon, Witham, Great Tey, Feering, Dunmow, Halstead, Pebmarsh, Great Bardfield, Sudbury, Greenstead Green, Coggeshall, Bocking and Colchester.

Service was conducted by the Rev. A. Gordon Wright (Vicar of Pattiswick). The Rev. F. Pickford and Mrs. Pickford (of Coggeshall) were also present. The Vicar, in his address, said if the bells remained silent in this country, it would be a tragedy. The service was choral, Mr. G. E. Hearn being at the organ.

The company was afterwards kindly entertained to tea at the Woolpack Hotel by the Rev. and Mrs. Pickford, after which the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) presided at the business meeting. The next place of meeting was fixed for Felsted on April 25th.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Pickford for the use of the bells, also to him and Mrs. Pickford for kindly entertaining them to tea.

The Vicar said he very much appreciated their thanks. He thanked Mr. Beckwith and the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell); also the ringers from other towers who had done so much to help the local ringers. He urged them to stick to it after so much had been done for the bells by the late Miss Gardner. The effect of the bells, he said, was incalculable.

Mrs. Pickford also returned thanks.

Mr. F. Claydon proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Gordon Wright, who suitably replied.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Touchees in various methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

MUFFLED BELLS.

ONE WAY AS CORRECT AS ANOTHER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some of your correspondents are asking which is the correct way to ring muffled for royalty. The answer is that no way is more correct than another; the only question is which sounds the best. Probably the most effective is to ring the 'whole pull and stand' half-muffled very slowly, with a whole pull on the tenor alone between each change and varying the order in which the bells are rung. To do this properly you would want a good band. Seventy rounds 'whole pull and stand' is monotonous. When changes are rung, either in touches or peals, half-muffled is infinitely superior to fully muffled, but quick ringing ruins the effect, and Major is preferable to Triples.

We took three hours and three quarters to ring a peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Ealing, with a tenor of 19 cwt., and the ringing was by no means too slow. With short touches even slower ringing sounds better.

A very interesting article can be written on the use of bells at funerals, and perhaps one day you may like to publish it. Meanwhile I may point out that muffled ringing was introduced by ringers to commemorate ringers. The tolled bell is the only official way of commemorating royalty. Fully muffled ringing is not much more than 200 years old and half-muffled considerably less.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

CENTRAL COUNCIL GUIDANCE WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letters which appeared in 'The Ringing World' concerning how bells should be muffled, I take it that uniformity is aimed at. I feel sure that as practically all associations and guilds are affiliated to the Central Council, and have agreed to abide by the Council's decisions, the onus for a ruling on the matter falls on the Council.

However, in order to avoid unnecessary delay, I would suggest to those members of the Council, who will meet at Whitsun, to give some thought to this matter before the Council meeting and submit suggestions or opinions in writing to the secretary, who could tabulate the same in readiness for the Whitsun meeting.

It would not then take long for the Council to come to some definite instruction on the matter, and I feel sure that this could be included in the Rules and Decisions of the Council for the guidance of everyone.

Liverpool.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES.

IMPRESSIVE PRACTICE AT SEDBERGH.

Dear Sir,—Our custom here, at Sedburgh, is to ring a touch, about 600, with the bells muffled, then slow up. After a few rounds the treble sets, after a few more the 2nd sets and so on, increasing the interval as each bell sets, until the tenor remains by itself. It then rings the age of the deceased. I do not know where the custom comes from, Cambridge possibly, but we have always done it, and it is most impressive.

Sedburgh, Yorks.

G. F. WOODHOUSE.

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF CLERGY.

Sir,—The bells at St. Mary's, Dover, were fully muffled with the exception of tenor at backstroke on January 21st. The Vicar chimed the tenor at midday 70 strokes to correspond with the years of the King's age. In the evening the bells were rung, also on the following Sunday. On the Sunday evening the Vicar asked if the bells could be half-muffled, but I told him that I couldn't do that, as it was the general practice all through the country for the bells to be fully muffled for the passing of the reigning King. This, I believe, was the opinion of most ringers, but now times have altered and we have to acquaint ourselves with modern opinion. The leading tower, Westminster Abbey, has settled this, as they rang the bells half-muffled at the commencement of the last journey of the body. Probably the wireless has caused this change, for on this occasion the half-muffled ringing was very impressive.

There are many different opinions. Some think that all should be treated alike at death. The Rector of St. James', Dover, took a different view, and said no bells were to be rung from the time of the death to the day of the funeral, so that the bells were not rung for either service on the Sunday.

It appears, therefore, that if the Central Council discuss the subject and decide on any set rules about it, the clergy, who are in charge of the bells of a church, may still hold different ideas about muffling the bells. What the ringers have done on this occasion they have done with a real good spirit to do the best they could.

C. TURNER, Captain, St. Mary's, Dover.

EX-CHOIRBOYS CELEBRATE CHOIRMASTER'S JUBILEE.

Mr. Courtenay Woods has just completed 50 years' service as organist and choirmaster at Solihull Church. To celebrate this, on February 22nd, the band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): W. Leeson 1, H. Bragg 2, J. N. Jukes 3, T. Warner 4, H. Shepherd 5, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 6, J. Bragg 7, S. Bragg 8, E. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10. Each member of the band is an ex-choirboy who served under Mr. Woods. The ringers at Solihull wonder if this is unique.

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING PEALS OF BOB MINOR.

In the old days of Minor peal ringing it was held that a 5,040 should be made up of at least seven different methods, and when a peal was rung in less methods it was hardly thought 'proper' by many ringers. Ideas have developed since those days, and just as, in one direction, ringing has extended to the introduction of many methods in one 720—a thing which our forefathers would probably have denounced if they had thought it possible—so in the other direction we have come to admit that a peal has equal claim to recognition if the seven 720's are made up of one and the same method.

There are often reasons why, if a peal is to be rung, it must be limited to one method, but where this is necessary the conductor can, and should, if possible, ring seven different 720's. Here, however, he sometimes comes up against a 'snag,' for he may find it difficult to learn, especially if time is limited, seven totally different callings.

It is, however, possible to get seven different 720's without having to memorise seven different callings. (Parenthetically we shall not be surprised if we do not hear something about this from someone—but never mind, we will deal with him when the brick comes through the office window.)

Conductors, we take it for granted, know all about the two old 720's, in one of which the tenor is called Wrong, Right and Wrong, and the other in which the 5th is called Right, Wrong and Right.

Unless you care to do so, you need not memorise the calling of five other 720's to complete the peal. Take, for example, a two-part 720, obtained with bobs and the use of two singles only. The bobs produce a true 360. In that 360 there is included not only the 23456 at the start, but also the lead heads 34256 and 42356, which really divide the 360 into three parts, although they are not called alike, nor are they necessarily of the same length.

You learn the calling from 23456, and also where the 34256 and the 42356 occur. To get three different 720's 'within the meaning of the Act,' all you have to do is to use the same calling, beginning it in the three different places—much in the same way as you ring the same method, although you start in a different place when you ring a different bell.

Let us illustrate what we mean:—

A.	B.	C.
23456	45362	25463
— 23564	56423	56234
— 23645	62534	63542
34256	— 62345	— 63425
	— 62453	— 63254
	25634	35642
	— 25346	54326
	54263	42563
	46532	— 42635
	— 46325	23456
	— 46253	
	65432	
	53624	
	— 53246	
	34562	
	— 34625	
	42356	

The figures are a 360 divided into the three parts, with part ends when 5-6 are at home. It is equally true whether you begin with the calling of A, B or C, and your singles to complete the 720 are inserted 360 changes apart. Whichever section you begin with will produce the 'part ends' in the same order, because, for example, 42356 from 34256 is the same transposition as 34256 from 23456.

In the Central Council's Collection of Minor Methods you will find a number of compositions given which can be treated in this way, and while if you use this method of calling your peal you cannot, perhaps, be said to have used seven different compositions, you have certainly rung seven different 720's, because the leads do not come up in the same order.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

VISIT TO ST. MICHAEL'S, HEADINGLEY.

The February meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held one week earlier than the fixed day in order to avoid clashing with the Ladies' Guild, who were invading this area on the following Saturday. The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 p.m. except for a break for tea and the business meeting.

The latter was held in the tower, the chair being taken by the president. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Chad's, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Sherburn, Sutton-on-Hull, Tadcaster and the local company.

Three new members were elected, viz., the Rev. P. Thorman and Messrs. A. Smith and L. Stokoe.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was accorded on the motion of Mr. J. Ewbank, seconded by Mr. A. E. West. Mr. P. J. Johnson replied for the local ringers.

The next meeting is to be held at Bramley on Saturday, March 28th. This meeting will be the annual nomination meeting, and members are asked to give serious consideration to the nomination of officers for the coming financial year.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March the 31st, St. Magnus' on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 17th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 26th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Mr Geo. Lewis, Ringing Master, will arrange touches from Minor to Royal. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service by Vicar (Rev. H. C. Foster) 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Take Fulwood car for Ranmoor at Leopold Street; fare 1½d. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Meeting and tea to follow. Those requiring tea please send in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Short meeting to follow. Southbroom bells available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place on Saturday, March 7th, at Oldham Parish Church (12 bells). There will be no business at this meeting, so please turn up.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nail Street, Milnrow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—All ringing friends are invited to Farnham Royal on Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m., to join in ringing 'many happy returns' to Mr. J. J. Parker.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Low Bentham on Saturday, March 7th. Bells will be ready by 2 p.m. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. Please come and make an enjoyable meeting.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The meeting to be held at St. John's, Blackpool, has been postponed to Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Mar. 14th, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Please let me know by Friday, 13th, numbers for tea.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall 5 o'clock (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting. It is essential that all those intending to be present notify me not later than Tuesday, March 10th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the School at 5 p.m., but please notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, by Thursday, March 12th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., 235, Greenhill Road, Bramley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Maidstone and Tonbridge districts will be held at Linton on March 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Association service at 5, followed by tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Haire). Please be sure to send names for tea to Mr. C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, before Wednesday, March 11th. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone and Marden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Mar. 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please send me 2 card. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick, near Bath, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A bus will be run from the Grand Parade, if a sufficient number apply for seats to Miss A. E. Watson, Naille, Swainswick, Bath, by March 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note the date.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the division, for election of officers, etc., will be held at Barcombe on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members attending this meeting. As the tea is by kind invitation of the Rev. H. Farrar, and will be held at the Rectory, it will be appreciated if all who intend to come let me know by the previous Wednesday. — S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Saturday, March 14th, 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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea 5.30 p.m. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western District. — A joint meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. and tea at 4.30 in the Anchorage. Please advise Mr. J. McRobie, 58, Bensham Road, Gateshead. All welcome and please make this meeting another success by attending.—J. A. Brown and F. Robson, Hon. Joint Dis. Secs., 13, Grainger Road, West Hartlepool.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — SPECIAL NOTICE. — The suggestion that the secretary of the Guildford District deprecates the attendance of visitors either for peal attempts or at district meetings is utterly absurd and all visitors will be heartily welcomed at the district meeting at Cranleigh on March 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. R. Whittington, Guildford Road, Cranleigh, by March 10th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Denver, near Downham Market on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery.—A meeting at Sherington (5) on March 14th; 2.30 begin; 4 service; tea afterwards. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting for general practice will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 o'clock. All will be welcome. Bus (11b) leaves Victoria Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch. — A branch meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me by the 11th inst. if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. A. Dunn-Birch, 15, Northfield Grove, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, by Thursday, 12th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Slaughtam (8) on Saturday, March 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Kendal, on March 14th. Bells (10) will be ready at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.20 and meeting 4.45.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the School. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan, before Wednesday, March 11th. All ringers heartily welcome.—William O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Heighington, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, March 11th.—R. Jeff, 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —Please book the dates and attend these meetings: Chiswick, March 14th; Feltham, April 4th; and Isleworth, May 9th. Details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at North Muskham on Saturday, March 14th. Come and try this fine six. Those who want tea *must* notify Canon Williams, Muskham Rectory, Newark, by Wednesday, March 11th.—R. Towler, Acting Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hazelbury Bryan on Saturday, March 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting. Sturminster Newton bells also available. — J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. We are looking forward to a good meeting, as this part of the county is very rarely visited, and is in much need of help. All ringers welcome, please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXHEY, Saturday, March 14th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Stations: Bushey and Oxhey, and coach service. Herts Association change ringers. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, Mar. 14th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. J. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, on or before Friday, March 13th.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. J. C. Kinnear (St. John's, Croydon). Tea and meeting to follow at the Chapter House. Notifications for tea should reach me by Wednesday, March 18th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, by Wednesday previous. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held after tea. Subscriptions for 1935-6 are now due and the annual report available.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

TAMERTON FOLIOT, DEVON.—The ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21st. Visiting ringers please notify the Vicar, Rev. F. B. Soady, before March 15th, and also state if tickets are required for the tea in the Parish Hut, after the service.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 5.15. Meeting in the schools. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Child. All ringers heartily invited. Come and join us.—H. Grundy, Hon. Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting in schoolroom. Please make this a record meeting. All welcome. Don't forget the p.c. re tea to be sent by Thursday, March 19th, to J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after. Please notify me of your intention to be present by March 18th. — Frank Conley, Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). St. Saviour's bells from 6.45. Those intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.15 p.m. Any notices of motion or applications for restoration grants should be in the general secretary's hands before March 7th.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

DEATH.

FIELD.—At 41, Brunswick Road, Sutton, Surrey, on Feb. 22nd, the Rev. E. S. Field, aged 69 years; 28 years Vicar of Buckland Newton, Dorset.

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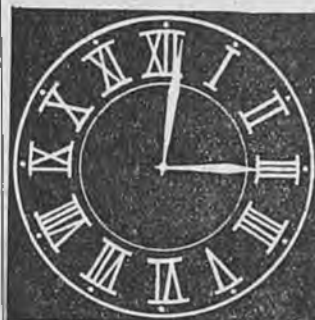
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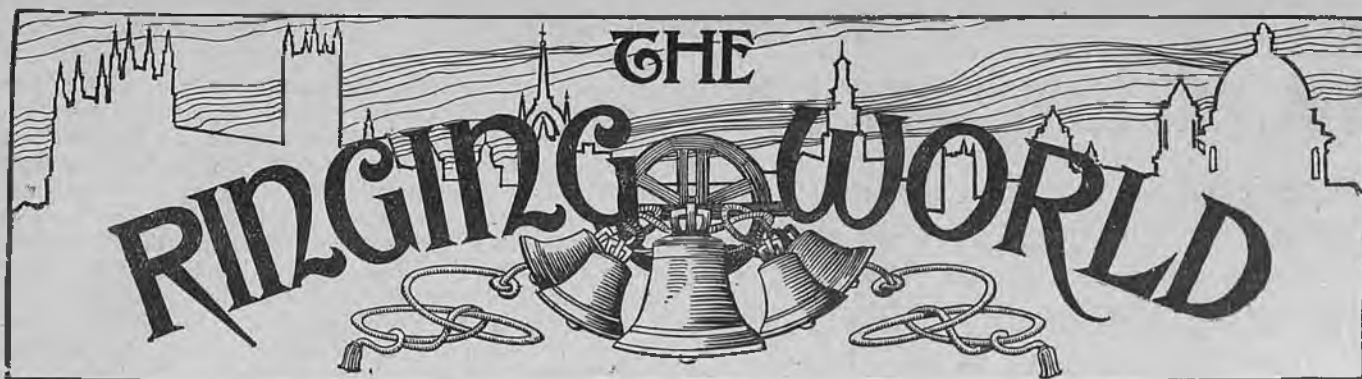
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The task of running 'The Ringing World' has never been an easy one. The reasons are known to many, but up to the present the paper has never failed the Exercise. Let it not be forgotten, however, that the sands are running out. The hand that at the moment guides the plough and has endeavoured to direct it all through these twenty-five years cannot go on indefinitely. When it fails, we sometimes wonder who will be prepared to undertake not only the work but the financial responsibility. If the future is to be made secure, ringers must do their share to make it so. At present the Exercise as a whole cannot be said to play the part it ought in maintaining a weekly journal. We ask ringers, therefore, for a more general support, not for our personal ends, but to secure to the Exercise a journal of its own which will continue to serve it when its present Editor is no longer able to fulfil the task.

To those who have given and to those who still give us their loyal support we return a heartfelt 'Thank you.' To those who from time to time have contributed to our columns articles of interest and instruction we also ex-

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1936, in Three Hours & Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED HAYES Treble	*REGINALD BLABY 6
MISS M. R. CROSS 2	*ROLAND BIGGS 7
REV. C. E. WIGG 3	RALPH COLES 8
*R. G. CROSS 4	EDWARD R. COLES 9
J. W. WILKINS 5	E. CROXFORD Tenor
Composed by C. A. CATCHPOLE. Conducted by EDWARD R. COLES	

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal as conductor.

WEST HAM.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	RAYMOND G. COUSINS 8
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NOTTINGHAM.

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On Thursday, February 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... Treble	FRANK BROWN 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	FRANK BRADLEY 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH 9
FREDERICK A. SALTER 5	JOHN E. HOBBS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

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Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. H. V. Turner, M.A.) on his return after a long illness.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	†STANLEY HARRISON 6
*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
†JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 8
*NORMAN HEAPS 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 9
JOHN POTTER 5	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal on ten. First peal of Royal on the bells.

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On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lambert,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	†GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
*PHYLLIS E. TILLET 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
HARRY R. ROPER 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
*ERNEST F. POPPY 5	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal. † 200th peal. The first peal of Double Norwich Royal on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Treble	REGINALD BROWN 6
*REGINALD A. REED 2	A. F. MARTIN STEWART 7
FREDERICK S. BAILEY 3	†REG. C. H. CONNOLLY 8
*HAROLD P. REED 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS 9
†WILLIAM H. SHUTE 5	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by R. WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of sympathy and respect to W. G. Edwards, a member of this tower for 25 years, who was interred at Bishopstoke earlier in the afternoon.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD F. MARTIN ... Treble	FRED HAWKES 6
C. HOWARD STANLEY 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 7
DENIS R. MORRIS 3	FRANK SADLER 8
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

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WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HARRY G. RIDGWAY ... Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE 5
FRANK J. GREEN 2	JOHN A. GREEN 6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 7
A. NUNNLEY WOOD 4	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal in the method. Composition No. 146 in C.C. Collection.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

FRANCIS KIRK ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PODDIFOOT 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7
HORACE L. WAITE 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

The first peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. Edwin Jennings, who was on a visit to the district.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	LESLIE W. STEVENS 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	WILLIAM SMITH 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	*EDWARD FOSTER 7
JOHN H. GRUNDY 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Kent.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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PARKER'S ONE-PART.	Tenor 11 cwt.
WALTER CLAYDON ... Treble	ARTHUR G. WILLET 5
RICHARD V. FULLER 2	*WILLIAM BATCHELOR 6
THOMAS E. DENYER 3	†AMBROSE T. SHELTON 7
CHARLES W. DENYER 4	*JAMES FULLER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD V. FULLER.

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

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WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven 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.

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	JOHN COOK 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
WALTER CHARMAN 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WALTER MARTIN Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	ALBERT E. WHITING 6
JOHN ARBON 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
*JOHN FORD 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
*FREDERICK G. COLE 4	REUBEN SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*HENRY G. HART Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PVE 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 6
†MISS FRED A. CLAYTON 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
MISS ELSIE K. FULTON 4	†HENRY D. BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	WILLIAM E. WATHEN 5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 2	SHELFORD SPARROW 6
KRITH W. WHITTELL 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
ARTHUR R. WOODARD 4	JAMES DALE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Dale, steeplekeeper at this church. This was his first peal on eight bells.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD C. INGRAM Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
*ALLAN SHORT 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	†EDWARD V. RODENBURST Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal of Double Norwich.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILFRED P. OCKENDEN ... Treble	†HENRY CHINNERY 5
ARTHUR REEVE 2	ROLAND PARK 6
*ARTHUR H. OCKENDEN 3	†HARRY SMITH 7
*MISS C. CHINNERY 4	*ALBERT G. OCKENDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal ever rung in Fobbing. These bells were augmented from six to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in December, 1935.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 23, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

CHARLES H. MOORE Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON 6
HENRY TOOKE 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
*CLIFFORD BIRD 4	ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method at first attempt. Specially arranged to precede a choral service at this church.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
*JOHN H. ARBON 2	T. WILLIAM LAST 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	†ALBERT E. WHITING 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

* First peal of Bristol. † First peal of Bristol on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor. This composition (Mr. Arthur Knights', No. 421) is now rung to Bristol for the first time.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 18.

Tenor 16 cwt.

REGINALD G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE 5
*MISS BLANCHE STADDEN ... 2	†FREDERICK SMITH 6
MISS GWENDOLINE STADDEN 3	NORMAN COOMBS 7
†MISS VIOLET HYMAN 4	†JOHN H. A. THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung in remembrance and appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered to Portishead tower by the late captain, Mr. William Gillingham.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*PETER CASE Treble	CHARLES BLACKBURN 5
*HARRY GRUNDY 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
JACK KAY 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
WILLIAM BAGLEY 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Bickerstaff, the Vicar's warden.

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GRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM... ..Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
MISS R. REDPATH 3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7
MISS M. REDPATH 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by G. V. MURPHY.
First peal as conductor.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

E. RALPH MACKRILL... ..Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
WILLIAM BOTTRILL 2	REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 6
*ERIC B. HARTLEY 3	JOHN H. BOTHAM 7
*FRANCES HOMPHEEY... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.
* First peal in the method.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FODR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY CLAYTON... ..Treble	ERNEST LINDLEY... .. 5
JOHN HARRISON 2	ROBERT LANCASTER ... 6
WALTER HICK 3	FRED E. ADDISON 7
NORMAN BARTON 4	ALFRED BARKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED E. ADDISON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Clayton. First attempt as conductor in the method. First peal of Stedman for all, and first attempt as a local band. All are Sunday service ringers. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER... ..Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
FREDERICK E. GOBEY 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 6
THOMAS STORER 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN ... 4	TOM CLARKE... ..Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL... ..Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 5
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

First peal in the method on the bells and first in the method as conductor. Also first peal in the method by all except the ringers of 7th and the tenor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE TRENDALL ... ..Treble	*ALEC GENERY 5
BERNARD H. PETTIT 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 7
RONALD SUCKLING 4	THOMAS BIRD ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Albert Catterwell.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... ..Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 5
GWYN I. LEWIS 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
WILLIAM J. THOMAS 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
EDWARD PHILLIPS 4	WILLIAM J. PRING ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

Rung on the eve of St. David's Day. A six-part peal containing 120 4.6's, 6.7's and 7.4's, all at backstroke.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

*HARRY HARRINGTON ... ..Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WINGFIELD A. DURHAM ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
HERBERT MARKWELL 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. The band take this opportunity to thank the Rev. H. W. Layng for the use of the bells and to wish him a speedy recovery from his illness.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES LOOME ... ..Treble	GEORGE GOWEN 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	WILLIAM FLATT 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	WALTER BARRETT 7
RUSSELL RICHES 4	ERNEST WHITING... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.
The conductor has now 'circled the tower' at this church.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HAROLD S. BLACKETT ... ..Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	EDMUND MOONIER 6
*HUGH MACKINDER 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 7
†R. G. CROSS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. E. BORTON. Conducted by A. S. RICHARDS.

* First touch of Major and first peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. The peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh Mackinder, of West Wickham, and Mr. Jack Dafters, of Lewisham.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5182 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

KENNETH SIMPSON 1 Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
*FRANK ARMITAGE 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL 7
A. ROLAND TYSOE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Mr. John J. L. Gilbert's 50th peal. 70th peal together by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor. All the band are bachelors, free and untrammelled. Their average age is 22 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITE 1 Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	WILLIAM SMITH 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1936, 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 11 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES 1 Treble	ERNEST COOMBS 5
FREDERICK HANNINGTON 2	REGINALD ADDIS 6
TOM FORD 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Specially arranged for and rung on the first anniversary of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 6th. After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Addis.

WALMER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JAMES ARTHUR 1 Treble	ERNEST J. VERNIER 5
HERBERT J. SAUNDERS 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM A. TERRY 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
FREDERICK A. RYE 4	E. THOMAS ELLENDER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. J. Matthews, J.P.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, March 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT 1 Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
ALBERT E. WHITING 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.

A peal in this method (by G. Lindoff) is now rung for the first time. Rung at the first attempt.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Middleton, Lancs, on Saturday, March 7th, a date touch of 1,936 Bob Major was rung for Confirmation service at the Parish Church: John Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, H. Kent 3, J. Richardson 4, J. Smith 5, T. A. Ogden 6, J. H. Bastow 7, A. Ogden 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

LESTER L. GRAY 1 Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 4
*ERIC GILBERT 2	FRANK VARTY 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY 1 Treble	*G. LESLIE LUNN 4
ERNEST BRITAIN 2	*NOEL B. THURLEY 5
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

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

LITTLE CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of Original, 2,400 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, rung in alternate quarters. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

VINCENT FIELD 1 Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 3
MRS. D. PACK 2	C. FREDERICK GOOD 4

ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN CHANDLER 1 Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
FREDERICK G. BAILEY 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 5
PERCIVAL W. GRICE 3	OLIVER HINES Tenor

Conducted by WM. F. WOODWARD.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss M. E. L. Arnold to Mr. J. R. Brown, who until recently was a ringer at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Congerstone.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Oxford, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*FRANK CHEAL 1 Treble	*EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 4
ELIJAH C. BOAKES 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
†FRANK BELSEY 3	MRS. V. A. JARRETT R. E. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

RINGER AND CHURCHWARDEN.

As a birthday compliment to the two churchwardens of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Harlow Common, Mr. G. Dent and Mr. F. Clark, on Thursday, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung: B. Copping 1, P. Whitby 2, L. Cordell 3, S. Clark 4, W. Morris 5, I. Cavill 6, E. Rochester 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. Mr. George Dent is the esteemed leader of the Harlow Common band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: One extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain, Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*OLIVER J. KIDBY Treble	EDWIN C. SIMPSON 4
VICTOR E. WALTERS 2	CHARLES SHERMMING 5
HERBERT W. SHERMMING 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. GRIMWOOD Treble	E. CRACKNELL 4
*F. BORLEY 2	J. STED 5
A. R. WOODWARD 3	*F. ROPER Tenor

Conducted by F. ROPER.

* First peal in six methods.

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

On Thursday, February 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, two 720's of St. Clement's and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

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

Conducted by ALBERT MASON.

Arranged and rung to enable J. Buckenham to 'circle' this, his native tower.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 4
EDWARD GREENACRE 2	FRED WIGMORE 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	CECIL EBBERTSON Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

The treble ringer rang his last peal 40 years ago.

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(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HUGH R. THORPE Treble	RONALD TUFFIN 4
JOSEPH WALLACE, SEN. 2	WALTER CLAYDON 5
FRANCIS J. SANDERS 3	RICHARD V. FULLER Tenor

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

The conductor has 'circled' the tower twice and conducted a peal from each bell. The ringer of the 3rd has also rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK L. FISHER Treble	*JOHN ARBON 4
GEORGE PRIKE 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 5
*WILLIAM A. WOODS 3	*ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor

FOR BEGINNERS.

SOME ELEMENTARY TRANSPOSITION.

In the article last week we illustrated how three different 720's of Bob Minor can be got by using the same calling, but by beginning at a different place. This principle is not limited to Bob Minor; it has a much wider scope. Actually it applies to all compositions which make up what is termed a 'round block.'

A 'round block,' for the benefit of those who do not know, is any block of changes in which all the bells come back together to the point from which they started. Usually it is from rounds to rounds; it can be from and back to any other row. There are many obvious reasons for starting and finishing with rounds; but the theoretical truth of a touch or peal would not be affected if you started and finished with any of the rows in between the rounds—it would still be a 'round block.'

But here is a further interesting thing about a 'round block.' If you start with rounds it does not matter at what point you begin calling your composition, as long as you return to the starting point; that is to say if you begin in the middle, and call the first half after you have called the second half, you will produce the final rounds just as surely as if you began at the beginning.

You will not get your changes in the same order; you may not (and probably will not) get the same part-ends, if it is a composition which is divided into parts, but the whole will be complete just as our composition of Bob Minor was complete in the illustration last week.

That composition would have produced the 360 changes whether we began at the 2nd, the 15th, the 23rd or any other lead, but we showed the suitable starting places as we did, in order that 5.6 should not be brought up the wrong way behind.

From a 'musical' point of view, it is better to have 5.6 than 6.5 at backstroke, and if you are thinking of trying an experiment with any 720 of Minor on the lines we are endeavouring to explain, just bear this in mind. You want to arrange your transposition so that the positions in which 5 and 6 fall in the original composition are not affected.

As a simple example of how easily a transposition may bring the tenors up the wrong way, take the 'original' composition of Bob Minor, in which the tenor is called W.R.W. It would be equally true if you called it W.W.R., but, while the first calling keeps 5.6 the right way whenever they come behind together, the second would bring them up together the wrong way sometimes. For this reason, if you want to transpose a composition, and you want to ring it on orthodox lines, just watch your step.

The same thing applies to compositions in other methods. Transpositions are very useful for a young conductor if he has not the physical strength to ring a heavy bell to a peal. If he is not competent to call it from a 'non-observation' bell (that is, to ring one of the bells that are moved about at the course or part ends), he can still try his hand at calling from another bell if he finds a suitable transposition.

In making these transpositions it should be remembered that the thing that matters is that the number of leads between the bobs remains the same. In this way, for instance, several transpositions of Parker's famous twelve-part peal have been made. The way in which Mr. Parker originally gave it to the world was like this (by the bobbed and singled leads):—

234567

672453	2
536247	2
S 275436	1
642375	1
536742	1
S 725436	1
367542	2
423756	2
674523	1
426735	3
S 754326	1
267435	2
672435	4
546372	1
465372	4
P.L. 423765	2

Now, as long as you keep the bobs and singles at the same relative distances apart, you can begin by calling this peal at any point. You will not, of course, get the same part ends. Moreover, it probably will not look as symmetrical, and the 'music' may not come up at the same regular intervals, but it will be a true peal. There are 30 places at which you can begin your peal; figure out some of them and see what they are like.

If you want to make a fresh 'observation' bell, and use the same calling as for the 6th, you can do so if you pick out as a starting point a place in which your own bell is in its natural position (as at rounds) and then apply the calling of the 6th, beginning it at a point at which the 6th comes into the position occupied in rounds by the bell you choose. You will have a 'part-end' in 420 changes, just as Mr. Parker has, although, as we have said, you may not produce such an easily-remembered series as Mr. Parker's is.

REFLECTIONS IN LIGHT AND SHADE COMMENTS OF AN OLD WARRIOR.

'W.W.' Takes Down His Battleaxe.

Hi! boy, hand me down that battleaxe off the wall yonder. Wipe off the vaseline, and, while about it, give me that crash helmet. Why? Because there are likely to be ructions. Thanks. The edge is not so sharp as it was when this journal started on its career. The hand that wielded it is growing gnarled and weary—and might hurt friend as well as foe. When you grow older, boy, you will realise that the man who calls a spade a spade, and not an agricultural implement, often finds himself in a hornet's nest. But don't be afraid. If you think you are on the right track, wade in. Remember Wellington's cry at Waterloo: 'Up and at 'em.' You will be looked down upon, especially if you don't wear the old school tie; but never fear, sooner or later it will dawn into their addled pates that no man has all of it in his noddle. And now, boy, sit still while your uncle does a spot of work. Get me?

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This is the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World,' and many events have taken place since it first saw the light. Time has gone quickly, for I remember fifty years ago as easy as twenty-five. In the Exercise many things have happened, good, bad and indifferent—according to how you view them. We have seen old traditions of ringing violated, ridiculed and revoked under the flimsy plea of Expediency and Progress. We have seen a multitude of methods rung in one peal, and it has come to such a pitch that to ring a 'straight' peal in one method looks very poor stuff indeed. What I don't like is the attitude of certain 'N.C.O.'s of the Central Council. They assume the role of Dictator, and wish to pillory all peals that do not conform to their silly idea of 'Splicing.'

If I interpret it aright, that idea is that only peals that change the method a given number of times should be allowed to be called 'spliced.' Do they really think that they can twist the English language to suit their own twisted ideas? What is the meaning of the word 'Spliced'? The dictionary tells us 'To join by interweaving.' Just so. Nothing is said about un-joining it by going back to the original a dozen times or more. To ring a spliced peal on any number requires a great ability, but, in my opinion, the Minor peals are more entitled to the definition than the Major. In fact—this is a stone-cold fact, and not an opinion—any peal in which more than one method is rung is 'spliced,' whether you join up at any lead-end, part-end or at rounds. And I challenge any argument to the contrary. (Steady, there, steady, or there may be a deep depression extending over Ealing.)

That brings me to broadcasting.

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Several enthusiastic writers have criticised the B.B.C. for cutting out the bells before a religious service. Of course, we should like to have more ringing, but those who assert that the ringing is part of the service had better think again, for their contention is not justified. The ringing before a service is like the overture to a play, or the preface to a book. If it were otherwise, what about the thousands of one-bell churches? Should the B.B.C. broadcast a clanging single bell for ten minutes before a service? It is the service that counts, and, although I love ringing, we should be grateful for what has already been done. You need not take my word for it, but turn to the Book of Common Prayer, which states 'the minister shall cause a bell to be tolled—before he begin.' Our work is done before the service begins.

I reckon that the B.B.C. has done more to popularise ringing than all other efforts put together, by adopting Bow Bells as an interval signal. We must be careful that we do not give the public a surfeit of it, and thereby raise a real outcry against us. Personally, I could do with more bell-music on the 'wireless' for some of the turns are maddening to me. I don't mind the Fat Stock Prices; I only grumble a bit at Chamber Music; the Foundations of Music are well concreted in my system, and I can put up with a Symphony concert, but what gets my goat are the Lunchtime Warbler and the Crooner. The former—apparently bred and fed on jelly—rouses me to fury. His 'Tra-la-la' makes my nostrils quiver. At 'Hey, Noni Noni' my eyes bulge out, and those around me quickly remove glass and cutlery out of reach, while another switches off the radio. For the lunch crooner who is usually 'dancing with his shadow' I would like to get behind him with my trusty weapon, when I think he would go on a tour.

Yes, I prefer Bow Bells to these every time.

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This last quarter of a century has seen some changes in ringing. The year after this journal started, the first ladies' peal was rung.

This was at Cubitt Town in 1912, and I was there to listen to it. Many thought it was only a passing phase, but they were wrong, and the girls have gone from strength to strength. Surprise peals have been added to their victories, and he would be a bold man who would decry the lady ringers of to-day. A letter has just been received, 'Dear Sir,—As I know you to be a family man, I feel I can ask your help. It is very annoying to me that ever since some silly ass put into print that I was after the bachelors—which is not true—I am sniggered at when I go into a belfry. It happened like this. I heard one of them sing a song called "The Ringers," and the lines ran, "Now if any young lady who wants to be married without any fuss. She should climb up the belfry some fine Sunday morning and take a look at us." Well, I did, but one look was enough. I wouldn't touch them with a long pole. The bachelor band is safe from me. Most of them are fossils and ought to be in a museum. I have seen better faces on



MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

church spouts. (You mean gargoyles, Kate.) So I thought I would let you know the truth. Only last week on Leap Year Day I went up a tower, when they began to whisper, and soon every man began to pack up and slink away. What would you do?—Yours sincerely, Kate.'

By publishing your letter, Kate, I think I will help to allay the bogey, and it is very probable that they will leave off letting you alone.

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I wonder sometimes what sort of mentality possesses the ringers who are always out for the 'quickest peal on the bells'? In my opinion, they must be dead to all sense of music. Do they realise that bells are cast in different tones so that they shall be heard distinctly? How can they be heard distinctly if they are raced along until all tones are jumbled together in pandemonium? Do we consider how such a noise falls on the public ear? The time will come when we will have to consider it. It is doubly offensive when rung muffled at racing speed. What would we think of an orchestral conductor who boasted of having rendered Handel's 'Largo' at jazz speed? Whenever a peal is rung with a 20 cwt. tenor in or about 2 hours 45 minutes. I assert that it errs on the wrong side. There is something grand in the rhythm of stately-rung bells, but I feel only pity when I hear a good band spoiling their work by racing bells along outside of their proper gait.

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It is strange how apparently innocent resolutions can have far-reaching consequences. Take, for instance, the one passed by the Central Council, calling upon affiliated societies to abide 'by the rules and decisions of the Council.' It was introduced at Salisbury by some prehistoric cave-man from Bristol, who no doubt meant well, but it means that members of associations lose their freedom to make their own rules. Those rules are worthless, since every time the Council changes its mind your rules must change also. The rank and file of the Council are willing to be led by the nose and to revoke one year the previous year's work. They did it on the six-bell question in order to admit the Cambridge Minor, which, being false on the last row of each 720, was absolved on the ground that 'the last row of a peal doesn't belong to that peal, but is the first row of the next' (which you or some other fellows may or

may not ring this week, next week, some time, or never). Thereby hangs a tale: Four men stood on the corner of the street waiting for 'opening time.' It was after a C.C. meeting and their throats were dry. Said C. T. C., 'Let's go and have a quick one, but wait a moment, I am cashing a cheque at this bank.' After a long wait, Tom came out looking like a beetroot. 'What's up?' we asked. 'What's up?' 'Why, the blighter—I mean the cashier—has given me one short. The cheque is for £720 and he has only paid me £719. He says that the last one is the first of the next one I may cash. I've been had.'

J. A. T. stood trying to look unconcerned, and sidged with his tie.

'What about it?' I asked.

'I didn't speak,' he replied.

I turned to the 'padre,' 'What do you say, Mr. E. B.?'

He smiled and said, 'It's a fine day.'

Well, we were moving off to get that quick one, when—I awoke!

No man is indispensable in this world, but the death of William Pyc is the greatest shock the Exercise has received during the last two decades. In our younger days, we read with a thrill of Annable, Holt and Reeves, of Gross, Hurry, Shipway and Hubbard, the names of men who in their day and generation were heroes in the world of bells. All of these, however, fade before the brilliance of William Pyc. In the early nineties, it was apparent that a new luminary had come up on the horizon. After his first 10,000 of Treble Bob came the then record of 15,072 Double Norwich, and it was clear that while there were fresh fields to conquer, this ringing Napoleon would not rest. Only those who have rung with him can know his temperament. As I write there comes before me the mental picture of the Loughborough long peal. W. J. Nudds was not a strong man, and sandwiched between Lindoff and myself Nudds rang the eighth with his back to the belfry clock. When we had rung eleven hours he said, 'I can't go on,' and his face as white as chalk told of his predicament. I said a few words of encouragement, but the conductor just looked on and nodded, all the while sending the tenor along like a piece of human machinery. At twelve hours came another spasm. Nudds was about all in. Then a cry from the tenor box, 'Stick it, do you hear? Stick it!' The ringer of the 8th did stick it. He put his last few ounces of strength into it and the peal was won: 18,027.

William Pyc goes down in history as a giant among ringers. In the annals of ringing his name will for ever stand in bold relief. He has trodden the stage for the last time, and passed to scenes unknown, but his name will live. As was said of Cæsar, 'This was a man.'

(Continued in next column.)

MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Questions have been asked through your valuable paper as to how bells should be rung for any great personage at their death. In my opinion, no difference should be made. The custom is to ring bells open, just as they are, for all occasions such as Sunday services, King's birthday and at any time of rejoicing, national and other. Why, then, make any difference when ringing for anyone called to their last rest, King or commoner? Ring the bells half-muffled, well struck—there is nothing more impressive, provided the tenor is behind. Half-muffled ringing of Major and Royal sounds, to my ear, a great disrespect to the departed. I have had just over 40 years' experience. Taunton.

J. HUNT.

UNIFORMITY DESIRABLE.

Dear Sir,—Since my letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 7th, letters that have appeared on this subject seem to indicate that the writers were under the same impression as myself, but Mr. Trollope now tells us that no way is more correct than another. That answer, in my opinion, does not land those of us who are asking which of the two should be deemed correct anywhere. It seems to me only to let us down a little deeper into the mire.

If one way is as correct as the other, I, for one, to whose lot it generally falls to do the muffling, would certainly only half-muffle the bells, as it is much easier to do that than fully muffle them. If I may be allowed to use Mr. Davies' phrase, 'what is needed on such occasions is uniformity throughout the country.' The only way to get this in the future seems to me to get the Central Council to take the matter up.

If they should think this necessary, may I, for one, ask them to give it very careful consideration, for, if half-muffling is decided upon, that's the end of fully muffling, because if it is not done for royalty, for whom else are we to do it?

G. RADLEY.

Wormley.

(Continued from previous column.)

When we close our eyes in eternal rest,

Will the watchers around the bed

Say, 'This was a man who stood the test,

Who played his part, who gave his best,'

When they look on the face of the dead?

Let history render its verdict true,

That 'all through a hard won fight,

This valiant figure nobler grew,

His good right hand found work to do,

And he did it with all his might.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Our peal columns reveal to-day the names of eight bachelors, described as 'free and untrammelled' of the average age of 22 years. They celebrated their freedom with a peal at Horbury on Leap Year Day.

John Taylor and Co. are rehangings the heavy ring of six bells at Newland Church, Glos., and the peal is being removed to Loughborough for tuning and refitting. The bells are to be hung in a new frame. Newland Church, situated in the Forest of Dean, is a beautiful structure with a grand tower, and is known as 'The Cathedral of the Forest.' The tower has been badly cracked by the action of the bells in the old timber frame and is undergoing extensive renovation.

Last Friday, Mr. Albert Walker gave a lecture on bells and bellringing to the Birmingham Engineers and Surveyors Association. There was a large and appreciative audience, who followed the lecture with keen interest. The talk was illustrated with about 50 lantern slides and change ringing on handbells.

We understand that Mr. Filson Young, whose striking articles on bells and bellringing appeared in 'The Radio Times' a while ago, has been commissioned by the B.B.C. to build a 'feature' programme about bells.

The Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association is appealing for help on behalf of Mr. C. H. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, who has been ill for a considerable time. If any friends of his, who are residing out of the district, would care to send any amount, however small, it will be gratefully received. Donations should be sent to Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. secretary, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

The University of London Union has now granted permission for the use of the title 'The London University Society of Change Ringers.' Any past or present members of London University are invited to communicate with Mr. C. Dodd, Royal College of Science, London, S.W.7, with a view to joining the society.

Is it correct that two of the leading exponents of the art of ringing in the Guildford Guild failed to pull up their bells 'right way' before starting for a peal at Witley (Surrey) on Saturday?

Our inquirer says: Perhaps an explanation might be given at an early date in the Beginners' column of 'The Ringing World.' At any rate, the lesser fry in the Guild feel that they can indulge in a chortle in secret.

Without waiting for an explanation in the Beginners' column, our readers may be informed that No. 1 pulled the treble up the wrong way, to the great amusement of No. 2. But No. 2 then proceeded to pull the 4th up with the clapper the wrong side. 'He that laughs last laughs longest,' is an adage that once more proved true.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DAVIES.

A WELL-KNOWN LIVERPOOL RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Davies, of Liverpool. He passed away at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Claude I. Davies, on February 27th, after suffering more or less for the past two years. The late Mr. Davies was born in South Wales in the year 1861. He went to Liverpool when a young man, and pursued the career of telegraphist until his retirement a few years ago.

His first peal was rung at Liverpool in 1884, and his last, a peal of Stedman Triples at Rotherhithe, about nine years ago. Deceased had rung in upwards of a hundred peals, chiefly in the standard methods, many being with the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Sheffield and Ashton-under-Lyne Societies.

Mr. Davies was a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, for a period of 40 years. He held the office of steeplekeeper for many years, and it was mainly due to his efforts the peal of twelve was restored in 1911. Many of the bells for years before that had been unringable. He was an excellent ringer and striker on all numbers of bells, and he was always a welcome visitor to London, particularly in the days of the late Mr. James Pettit.

The late Mr. William Davies' peals were as follow: Grandsire Triples 13, Grandsire Caters 5, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 20, Stedman Caters 9, Stedman Cinques 4, Bob Major 16, Bob Royal 1, Bob Triples 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Minor in seven methods 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 20, Royal 6, Maximus 4, Caters 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich Major 7, Superlative Surprise Major 2, total 117. One of Grandsire Triples and two of Bob Major were rung on handbells.

The peals were rung for the Lancashire Association, Chester Diocesan Guild, Yorkshire Association, Llandaff Association, Gloucester and Bristol Association, St. James' Society and the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. Davies took part in two of the three peals rung in the Isle of Man, a peal each of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major at Peel on July 4th, 1883, both being College Youths' peals.

The funeral took place at Childwall on Saturday, February 29th. The service was read by the Rev. R. B. Parker, who also delivered a very appropriate address, in the course of which he touched on the late Mr. Davies' calling as a ringer and his loyalty as a churchman. Among the mourners at the graveside were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Davies (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. Gladys Davies, Messrs. William Harold and Harry Davies (sons), Capt. Pope and several ringers, including Messrs. E. C. Burkitt, A. Lintott, G. Sergeant, E. Gittens, J. Bowstead, G. Lyddieth, J. Martin, G. R. Newton, etc. There were many floral tributes, among them one from St. Nicholas' tower.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

TWO INFLUENCES WHICH BENEFIT RINGERS OF TO-DAY.

'The Ringing World' and the Central Council.

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) has written the following special article for the Silver Jubilee number of 'The Ringing World.' In it he points out the importance to the Exercise of the Council and this journal.

Ringers of to-day are far more in touch with one another than they were a generation ago. Two influences



THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

have been mainly responsible. One of them is 'The Ringing World,' to whose Editor we owe a great deal. Week by week for twenty-five years he has kept up the

high standard of the paper and let us know what other ringers in all parts of the country were doing. Not only that, in his excellent Editorials he has given us good advice and fair comments on passing events.

So accustomed are we to the weekly issue that perhaps we do not quite value as we should the continuous effort that must be required to maintain the standard of the paper. Congratulations to him on the completion of twenty-five years' service to the Exercise. May 'The Ringing World' long continue.

The other means of communication between different districts is the Central Council. The meetings of the Council give the Exercise its only chance of discussing, as a body, subjects of common interest. Sometimes, it is true, the matters under consideration interest only a section, perhaps a small section, of the ringers of the country. Such a section, however, is not restricted by locality, but by interest in some particular branch of the art we practise. Mathematical intricacies of method construction do not appeal to every ringer, but they are of intense interest to others, and undoubtedly, from such discussions, new methods and more musical compositions ultimately arise.

From the spread of knowledge which we owe to 'The Ringing World' and to the work of the Council there is a danger that the theoretical side of ringing is made too easy, and that some young ringers try to run before they can walk. The result is that the old standards of striking are not maintained. That the danger is real is shown by some recent broadcasts. It is to be hoped that it is only a passing phase, and it is up to 'The Ringing World' and the Council to hold up an ideal of good striking as the necessary foundation of all ringing. Without it the whole edifice of method ringing which has been built up is useless.

There are a few ringers who grumble at 'The Ringing World.' There are some who think the Central Council is of little use. Let them remember that if they want a bigger and better journal they must support it with a bigger circulation. If they want a better Council they must elect better members, if they can.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

AUTHOR OF THE 'TWELVE-PART.'

MR. J. J. PARKER'S 83rd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

A representative gathering of ringers from Berks, Bucks, Middlesex and Surrey assembled at Farnham Royal on Saturday to ring 'many happy returns' to Mr. J. J. Parker on the 83rd anniversary of his birthday. About a score were privileged to come early and take tea with their old friend, who looked remarkably well, although he has to obey certain doctor's restrictions.

Mr. W. H. Russell voiced the sentiments of the party in a short speech, mentioning, among other things, that Mr. Parker had seen six vicars at Farnham Royal, and giving still another instance of our old friend's versatility, Mr. Parker was a first-class shoemaker.

The Branch Ringing Master (Mr. T. J. Fowler) also said a few words on the world-wide fame of 'the twelve-part.'

Mr. J. J. Parker replied, saying what great pleasure it gave him to meet his friends again and hear their efforts in the tower. Amongst the methods tried may be mentioned Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent, Superlative, Cambridge and London, but not quite all were successful. A 'fall in peal' (not too easy on Farnham eight) brought the celebrations to a close.

PASSING OF 'A GREAT ADMIRER' OF BELLS.

Two years ago the bells at Walmer Church, Kent, were restored after being in rather a bad going condition. The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the expense was borne by an anonymous admirer of the church bells. Since then it has been revealed that the 'great admirer' was Mr. A. J. Matthews, J.P., who has just passed away. The interment took place on Thursday, March 5th, when the bells were rung half-muffled in the evening, a peal being successful as a tribute from Kentish bellringers.

RINGER FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS.

DEATH OF MR. G. CRAMP, OF TENTERDEN.

The death occurred on March 5th of Mr. George Cramp, of Tenterden, at the age of 87 years. The deceased had been a ringer for over 60 years, and was one of the pioneers of change ringing at Tenterden. He was a regular attendant up to the end of November last.

He rang his first peal in 1888, the first peal by a resident band. He had rung several peals since, but kept no record of them.

The funeral took place at Tenterden Cemetery on Monday, March 9th. Ringers were present from Frittenden, Hawkhurst and Tunbridge Wells as well as Tenterden. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled during the evening at the Parish Church by local and visiting ringers as a mark of respect. Mr. Cramp will be greatly missed.

A BIRMINGHAM VETERAN.

MARRIED 62 YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Coley, of Sheepcote Street, Ladywood, Birmingham, celebrated the 62nd anniversary of their wedding on March 2nd, having been married at Stourbridge in 1874. Mr. Coley is 83 and his wife is 82.

Mr. Coley was a chainmaker by trade, and began work at the age of 12, being paid 4d. for a 14-hour day. He retired at the age of 72.

He was for many years a ringer at Bishop Rydor's Church, and he still delights each Sunday morning to listen to the service ringing at St. Martin's and have a word with the ringers afterwards. He is a link with many of Birmingham's former ringing celebrities, for he knew all the 'old school' of Johnson's days.

A RETROSPECT.

HOW 'THE RINGING WORLD' HAS SERVED THE EXERCISE.

By the Editor.

In March, 1911, the first issue of 'The Ringing World' appeared. It was the fourth journal published entirely for the benefit of church bellringers and devoted exclusively to the interests of the art of change ringing. Before the advent of 'Bell News' in 1881, 'Church Bells' had devoted a section of its pages to matters affecting bellringing, but these were only a small portion of the publication, and when 'Bell News' arrived on the scene it quickly supplanted the earlier paper in its usefulness to the ringers of that period. Many years later came in turn 'Campanology' and 'Bell Ringer,' both short lived.

'The Ringing World' made its appearance at a time when the rapid expansion of the Exercise made a new journal desirable, it might almost be said absolutely essential, if the requirements of ringers were to be met. It was a time when a kind of atrophy seemed to have struck the old weekly, whose services to the Exercise in its earlier days deserve to be acknowledged. But the passing of the years weighed heavily on that publication, and, as it gradually drooped and faded, it was inevitable that, if bellringing was not to receive a serious blow, other efforts were required to save the situation.

Thus it came about that a somewhat daring young man ventured to take the plunge and offer the Exercise an alternative ringing paper. There were plenty to remind him of the old adage that fools rush in where angels fear to tread, but while in some respects there have been disappointments, he can to-day say he has no serious regrets. The action taken at that time probably saved the Exercise from being stranded, at any rate for a period, without a journal of its own, for it was not very long afterwards that 'Bell News' languished into death. It may be that the younger and more enterprising paper hastened the end, but there is little doubt that it must have come sooner or later from financial anæmia.

But the path of the new journal was far from smooth. It was scarcely out of its swaddling clothes, so to speak, when came the war and the disintegration of many cherished schemes. 'The Ringing World' was fortunate to survive that cataclysm, which carried away in its devastating grip many hundreds of small publications. Once more the Exercise was saved from a break in the continuity of its newspaper records, for had this paper disappeared under the strain, no new enterprise of that kind—even if anyone could have been found ready to launch it—would have been permitted owing to the paper shortage. And so, through the years, 'The Ringing World' has proceeded to its silver jubilee, giving ringers week by week a faithful record of the events of greatest interest in the Exercise, keeping its readers in touch with the steady development of the art, expressing its own views on subjects of importance, with, we hope, fair and impartial criticism, and with a desire to give its readers food for thought.

These twenty-five years have carried us into an entirely new generation of ringers. Men who, when 'The Ringing World' started, were the pillars of the Exercise, are many of them to-day but a memory. It is impossible to recall here all those giants of the past who, in this quarter of a century, have been taken from us, but

there is satisfaction in the memory that they were, we believe we can say without exception, friends of 'The Ringing World.' These were the men whose labours materially helped to build up the fortunes of the Exercise. They recognised that the most serious thing that could befall the art of ringing would be the absence of a publication devoted to its interests.

A journal to unite the forces of the Exercise, to encourage and stimulate progress, as well as to perform the common task of circulating information, is absolutely essential to the well-being of the art. This has all along been appreciated by those who give any thought to the subject, and the efforts of 'The Ringing World' in this direction not only were recognised by those who, when the paper came into existence, were becoming gravely concerned as to the future, but by all who have since come into positions of responsibility and leadership in the Exercise.

But 'The Ringing World,' having so long served the Exercise, has, as the president of the Central Council points out in his message, largely come to be 'taken for granted.' Its regular appearance every Friday morning has become so much a matter of course that there are few who stop to think what would happen if 'The Ringing World' failed them. Half the interest in ringing is in knowing what other people are doing, and what progress the art is making in other parts of the country. There would be little known of that without a ringing paper. In conjunction with the work done by the Central Council, it is the ringing Press which has made possible the rapid advance of the art, by the spread of knowledge and the encouragement which it has given to progress. Indeed, it is not too much to say that most of the usefulness of the Council itself is made possible by the publication of a ringers' paper.

'The Ringing World' has not always seen eye to eye with the Council or its committees, and its criticisms in the past have, we believe, led to improvements and to a more active service, but this journal, which is really the mouthpiece of the Exercise, firmly believes in the importance, indeed the necessity, for a Central Council, and has always given its wholehearted support to those decisions which appear to be in the best interests of the art of ringing.

Ringers of the new generation have had their path made so easy for them by the work of those who have gone, or who, remaining, are now in the 'sere and yellow leaf,' that they are likely to overlook all the time and labour which these men have in the past devoted to the task of, if we may use the simile, clearing the jungle. In this work they have been facilitated by the journals which for more than fifty years have been published for the advancement of the art. 'The Ringing World' has taken its full share in this work, and if the labours of individuals, without its aid, had not been in vain, the dissemination of the results of that labour would, at any rate, have been much more limited.

Of the value of 'The Ringing World' in publishing the reports of current events, we need not speak here, except, perhaps, to say this: Different people have different ideas of news values, and when space is strictly limited and there is room for 'so much and no more,' there is bound to be sometimes a little heart-burning in those who are disappointed. It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to repeat what we have often said, that no one re-

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS. HOW METHOD RINGING HAS DEVELOPED.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

One of the most notable things about change ringing is that, though it has been practised for centuries, and though it never had any fixed rules, nor, until the time of the Central Council, any authority which could make rules, yet it has been at all times and in all places essentially the same thing.

The 'sixes' were invented somewhere about 1610, and it was sixty or seventy years before there was a sufficient number of bells in a tower and before there was enough improvement in the hanging of these bells for them to be rung in the modern fashion. But as soon as method ringing became really possible, which was, roughly speaking, at the beginning of the eighteenth century, all the essentials of the art were fixed, and they have not altered since.



MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

If Benjamin Annable and his band could revisit the scenes of their many exploits they would come back to a London which they would not recognise. Not only would they find miles of streets where in their time were remote country villages surrounded by fields and lanes, but the City itself would be so altered that they would not know it. The streets, the houses, the people—all are changed, but directly they had climbed the winding stairs to St. Bride's belfry, or St. Michael's or St. Martin's, they would once more be on familiar ground, and should a modern band be there they could mix with them and take part in the ringing, just as they used to do two hundred years ago. Stedman Cinques, no doubt, would be strange to them, but they knew Stedman Doubles, and it would be no trouble to them to apply it to the greater number of ropes. As for Grandsire Cinques, Bob Maximus, and Treble Twelve, they could ring them as well as any modern band and better than most.

But though change ringing is thus fixed in its essentials, it is absolutely necessary that it must grow and develop, or else it will die. Growth is necessarily slow, but there must be growth. Things change in the ringing Exercise very slowly, but they *do* change. Sometimes when we look back over the years that we ourselves have known, we wonder what improvement there has been; whether all the trouble and time and patience that many men have expended has not been wasted; and whether things are any better than they were.

How much better are we than we were twenty-five years ago in the year that saw the birth of 'The Ringing World'? Are we are better off at all? If we go by the number of peals that are rung I should imagine, though I have not checked the figures, that the number is about the same now as in 1911. Peal ringing is not everything, but it is a very good indicator of progress, though a rough one; for the men who ring peals are usually the best service ringers. But though there has not been any remarkable increase in the number of peals or of peal ringers, when we look more closely at what peals were rung we have very considerable grounds for congratulation.

The best bands of to-day are probably no better than the best bands of five-and-twenty years ago, but there has been a very great levelling up. Far more men ring Surprise peals than in 1911, and among the more advanced there is a greater readiness to practise new methods; in fact, it is in method ringing that the greatest development has been made. That is due to the war; for the war, which radically altered practically every man's ideas and thoughts, had this effect on ringing, that men were more ready to welcome new ideas and less inclined to stand in the old paths just because they are the old paths.

We must expect that now and always the greater part of the changes rung on bells will be in the standard methods, Grandsire and Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob; and all these were rung two hundred and fifty years ago; but, fortunately, the number of men is increasing who are not content to stay there.

Some indication of progress is given by the number of peals in Surprise Major methods. When the present century opened peals had been rung in only five methods, which now rank as Surprise—Cambridge, Superlative, London, Gloucester and Norfolk—and in six which were then called Surprise, but are now relegated to other classes—Albion, Liversedge, New Cumberland, Oxford, Westminster, and St. Stephen's. Before 1911 four more Surprise Major methods were rung—Bristol, Yorkshire, Peterborough, and the Rochester variation of Superlative. Two others—Brighton and Guildford—were rung before the war, and since that time peals in no fewer than seventy-four new methods have been accomplished.

That is where the greatest development has taken place, and the next greatest has been in 'spliced' ringing. It began in six-bell ringing, and the six-bell ringers are the ones who have most profited by the development; but spliced ringing on eight bells is now getting a fairly common thing. When Mr. Alfred Pulling called Law James' peal in the four standard Surprise methods most people imagined that it was a performance which was not likely to be excelled for many a long year; but I suppose there must be now nearly a hundred ringers who have rung a peal of Spliced Surprise. For the present the

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS.

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series by the Middlesex Association, which included all numbers of methods from three to twelve, and which was conducted by William Pye, stands by itself; but it is probably only a question of time before another band will be found to beat that record. In method ringing, therefore, we have legitimate cause for congratulation.

Perhaps the best sign of all that the Exercise is alive and progressing is the fact that we are getting an increasing number of the right sort of young men, who are ready to go forward and explore new ground in ringing. We must not expect to find many bands like that at Helmingham, who have rung peals in thirty Surprise methods, but twenty-five years ago such a thing would have been looked on as impossible. Quite as impossible, too, would the wonderful record of twelve-bell peals by the Ipswich band have seemed; and there are other companies who have done almost as notable performances.

On the whole we may be satisfied with the progress change ringing has made during this last quarter of a century. Twenty-five years is not a long time in the history of the Exercise, though it is a long time in the life of an individual ringer. Perhaps I may be allowed to offer to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' congratulations and thanks for his share in development and in keeping the art alive and flourishing. There have been very difficult and critical times during these five-and-twenty years, when the problem of keeping a ringing paper going has been acute. Ringers do not often realise how essential it is to have a regular journal, and they do not support it as they should. They would quickly find out its value if they were to lose it.

A RETROSPECT.

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grets more than we do that some of the lesser important items have to be sacrificed to the exigencies of space, but readers can rest assured that, whatever the reasons, everything is carefully weighed, and the discrimination used is always on the side of the greatest interest to the greatest number.

And that leads us to the one solution of the difficulty concerning limited space. It is all wrapped up in circulation. If ringers would give the paper adequate support, the provision of a journal increased in size, either frequently or permanently, would be a financial possibility, and so also would be a reduction in price. Is it too much to ask ringers themselves—as a silver jubilee contribution to 'The Ringing World'—to make an effort to this desirable end in their own interests?

This article, however, is more concerned with the past than with the future. Let us conclude, therefore, by saying that twenty-five years as Editor of 'The Ringing World,' while not being without its anxieties, has been a period which has provided us with a great deal of pleasure. Its greatest recompense has been the host of friends which we have made from end to end of the country and overseas. Such friendships are beyond price.

LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, Battersea, on Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *G. Ashford 1, *A. Williams 2, W. Dean 3, W. Coe 4, *E. Dodds 5, W. Essery 6, A. Newman (conductor) 7, G. Barber 8. * First attempt for quarter.

APPLETON CELEBRATES MARCH THE 4th

BERKSHIRE VILLAGE FESTIVITIES.

Well over one hundred years ago, in a quiet little Berkshire village, a wicked squire purloined certain lands (authenticated by records) belonging to the poorer inhabitants. 'Landgrabbing' it was called in those days, and the quiet little Berkshire village was not the only one in England which suffered from the depredations of the squires of bygone days. The Berkshire villagers, however, raised their voices loud in protestation, but their protestations did not result in the return of their lost land. The squire, however, could not be convinced that he had no right to the lands he had seized; but to assuage the anger of the inhabitants, and possibly to bring consolation to his own soul for his own misdeeds, he entertained the villagers to a gigantic feast on the village green and placed in the tower of the Parish Church a peal of six bells.

Everybody may not know the origin of the peal of bells at Appleton, the little Berkshire village referred to. Should anyone feel that the story now told does not ring true, let them ask George Holifield, an Appleton veteran ringer, and if he cannot bring conviction to the doubting, then no printed record will ever convince.

Further conviction, however, should not be necessary, for on Saturday Appleton celebrated the 118th anniversary of that gigantic feast on the village green (which took place on March 4th, 1818) and the placing of the bells in the tower. Another remarkable fact in connection with this particular anniversary is that George Holifield has attended more than half of the number, for he has never missed in joining in the celebrations for 64 years. Surely a remarkable record, and one hopes that many more such occasions may be added to his already long list.

It was a busy day in Appleton on Saturday. From an early hour that famous peal of bells, augmented first

to eight and now to ten, and which have contributed largely to the campanological records of this country, were ringing merrily, and it was in the early hours of the afternoon when the bells ran into rounds and a successful peal of Stedman Caters had been accomplished by a mixed band of villagers and visitors from London. Then came the turn of visitors from many other parts of the country, and representatives from Oxford, High Wycombe, Swindon, Newbury, East Hagbourne, Bucklebury, Reading, Wokingham and many other places indulged in methods from Minor to Caters. Among those who foregathered to help the valiant villagers were the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the secretary, accompanied by 'Bill,' the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. George Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Messrs. Clark, J. S. Hawkins, J. Thomas, Wilfred Williams (London), Mrs. A. E. Lock, the Misses Stella Davis, Marie R. Cross, etc.

At The Thatched Tavern (in these days divested of its 'thatch'), the ringers assembled to celebrate the feast. The occasion was a festive one, and although the viands may not have assumed the gigantic proportions of those of 118 years ago, yet they were heartily enjoyed by the fifty folk who partook of them.

The National Anthem was enthusiastically sung following the loyal toast, given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, and the rest of the day was given over to merrymaking. And what a time was spent; what a feast of talent among those congregated! The famous brothers White were well to the fore as entertainers. There were six of them, Cuthbert, John, Henry, Richard, Fred and Stedman, whose ages range from 73 years to 50. They delighted the assembled gathering by their tune ringing, and also their exhibition of the 'lapping' of a course of Grandsire Caters. What a history lay behind the bells they used. They were part of a peal of 50 cast by the father of the six brothers over 70 years ago, and, what is more, the grandsire of the six brothers rang in the first 720 Bob Minor ever recorded on the bells. Should anyone like to see the record, ask George Holifield for a glimpse of that wonderful book, which is one of his most cherished possessions.

What a pity there are not more places in England which could celebrate the history of their bells in the same way as Appleton does.

V. S.



MR. GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

DEATH OF MR. E. C. MERRITT.**BRIGHTON RINGER WHO HELPED TO MAKE HISTORY.**

We much regret having to record the death of Mr. Edward C. Merritt, of Brighton, which took place suddenly on March 4th. On the previous Saturday he had attended the meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association at Heene, and was then apparently in the best of health and looking forward to joining his friends at the next divisional meeting in a fortnight's time.

Always a consistent churchman, with a considerable knowledge of church affairs, he completed some years ago his ambition of visiting every cathedral in England and Wales, the last being St. David's, which he described as being 'fifteen miles from nowhere.'

Mr. Merritt's first ringing of importance took place when he joined the St. Peter's, Brighton, tower in 1888. There he helped to make history with the 'old band,' the pioneers of Surprise ringing in Sussex.

Coming from Bournemouth, Mr. Merritt remained a member of St. Peter's until the end, and the tablets in the tower record his taking part in most of the first peals in the higher methods. Despite his unquestioned superiority as a Surprise ringer, Mr. Merritt was not blind to his duty as a member of the association, serving on the committee at various times, and was never happier than when giving a helping hand to a beginner.

Of late years he had done very little peal ringing, one of the last, if not the very last, which he rang being in 1933, when, after a long absence from peals, to gratify the earnest desire of an old friend, he took part in the peal of Stedman Caters at Southover, Lewes, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's first peal, in which he had also taken part.

The first part of the funeral service took place at his favourite Church of St. Bartholomew, Brighton, from whence he was borne to the Brighton Cemetery for cremation. Besides Messrs. J. T. Rickman (a former Master of the association) and S. E. Armstrong (assistant hon. general secretary), there were present at the service representatives from the three Brighton towers, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd, and from Southover, Lewes.

In Mr. Merritt the Exercise has lost a great ringer and a good friend.

A half-muffled peal was rung on Saturday at Southover, where Mr. Merritt had rung many peals.

DEATH OF FORMER LITTLE MUNDEN RINGER.

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. G. H. Carter, of Little Munden, Herts, at the age of 55 years. He was found dead sitting on his bicycle by the roadside bank on February 23rd, death having been due to hemorrhage of the brain.

The deceased had given up ringing for about six years, but had previously been a ringer at Little Munden for a long period, and was one of the band when change ringing was first started at that place. He had taken part in 36 peals in Little Munden tower, besides many others in other towers. He was a very safe ringer and good striker.

The Carter family have been connected with Little Munden belfry for many years, deceased's father and three brothers all having been ringers there, while one brother, Mr. Sidney Carter, is still a member.

Deceased had been a soldier in the Regular Army and had served in India.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 29th, at Little Munden Churchyard. The coffin was covered by the Union Jack and a contingent of the British Legion attended and laid wreaths on the grave. After the funeral 360 Oxford Treble Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled by W. Williams 1, A. Woolston 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, A. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF A NORTH STONEHAM RINGER.

We regret to record the passing of Mr. W. G. Edwards at Bishopstoke on February 25th after a long and painful illness at the age of 47 years.

Mr. Edwards was born at Calverton, Bucks, and was taught to ring on the bells at the Parish Church. There and at the neighbouring tower of Stoney Stratford he did all his early ringing.

In 1910 his work took him to Eastleigh, where he joined the North Stoneham band, and remained attached to that tower until his death, although he had resided for some years at Bishopstoke. He formed one of the Surprise band that was built up at North Stoneham by Mr. G. Williams.

Mr. Edwards did not keep a record of his peals, but they number about 80, ranging from Doubles to London Surprise Major. With one or two exceptions they were rung for the Oxford and Winchester Guilds.

The funeral took place at Bishopstoke on February 29th. Mr. G. Williams (Master) represented the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and members were present from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, Southampton and Portsmouth.

Following the lowering of the coffin, a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells over the grave by N. Curtis 1-2, J. Faithful 3-4, G. Williams 5-6, F. Bayley 7-8, D. C. Williams 9-10. The church bells were also rung half-muffled immediately after the service.

During the evening a peal of Grandsire Caters, with the clappers half-muffled, was rung at North Stoneham as a last token of respect.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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WORK GOES BRAVELY ON.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, who responded to the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, first thanked the artistes who had made the musical programme so enjoyable. The work of the Guild goes bravely on, continued Mr. Reeves, and the Guild continues to prosper. He emphasised what Mr. Smith had said with regard to the Tuesday night practices in the Bull Ring. He knew it was not always convenient for ringers to assemble there, but he hoped that all who could would make a point of attending to give their assistance and encouragement to the Ringing Master. Since Mr. Haynes had been Ringing Master they had introduced an innovation by holding bi-quarterly meetings. These meetings had been very enjoyable and enthusiastically attended. Their main object was to encourage the art of change ringing, and they did that both for the younger ringers and with practice in the higher methods. He gave a pressing invitation, especially to young ringers, to attend these meetings. They had some very happy gatherings, and he believed they were doing a lot of good. With regard to the Guild generally, they were a particularly happy band, everything ran smoothly, and, as far as he personally was concerned, he had nothing to complain of in regard to the support the members always gave him. He was very happy to be their secretary, and as long as he could usefully hold the position he would be happy to serve them (applause).

Mr. F. E. Haynes proposed 'The Visitors,' remarking that the Guild was very happy to see so many old and new friends among them. It would be almost invidious to mention individual names when they had visitors from so many distant places. He would, however, like to mention one who was not a visitor, but an old member of St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Tom Miller. He would like to assure him on behalf of the company that they were all very pleased to see him again, sufficiently recovered from his recent serious illness to be able to be with them. Mr. Haynes coupled with the toast the name of Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the College Youths. Mr. Duffield occupied an exalted position, and had been mistaken by the chairman for the Lord Mayor of London (laughter). That mistake, of course, was a reasonable one when they saw the handsome badge of office with which his manly breast was adorned (laughter).

Mr. E. P. Duffield said he was very proud to be the first Master of the society to wear that badge of office, which, as they knew, was presented to commemorate the forthcoming tercentenary of the society. He hoped it would be worn at Birmingham on many future occasions (hear, hear). There was an added pleasure, he proceeded, in coming to Birmingham this year in that, instead of having one modern peal of twelve bells upon which to ring, they had two such excellent peals, the best possible examples of modern bellfounding (applause). Continuing, Mr. Duffield said he thought he was speaking what was in the mind of everyone when he said how much they missed the face of one who more, perhaps, than any other they were sorry to miss. Twelve months ago he could not help wondering how many more times they might see that gathering graced by the presence and wonderful personality of their Master. They of the College Youths were proud of the fact that, with two exceptions, Alderman Pritchett was the senior surviving member of the society. He hoped he might still be spared to them, although it might be in a more restricted measure of activity. His great personality had undoubtedly been of immeasurable benefit to St. Martin's Guild over a great number of years (hear, hear), and one of the things which they looked upon as a real privilege was to meet and listen to Alderman Pritchett (applause). Mr. Duffield went on to mention the William Pyc memorial. Judged by his performances William Pyc was, he said, without equal in the realms of ringing at any time, and he ventured to say that it would be a long time before they saw his equal. Of all the memorials that had been erected to the great figures of the Exercise, none, he thought, would commend itself more readily to them than the memorial to William Pyc. The committee felt it would be nice to have the memorial completed before the assembly of the Central Council in London at Whitsun, and it would, therefore, be appreciated that the committee were anxious to get the subscriptions in as soon as possible. Mr. Duffield concluded by thanking St. Martin's Guild for the hospitality extended to the visitors.

Mr. G. E. Fearn proposed 'The Ringing World,' and enumerated the many benefits which ringing and ringers obtained from the publication of the paper. He referred to the fact that the silver jubilee of the paper would shortly occur, and said the best way in which that long service to the Exercise could be celebrated would be by every ringer becoming a regular subscriber and by encouraging new supporters. He was sure that the increased circulation which would thus be provided would be reflected by the provision of an even more useful paper for the Exercise.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded.

The remaining toast was that to 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. F. W. Stevens and acknowledged by Canon Guy Rogers.

A lengthy musical programme was greatly enjoyed. Glees were sung by the Lyric Male Quartette, songs by Mrs. G. T. Matkin, Mr. W. O. Dowding, Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. A. Dealey, while members of St. Martin's Guild rang a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. The evening was one of the most successful in the long series, and in no small measure due to the organising energy and ability of the hon. secretary, Mr. Reeves.

WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.**TENDER FOR BELLS ACCEPTED.**

As is generally known, the proposed memorial to the late William Pye is to take the form of two bells added to the existing six at St. John the Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, and a suitable tablet to be placed in the church porch, close to the belfry door. The committee recently considered estimates for the bells, submitted by the three leading bellfounders, and accepted that of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Steps are being taken to obtain the necessary faculty, and it is confidently hoped that the opening of the memorial bells will take place on Saturday, May 30th, which day will give many ringers visiting London for the Central Council meeting an opportunity to be present.

In the meantime, to enable the memorial to be opened free from debt, approximately £45 is required. The committee urgently request all associations holding annual meetings during the next few weeks to contribute generously to this worthy object, and individual ringers, especially those who had the privilege of ringing with the late William Pye, and who have not yet subscribed, are asked to do so.

The sixth list of donations is appended. These amounts are gratefully acknowledged by the undersigned, to either of whom further donations should be sent.

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SIXTH LIST OF DONATIONS.

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Amount previously acknowledged	145	15	6
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Mr. A. L. Coleman	5	0	
St. Peter's, Colchester, Ringers	10	0	
St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Ringers	1	0	0
Mr. A. W. Coles (second donation)	2	6	
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Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham	10	0	
Mr. T. B. Worsley	10	0	
Mr. W. C. Duffield	2	6	
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Lancashire Association	2	2	0
Chelmsford Cathedral Ringers	17	6	

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NORTH HERTS' SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**A SCHEME FOR COMBINED PRACTICES.**

On Saturday, February 29th, a very successful meeting of the Northern District of the Herts County Association was held at Royston. The attendance was higher than usual for this tower. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and kept going until 5 p.m., when the Vicar (the Rev. F. F. Graig) conducted a short service, and in his address offered a very warm welcome to the ringers. The company adjourned to the Church Room, where they were the guests of the Vicar to an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was elected to the chair.

The secretary put forward a scheme which he hoped would meet with members' approval to arrange combined practices at various towers in the district. The object, he said, was to encourage and assist towers where young or 'stagnant' bands exist. He proposed selecting some six towers, and (subject to the consent of the various clergy and ringers) arrange the practice on their respective practice nights. It was a thing which, if well supported, would benefit all concerned. The idea was met with unanimous approval, and arrangements will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**EXTENSION OF SHIELD CONTEST.**

The annual meeting was held at Sandal on February 15th, when the towers represented were Ackworth, Adwick-le-Street, Barnsley, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Rothwell, Sheffield, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Wath and the local company. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and at the service a short address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Walls). Tea was served in the Parochial Hall, a good company being present. The Rev. Canon Hone, Rector of Barnsley, presided at the business meeting, at which a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of Mr. George Pickles, of Horbury, who was a ringer for 45 years, and was buried there on that day. The motion was carried by the company standing in silence. The auditor's report showed an increase of 15s. 6d. on the year's working, and the balance sheet proved satisfactory to all.

All the officers were re-elected.

Messrs. R. H. Dove and T. W. Strangeways were elected members of the association, and South Kirby was chosen for next place of meeting.

A discussion arose re the extension of the radius for the Shield Contest, and it was finally agreed that it be open to all who are members of the association one calendar month before the contest.

After the usual vote of thanks, further ringing took place both on handbells and in the tower in various methods.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT AT EDMONTON.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, February 22nd, and was very well attended. Methods were rung to suit the needs of all.

A very short service was held, at which the Vicar officiated, following which the company sat down to an enjoyable tea.

The meeting was even shorter than the service. Mrs. Deal presided, and it was proposed by Mrs. Fletcher that the next meeting should be held at Lambeth. The date was left in abeyance to suit the Vicar.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Fletcher for making all the necessary arrangements for such a successful meeting.

The members adjourned to the tower to join the menfolk in further ringing.

DEATHS.

DAVIES.—On February 27th, at 68, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16, William Davies, fell asleep in his 75th year.

WALDRON.—On March 3rd, at Peterborough, Edith Ellen, the beloved wife of W. H. Waldron, passed peacefully away, aged 53 years. At rest.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 31st, St. Magnus' on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 17th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 26th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall 5 o'clock (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the School at 5 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., 235, Greenhill Road, Bramley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Maidstone and Tonbridge districts will be held at Linton on March 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Association service at 5, followed by tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Haire). All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone and Marden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please send me a card. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick, near Bath, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note the date.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Saturday, March 14th, 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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the division, for election of officers, etc., will be held at Barcombe on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members attending this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea 5.30 p.m. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—SPECIAL NOTICE.—The suggestion that the secretary of the Guildford District deprecates the attendance of visitors either for peal attempts or at district meetings is utterly absurd and all visitors will be heartily welcomed at the district meeting at Cranleigh on March 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Denver, near Downham Market on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery.—A meeting at Sherington (5) on March 14th; 2.30 begin; 4 service; tea afterwards. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Come to St. Nicholas', Chiswick, to-morrow (14th inst.). Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea in schoolroom behind church, 5.30.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Kendal, on March 14th. Bells (10) will be ready at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.20 and meeting 4.45.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the School. Meeting to follow. All ringers heartily welcome.—William O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. We are looking forward to a good meeting, as this part of the county is very rarely visited, and is in much need of help. All ringers welcome, please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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OXHEY, HERTS, ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open from 3.30. Meat tea at the Wheatsheaf at 5.30, and usual business meeting. Tower open till 8 p.m. Trains and coach service to Bushey station.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, Mar. 14th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. J. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, on or before Friday, March 13th.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The meeting to be held at St. John's, Blackpool, has been postponed to Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 5.15. Meeting in the schools. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Child. All ringers heartily invited. Come and join us.—H. Grundy, Hon. Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, by Wednesday previous. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held after tea. Subscriptions for 1935-6 are now due and the annual report available.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

TAMERTON FOLIOT, DEVON.—The ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21st. Visiting ringers please notify the Vicar, Rev. F. B. Soady, before March 15th, and also state if tickets are required for the tea in the Parish Hut, after the service.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Slaugham (8) on Saturday, March 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells), on Saturday, March 21st, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than March 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. J. C. Kinnear (St. John's, Croydon). Tea and meeting to follow at the Chapter House. Notifications for tea should reach me by Wednesday, March 18th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting in school-room. Please make this a record meeting. All welcome. Don't forget the p.c. re tea to be sent by Thursday, March 19th, to J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after. Please notify me of your intention to be present by March 18th.—Frank Conley, Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). St. Saviour's bells from 6.45. Those intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild will held a combined practice at Christchurch on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. Those requiring tea kindly inform me by Thursday, March 19th.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton (8 bells) on Saturday, March 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 18th inst?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Parish Room. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Berry, Grange Cottage, Woolton Hill.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Clown on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. F. Smith, Wood End, Clown, Chesterfield, by Thursday, March 19th? Subscriptions for 1935-6 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A joint meeting with the Staffs Association at Tamworth on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m., in the College Lane Schools at 1s. per head. All requiring tea must inform Mr. Chaplin, 28, Thomas Street, Tamworth, by March 18th.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 21st. The recent rehung ring of 10 will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, March 21st. The bells (8) will be ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND THE LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, March 21st, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Fisher, 35, Warren Avenue, Stapleford, Notts, by March 19th. Buses every 15 minutes from Nottingham bus station.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Kirkby Mallory, Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) for those who notify me. Other arrangements as usual.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Seventh annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, at 6 p.m., Councillor W. R. Eggleton presiding. The following towers will be open: St. Mary de Lode (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Michael's (8), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Ladies invited. Tickets, 3s., obtainable, with remittance, not later than the 18th inst., from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

PENDLEBURY, MANCHESTER.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 28th, at 4.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. The ring of eight has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Sturry on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Ringing for all. Rounds to London. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by invitation of Sturry ringers and friends. Please send card to the Mr. French, Lamorbey, School Hill, Sturry. Please help to make this meeting a success.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25d, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The adjourned Redbourne meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28th. Usual arrangements. Let us have a big meeting, but send a card to say you are coming. Important business.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach me by March 25th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.15 p.m. Any notices of motion or applications for restoration grants should be in the general secretary's hands before March 7th.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nutfield (6 bells) on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Club Room, High Street. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, March 24th?—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newnham-on-Severn, Easter Monday, April 13th. Notice must be given of additions, alterations or deletions to rules by March 16th. Notice already given to amend rules concerning peal ringing members. Notice also given of proposal that the general rules be revised. Management committee will meet at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on Saturday, March 14th, at 3.15 p.m. Gloucester Branch dinner, 3s., follows at 6 p.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The fifty-sixth annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday. Service, luncheon, business meeting. The revised rules, copies of which have been forwarded to all towers in union, will be presented for confirmation (or otherwise). Election of four representatives to serve on the Central Council. Nominations before 31st March. Full particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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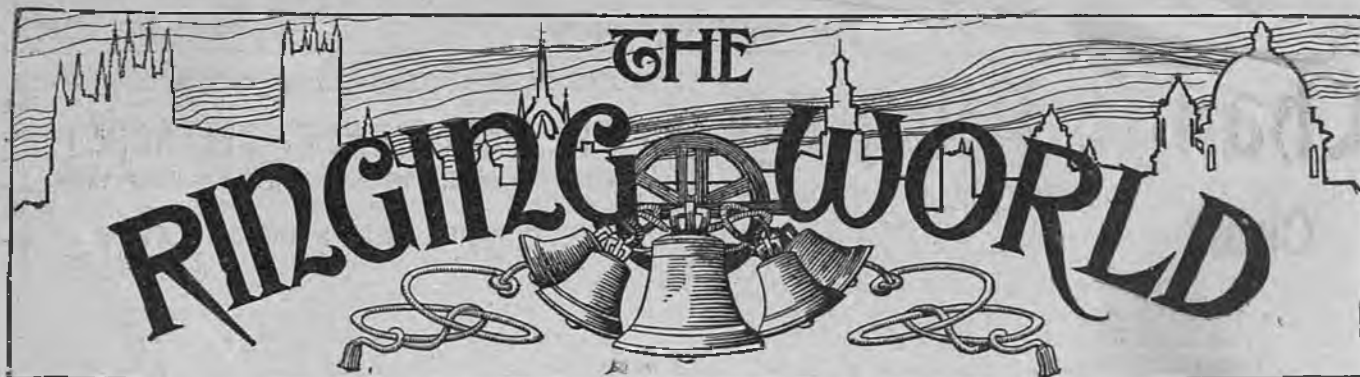
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TWO QUESTIONS FOR KENT.

The question of appointing District Ringing Masters in the Kent County Association seems to have given rise to a considerable division of opinion in the county, and there promises to be lively debate at the forthcoming annual meeting both on this and on the other proposal not to admit to unattached membership a ringer living in a parish or neighbourhood where there is a band he may join. As far as Kent is concerned these are both matters of domestic policy, which the members themselves must settle, and despite all that has been said there is no reason why such questions should not be settled with perfect good feeling. But there are points in both which will interest other similar ringing organisations.

In many other associations and guilds District Ringing Masters have been appointed with excellent results. Where there is no such official, the ringing at meetings is often badly organised, and the old adage that 'what is anybody's business is nobody's business' comes into play. Where the ringing is in the hands of a properly responsible official, whose duty it is to see that all capabilities are met and ambitions satisfied, ringers are usually properly catered for. Of course, not every Ringing Master is always successful, but without such an official in charge there is obviously less chance of this end being served. Whether the proposal before the Kent Association to make a proviso that the Ringing Master shall function only when no responsible member of the tower is present is wise, is another matter. It appears to be the crux of the situation as far as the association is concerned, and it is an issue of importance which the members must carefully consider. The point, as it strikes us, is, will competent men be found to act purely as a makeshift? Would a self-respecting ringer accept office knowing that he would have no authority, if he attended a meeting and found a local ringer in the tower? Usually an office holder makes it a point of honour to be present to discharge his duties, but would a Ringing Master, who did not know until he reached the meeting whether or not he would be entitled to function, be prepared to make a sacrifice to be present every time?

The other matter is one which is equally of interest to others besides members of the Kent Association. It seeks to drive into affiliated companies any ringer who may be residing in the neighbourhood, if he would retain his membership. We presume the words 'which he may join' are intended as a safeguard in case a ringer might not be acceptable to the nearest company. But even if that contingency is provided for it seems to us to create

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a rather dangerous situation. While it is recognised that every ringer should be definitely attached to a tower, circumstances can quite conceivably exist which, in the individual's opinion, make it desirable that he should remain independent of his local band. For instance, unless a man can be regular in his attendance for service ringing and practice he may feel that he could not in fairness to others attach himself to a band, although he is prepared to give his services when they are available. But because for that or other reasons, he prefers to remain unattached to a particular tower, it seems to us that the association is hardly serving its own best ends by denying him membership. Even the proviso referred to, if proviso it be, is one-sided. No company, we imagine, would admit the right of an association to compel them to accept into their band a ringer whom they preferred not to have. For that reason the proviso is necessary. But if that is admitted, it cannot be fair to put coercion on a member to join a company he prefers to keep out of. The proposal before the Kent Association may have been drafted with the best of motives, but it seems to us of very dubious value. It might weaken rather than strengthen the organisation.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes, at

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6021 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	JAMES HEMMING 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 8
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	CHARLES CAMM 10
JOHN AUSTIN 5	*JAMES GEORGE 11
WILLIAM DYER 6	†CHARLES COLLIER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* 1,250th peal. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. T. Pates on celebrating his 83rd birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. LEWIS Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
DENIS R. MORRIS 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 8
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
WILLIAM LEWIS 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

The quarterly peal for the branch.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6087 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	PERCY E. CLARKE 6
MISS MARIE R. CROSS 2	OLIVER G. BARNARD 7
JOHN THOMAS 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS 9
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung in celebration of the 118th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWES 1 Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
*FREDERICK WHITE 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 8
*WINGFIELD A. DURHAM ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt for Cambridge Royal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in deepest respect to the memory of Mr. E. C. Merritt, a very old and valued member of the association.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR 1 Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 2	ALEXANDER EVANS 7
CHARLES BUTCHER 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 8
JAMES BILBY 4	GILBERT N. HARDING ... 9
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5	CHARLES RAISON Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS
Rung as a compliment to Miss Margot Stewart, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, on the occasion of her 21st birthday. Also as birthday compliments to Messrs. S. J. Hector, N. V. Andrews and H. W. Bishop, of Swindon.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D

*CHARLES A. DOHERTY ... 1 Treble	JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 6
†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 7
†ARTHUR W. DIX 3	†HAROLD V. FROST 8
THOMAS J. HULL 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5	ROBERT KERR Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor and has now 'circled the tower.' Rung in honour of the 11th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Crabtree).

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James Whitfield,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

JAMES BUCKLEY 1 Treble	*DAVID COTTEBERT 5
JOSEPH MARSDEN 2	*HARRY WOODHEAD 6
THOMAS JACKSON 3	*FRANK JOHNSON 7
ELI GARSIDE 4	FRED MARSDEN Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES BUCKLEY.
Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years' continuous service as ringers at St. James' Church by Messrs. J. Marsden, T. Jackson and E. Garside. All the hand are regular service ringers at this church.
* First peal.

STRETTFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT 1 Treble	HARRY BIRCHALL 5
WILLIAM BIRCHALL 2	*HERBERT MCKINNELL ... 6
*ALLAN BROWN 3	WILFRID J. MOSS 7
FREDERICK J. STEELE ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH 1 Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	WALTER AYRE 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

This composition contains 3,392 of London, 864 Cambridge and 832 of Superlative. Rung as a compliment to 'Master' M. F. R. Hibbert on his 11th birthday. Believed to be youngest ringer to ring Spliced Surprise?

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-at-Hackney, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*FRANK L. START 1 Treble	RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	JACK A. WAUGH 7
JOHN P. KENT 4	JAMES A. HALES Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal, rung at first attempt. Mr. Start is Master of the local company. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. C. J. Morton, M.A., as Rector of this parish.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 1 Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
MAURICE SMITHER 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	HARRY MULLARD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON 1 Treble	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
First peal in the method in the county, for the Guild and by all the band.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROBERT PICKERING 1 Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
*HERBERT KNIGHT 2	*CYRIL WINWOOD 6
BERT HORTON 3	*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
*DENNIS HOLDEN 4	*THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, also first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Pickering.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
SAMUEL JONES 3	JOHN GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES POWELL Treble	CHARLES BRASIER 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	FRED MILES 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
ALBERT RELFE 4	ARTHUR J. HART Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

LENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK MORRIS Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	LUTHER J. HONESS 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

MITCHAM, SURREY

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, 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 18 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	LAWRENCE GREENHOW 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	FRANK E. MITCHELL 6
CHARLES POTHECARY 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	GEORGE A. WEST Tenor

* Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. R. Grimwood.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 33 qr. 21 lb.

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

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

GATESHEAD.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS W. CROWE Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 5
*KENNETH ARTHUR 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method.

OUNDLIE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

C. W. Clarke first learned to handle a bell at this tower nearly 53 years ago, and the bell he rang to this peal was the one he was taught on. Miss Steel is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	MISS K. M. BRADFORD 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN G. NASH 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER 3	GEORGE M. KILBY 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

The ringing of the treble has now 'circled' this tower three times.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BORTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HENRY C. ADAMS Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON 2	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD 6
FREDERICK G. BAILEY 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 4	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Tenor

Transposed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Bishop of Derby, which took place at the Cathedral during the afternoon. Also as a birthday compliment to J. J. Parker, the composer of the peal.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. O. LANCASHIRE'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE COMPOSITION.

ARTHUR S. BOAR Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE 4	ERNEST J. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1.

IVAN KAY Treble	*JOHN W. TRUELOVE 5
*ODEN MOORES 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY 6
*ISAAC GARTSIDE 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
FRANK LAWTON 4	H. ROBERT BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Lawton.

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HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

LAWRENCE HALKS Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 4
NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY 5
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

First peal by the ringer of the treble for 12 years.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, February 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN GREGORY Treble	*THOMAS GIDDINGS 4
TREVOR JONES 2	ALFRED OWENS 5
ARTHUR KEEN 3	*REG. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal. Rung for the bicentenary of the bells, which were cast in 1736 by Rudhall, also in celebration of the completion of the new Church Hall.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

*WILLIAM HIGGINS Treble	VICTOR SHADBOLI 4
*MRS. HUNT 2	WILLIAM READ 5
†CHRIS PAY 3	WILLIAM AMEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM READ.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Ringers of treble and 2nd are from Steep.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 5
TOM WORRALL 3	CHARLES HOEGES Tenor

Conducted by TOM WORRALL.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on attaining his 19th birthday.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*REGINALD WOODS Treble	CYRIL E. LANXON 4
†JOHN REED 2	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 5
EDWARD SAUNDERS 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

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MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WRIGLEY Treble	ALAN L. MOSLEY 4
JOHN HUXSTEP 2	RICHARD LONGDEN 5
WALLACE HATTON 3	REV. JOHN R. SOUTHERN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. LONGDEN.

First peal by all except conductor. All are service ringers at above tower except conductor, who is from Manchester Cathedral. Rung as a compliment to the verger, Mr. Petty, on his retirement, and for his and Mrs. Petty's golden wedding.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: 720 each of Burton, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*STANLEY NOBLE Treble	KENNETH LEWIS 4
*MILLY FEATHERS 2	WALTER W. WOLSIENCROFT 5
JOHN WORTH 3	WILFRED STEVENSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven methods.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH HART Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
*GILBERT S. AVIS 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL 3	ARTHUR J. HART Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HART.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Treble, second and tenor ringers are Sunday service ringers at this church. Rung as a compliment to the Rector of Maresfield (the Rev. A. C. D. Ryder).

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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.

*EWART ANDREWS Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
JOHN HALL 3	†J. WILLIAM HEATH Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE T. COUSINS, JUN. Treble	†GEORGE H. BAILLY 4
*THOMAS W. BIGGS 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 5
†GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... 3	*FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. The average age of the band is 18 years.

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On Sunday, March 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*LEWIS J. BATLEY Treble	*DAVID CRACKNELL 3
HERBERT C. FORDEHAM 2	*GEORGE FILEY 4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor	

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Doubles.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*ARTHUR BAYLEY Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
†THOMAS LEECH 2	*GEORGE BERRY 5
WALTER LYCETT 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK E. WOODCOCK Treble	FREDERICK WOOLWAY 4
ARTHUR WENBAN 2	PERCY SINDEN 5
*SIDNEY R. COMBER 3	ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal of Minor.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Childwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 4
*H. A. EDWARDS 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
MARIE R. CROSS 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. E. WIGG.

* First attempt for a peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. H. Cole.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Rood.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Stedman, nine each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, 22 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

E. T. PAUL FIELD Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
*WILFRED P. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
H. JIM RALPH 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. E. S. Field, father of the conductor, who passed away on February 22nd. He was Vicar of Buckland Newton for 28 years (November, 1907-February, 1936). Rung unmuffled at his request.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN CASTLE Treble	*THOMAS CHAPMAN 4
RAYMOND LYDSTER 2	ERNEST STONE 5
ALFRED J. HINDE 3	†JOHN L. HINDE Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HINDE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal, at the age of 61 years.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING FROM A NON-OBSERVATION BELL.

From previous articles, readers will have been able to gather that it is possible for conductors to vary a composition to suit their own convenience. It is just as well, however, that young conductors should as soon as possible learn to call original compositions from a non-observation bell.

It is difficult to lay down any hard and fast rules for this; different ringers have different ways of doing it. Some are competent enough to know where all the bells should be at any time, others where they should be at the next bob—they do it by transposition—and they can work out as they go along what they themselves will be doing in relation to the observation bell.

Others can do it merely from an excellent 'ropesight,' which enables them to see where their observation bell is without making transpositions. But in the earlier stages those who wish to call from non-observation bells have to learn some of the effects of the bob-making process.

Let us look for a bit at Plain Bob. There are certain things which act as a definite guide. For instance, it is a frequent thing to have bobs the full length of a course apart, such as a series of three Home calls. If at the first of these calls you dodge either in 5.6 (up) or 6.5 (down), then you will be in the corresponding place at each of the next two calls, because in either of these places is the bell unaffected by the bobs.

The three 'bob-making' bells, also, are not difficult to follow. The positions 'In,' when the bell runs in to take the treble off lead: 'Out,' when the bell runs straight out from leading and 'make the bob' when the bell makes 4th's place follow a cycle. Let us for brevity indicate them as I. O. 4 respectively. If a bell is I at the first bob, it will be at O and 4 at the two succeeding bobs, provided, of course, the bobs are a full course apart with no other calls between. If a bell is at O at the first bob, it will be at 4 and I at the succeeding bobs; and if it is called 4 at the first it will be at I and O at the succeeding bobs. This applies whether the calls are three 'Homes,' three 'Wrongs' or three 'Middles.'

If a Wrong follows a Home, the call, in Bob Major, is at the next lead; and so is a bob at Home following a Middle. There are plain methods with Bob Major bobs in which the lead ends do not follow in the same order, but there is always this similarity between them. Whether the W follows the H, or the H follows the M, either at the next lead or after more than one lead, the same bell that runs Out at the first call, will also run Out at the next, so you will know when to call the bob by the fact that the treble is to take this bell off at lead.

The transpositions in other cases you can work out for yourselves and make your own table. For instance, the bell that will run Out at the Home after a call Wrong is the one that made the bob at the Wrong. If the call after the Wrong is a Middle, then the bell that made the bob at W will also make the Bob at M. If you investigate these things for yourself, you are more likely to remember them than if you just read them in this article.

If you have any pretension to be a conductor, you must, of course, be able to follow the coursing order of the bells, and one of the most helpful guides to calling is to be able to discern when a bob is approaching, by the relationship of other bells to the treble.

A bob Middle changes the 6th's place bell; a bob Wrong changes the 5th's place bell. The 6th's place bell is the bell coursing in front of the tenor. If you call a bob Middle, that bell, which at that place is coursing down after the treble, will be called In. If you are not quite sure when the Middle is coming, therefore, watch for your 6th's place bell to make 2nd's, and hunt up after the treble; the next lead is the place at which to call the bob.

When you call a bob Wrong, your new 5th's place bell will run Out. The time to call the bob is when this bell leads in front of the treble. If you want a bob Before, you watch for the tenor to hunt down in front of the treble. That is the lead at which to make the call, because the tenor will then run out. There are many other points which you can pick out for yourself if you look for them, and, carefully stored up in your memory, they subconsciously come into operation when you are ringing.

Do not forget that you can learn a tremendous lot about conducting by the use of pencil and paper, and to get used to calling touches and peals from non-observation bells you need to study and practise. But there is this consolation, a great deal that you learn to-day in plain methods like Bob Major will apply equally when you come to more complicated things like the Surprise methods. For instance, much of what we have said about Bob Major could be said also of Superlative or Cambridge or London. So that in studying Bob Major you are laying a foundation for many other things.

WELSH RINGERS HONOUR ST. DAVID'S DAY.

In honour of St. David's Day, a Welsh-speaking band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. John's Church, Mornston, on Sunday, March 1st: H. Charles 1, G. N. Williams 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, L. Pelzer 4, G. Lewis 5, D. G. Williams 6. The quarter-peal was also rung as a farewell to Mr. W. C. C. Williams, also a ringer, who was to be ordained in Brecon Cathedral on March 7th for service in the parish of Clydach.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.**

The Shropshire Association held its annual general meeting in Shrewsbury.

The bells of St. Chad's Church were in use shortly after 3 p.m., and despite the weather a large company assembled.

A short service was conducted in St. Aidan's Chapel, after which tea was taken in the St. Chad's Parish Room, there being 45 members present.

At the business meeting an apology was received from the Ringing Master, Major Trevor Corbett, who is abroad, and Canon G. M. Bell was elected to the chair.

A vote of condolence to Mrs. Barnett was moved by the Rev. E. C. Pigot, and a moment's silence was observed as a mark of sympathy for the death of Mr. E. Barnett, late conductor at Wem.

The meeting was unanimously in favour of all officers being re-elected, the opinion being expressed that a very satisfactory year's progress had been made.

The balance sheet, presented by the treasurer, the Rev. E. C. Pigot, showed that without allowance for Central Council tea expenses and the Pye Memorial, expenditure and income were approximately equal, the substantial balance of nearly £30 being in hand.

It was decided to continue the practice of paying half tea expenses.

A lengthy discussion on meeting places resulted in a vote being taken, the following towers being selected: Condover, Whitchurch, Market Drayton, Moreton Corbet and Malins Lee.

A number of new members were elected as well as one confirmation of election before a peal.

The secretary (Mr. R. R. Pole) proposed the election of Mr. J. Griffiths as instructor, with authority in arranging touches at meetings.—This was carried.

Mr. W. A. Farmer (Shrewsbury) spoke of the excellent results produced by the committee elected to arrange the reception for the Central Council, and proposed the election of a committee to deal with matters left from the annual meeting, Messrs. W. Saunders, A. Pritchard, J. Griffiths and W. A. Farmer being appointed, together with the secretary and treasurer.

The business meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, Canon Bell, after which a return was made to the tower.

The standard of ringing during the day was very good, Cambridge, Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent and Plain Bob Royal being rung, as well as a course of Grandsire Cinques. Many ringers enjoyed their first ring on twelve bells.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN BRANCH AT DODDERHILL.**

A successful meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Dodderhill, adjoining Droitwich, on Saturday, March 14th, and was attended by about fifty members. Welcome visitors came from Hinton, Stourbridge, Bromsgrove, Oldbury and King's Norton, among whom were Mr. J. D. Johnson (general hon. secretary) and Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian). The bells were set going at 3 p.m. to Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, Mr. C. Camm (Ringing Master) seeing that everyone had a pull.

At the service which followed, the Rev. A. G. Pettigrew delivered an interesting address, and remarked upon the importance of ringers in the life of the Church. After tea, which was generously provided by the Vicar, came the business meeting, and the first important item was the announcement of the intended resignation of Mr. R. G. Knowles as Central Council representative for the branch.

Mr. Knowles has been a member of the Council for nine years, and only came to his decision to resign after careful consideration. He was asked to reconsider his decision, but said he was unable to do so, one reason being that he felt he could not undertake the long journeys the coming three years would entail, and the absence from home.

The meeting then regretfully accepted his resignation and thanked him for the able manner he had carried out his duties. Mr. G. Hinton proposed that Mr. S. T. Holt be nominated as successor to Mr. Knowles, whereupon Mr. Holt proposed the new branch secretary (Mr. G. E. Large), who, however, declined the office. Mr. Holt was, therefore, nominated.

Mr. W. H. Raxter was chosen to conduct the quarterly peal at Dodderhill, with as many of the local band in it as was possible. It was proposed that Welland be the place for the next meeting, with Hanbury as the alternative.

The meeting unanimously agreed to send Mr. J. S. Goldsmith heartiest congratulations upon the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World' and sincere wishes for its long and continued existence in his hands.

The Vicar gave a very appropriate speech, in which he said the paper deserved better of the Exercise than at present, and made the suggestion that if individual ringers could not take it, perhaps every tower in the branch would take a copy, which would be better than at present, and might lead to more individuals taking it when they realised its worth. He himself would certainly become a subscriber.

After the vote of thanks to the chairman, members again made use of the bells until 6.30 p.m. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and a course each of Cambridge and London Surprise was rung. It is very gratifying to the secretary that this, his first meeting in that capacity, should have been such a success.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal at Glossop, recorded this week, was rung in honour of what is rare in church work. Three of the band were celebrating the completion by each of them of 50 years' continuous service as ringers at St. James' Church, Whitfield. Their names deserve to be printed in capitals: JOSEPH MARSDEN; THOMAS JACKSON; ELI GARSIDE. It is a magnificent record!

Mr. Philip Hardy, who has been a ringer for 52 years, has just completed 50 years as captain of the ringers at Thruxington, Leicestershire. Mr. Hardy, who is a retired schoolmaster, is 76 years of age.

Mr. John Castle, of Bedworth, at the age of 61 years has just rung his first peal. He took the treble to 5,040 Grandsire Doubles at Bulkington, Warwickshire. After the peal, which was specially arranged for Mr. Castle, the ringers were hospitably entertained by Mrs. J. L. Hinde. The ringers of 1 and 2 were from Bedworth, 3 and 6 from Bulkington, 4 from Nuneaton and 5 from Chilvers Coton.

Cranleigh has truly the 'drawing room' of the belfries of the Guildford Diocese. The large carpet which adorned the centre of the ringing chamber was greatly admired by more than one lady member at the meeting on Saturday.

These new improvements were noted by the visitors, who were accustomed to the somewhat uneven floor that used to be very much in evidence.

Congratulations to Mr. R. Whittington on these improvements. He was a genial host to the visitors on Saturday. A trenchant critic, perhaps, when away from home, but a helpful counsellor in his own tower.

The 'East Anglian Magazine' for March, an artistic production sold at 1s., contains an interesting article by M. C. G. Hooton on 'Bells and Belling in East Anglia,' with a number of appropriate illustrations, including the inscription on the tenor bell at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, and the famous tenor at Lavenham, cast in 1625.

'Master' Maurice Hibbert can, we think, justify the claim made on his behalf to be the 'youngest' ringer to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise. He rang a peal in four methods on February 29th on the occasion of his eleventh birthday! The only snag to the record is that he was born in 1883.

The ring of five bells at Exning, near Newmarket, is being rehung with new fittings in new frame by John Taylor and Co. The work is being carried out under the direction of Mr. Weir, architect to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, who is also restoring the tower.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Portsea, are to be broadcast on the National wavelength on Sunday at 7.55 p.m.

A number of reports and letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AN APPEAL FOR UNITY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Revised rules, a copy of which has been sent to all bands in union with the Kent County Association, are to be discussed and approved, or disapproved, at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Judging by the tone of recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' and discussions in some districts, I am inclined to think we are 'in for a lively time at that meeting,' and I sympathise already with the chairman, whoever he may be, and also with our worthy general secretary.

Personally, I think a large majority of our members are taking very little interest in this matter of rules, and would prefer not to listen to all this argument and personal feeling which I fear exists amongst members in more districts than one. This is very regrettable and ought not to be.

I sincerely trust that when we meet at Westerham on Easter Monday all those who intend to speak will do so in the right spirit and cut out all personal feeling. In this season of Lent let us sink all our differences one with the other privately, and then on Easter Monday go to the meeting in full force, prepared to shake hands and enjoy the meeting, and ringing at all the various towers open to us.

If this feeling were strengthened amongst us, I venture to say there would be little need to revise some of our existing rules, as many of the now unattached members would join a band in union, as they should do.

Incidentally, I think, if Rule 4a ends at 'Fund,' we shall soon have a large list of unattached members. Again I say, regrettable also, if the right spirit prevailed at all these ringing meetings, there would be little need of a Ringing Master, which is another sore point. Finally, I again plead for more unity and brotherly feeling in our dear old K.C.A.C.R.

Tunstall.

W. SPICE, Sen.

'NAME' PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the 'William' peal rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, February 22nd, 1936, and published in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' may I state that a 'Thomas' band rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, December 15th, 1934, composed by T. B. Worsley, conducted by T. Groombridge, jun.

THOMAS J. LOCK.

OUR SILVER JUBILEE. CONGRATULATIONS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor desires heartily to thank the many correspondents who have sent their congratulations to 'The Ringing World' and personally to him, upon the Silver Jubilee of the paper. These messages have been further proof of the appreciation which ringers have of the work which is done in the interests of the art.

At the meeting of the Worcestershire Association at Dodderhill and of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Cranleigh on Saturday resolutions of congratulation were passed, and at Burnham, Bucks, and at Guildford, Surrey, complimentary peals were rung.

It is impossible to quote the many congratulatory messages that have been received, but here are a few typical examples of the kindly nature of the letters that have reached us:—

'On behalf of our local ringers and myself I should like to offer you the heartiest of congratulations upon "The Ringing World's" silver jubilee. What you have done for the Exercise in maintaining the paper during these many and difficult years is appreciated more than, perhaps, you can ever know. We should like you to have, also, this expression of our gratitude for a very noble work. May the day be far distant when you will cease to guide the helm and inspire—as you have been doing—the minds of ringers all over the world! With the very best of wishes for future prosperity. C. CAREW COX.'

The Vicarage, Lyme Regis.

'It is a wonderful achievement to have kept the paper going all this time. As I have said before, what should we do without it? I do not think I have missed one number in all the 25 years. Ringers ought to support it in greater numbers. I hope they will more and more realise its value and increase their support. W. H. LAWRENCE.'

W. H. LAWRENCE.'

Little Munden, Herts.

'Congratulations on the 25 years' circulation of your valuable "Ringing World." May it for ever continue. I have its first issue.

'Congratulations on your silver jubilee, and may you be spared long to continue with the activities of "The Ringing World." As one who has taken the journal for about 20 years, it has always been the greatest pleasure to me to read its contents.'

W. J. G. BROWN.

Ipswich.

There are still a few copies of our special silver jubilee number available. They can be obtained from the office of 'The Ringing World,' Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey, post free 3½d.

DEATH OF MR. J. PREWETT. FORMER HERTS ASSOCIATION AUDITOR.

The death has occurred at Bushey, Herts, at the advanced age of 93 years, of Mr. Jacob Prewett, father of the late Mr. Bertram Prewett, who, before he was killed in France in 1918, had established himself as one of the most prominent and able ringers in the country.

Mr. Jacob Prewett was one of a family of 15 and was born at Aldebury, Wilts. He went to London when he was thirty, but all his life retained his love of the country and was never happier than when in his garden. He went to live in Bushey in 1879, and was a sidesman at St. Paul's Church for 25 years.

Although not a ringer, he was greatly interested in ringing, and for many years was hon. auditor of the Herts Association. Deceased, who is survived by a daughter, was buried on Tuesday week in the grave where his wife was interred, the Rev. J. R. Parkyn officiating at the service.

THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. AN APOLOGY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you will cause to be published in your next issue the following:—

I very much regret having made reference to Mr. W. P. Deane in such a manner as in my letter published in your issue dated December 20th, 1935, relating to the annual meeting of the North Staffs and District Association at Stoke on December 7th, and I wish to extend to him an apology for having done so.

J. F. WHEELDON,
Ringing Master, North Staffs Association.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, March 14th, with a fairly good attendance of members and visitors. Some very good practice was obtained, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. The places for the next three meetings were fixed as follows: Brinkworth, Purton and Bishopstone, of which due notice will appear.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION AT BARCOMBE.

On Saturday, the annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at Barcombe. The tower was open from 2.30 to 8.30, and the 40 ringers present kept the bells well employed in methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Rector (the Rev. F. W. Farrar) conducted the service, and preached an unusual sermon, which was greatly appreciated for its eloquence and sincerity.

After service the ringers were entertained to tea at the Rectory, where the business meeting took place. The secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) was re-elected for a further year, as were the committee and the Committee of Advice.

Mention was made of the great loss the division had suffered in the passing on of two of its oldest members, Mr. G. Bleach, of St. Nicholas', Brighton, and Mr. E. C. Merritt, of St. Peter's, Brighton. The members stood as a mark of respect, and the secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Merritt.

Twelve towers were represented at the meeting, and it was particularly gratifying to have present the Master (Mr. H. R. Butcher), the hon. general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) and the secretary of the Eastern Division, who was accompanied by the hon. treasurer.

DIVISIONAL SECRETARY RETIRES.

Mr. A. W. Groves' Twenty-One Years' Service.

After serving the Western Division of the Sussex County Association faithfully and well for 21 years, Mr. Alfred W. Groves has retired from the office of hon. secretary. He relinquished his duties at the annual meeting of the division, held at his own tower at Heene, and received the warm thanks of the association, expressed through the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher.

Ringing, which commenced at 3 o'clock, was followed by a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Haviland). Thirty members, including Mr. H. R. Butcher, Master of the Association, were present at tea in the Church Room, representing the following towers: Arundel, Billingshurst, Brighton, Chichester, Goring, Heene, Lyminster, Shoreham and Warnham.

At the business meeting the Rector presided, supported by the Master and Mr. S. E. Armstrong (assistant general secretary).

Twelve new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Leslie Smith, Leslie Green, Hilton Ungless, Waldegrange Ungless, Stanley Cheesman, Frank Bentick, Frank Alfrey, Anthony Cowd, Jeffrey Cowd, Raymond Read, Mervyn Attwater and Clifford Wareham.

The following officers were elected: Mr. F. Meetens, district secretary; Messrs. T. Adams, G. Norris and J. Farmer, on the Association Committee; Messrs. E. Lindup, E. Greenfield and R. Wood, jun., as Advisory Committee.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman for presiding, for providing the tea and for his excellent address.—The Rector suitably responded and gave the members a welcome to Heene.

The vote of thanks, proposed on behalf of the association by the Master, seconded by Mr. Walter Charman, to the retiring secretary, was received with acclamation.

Mr. Groves, replying, thanked Mr. Butcher and Mr. Charman for their kind words, also the members who had so readily supported him during his 21 years of office. The members then returned to the belfry for further practice.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

LARGE GATHERING AT RANMOOR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at St. John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 7th. It was attended by 75 members and friends.

The nice light peal of ten bells was available quite early, and touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, to suit all who cared to have a pull, Mr. George Lewis, Ringing Master, carrying out his duties in a most admirable manner despite the large number desirous of having a ring.

The Rev. G. K. Dixon (curate) conducted the service at short notice owing to the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) having been taken ill. The Rev. G. K. Dixon's address was eloquently given and appreciated by all who were fortunate to be present.

Tea, provided in the Church Hall, was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters. The president (Mr. C. Haynes) occupied the chair at the business meeting, at which the adoption of the balance sheet was moved by Mr. W. Wooler and accepted.

The hon. secretary (Mr. M. E. Wilson) gave his report on the past year's activities. Eleven peals had been rung, subscriptions were well paid up to date, and attendances at meetings were excellent. Twenty new members, including hon. members, had been elected.

Mr. Norman Chaddock was elected Ringing Master, Mr. George Lewis resigning, owing to business reasons. The remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

It was decided to hold the ringing competition for the society's silver cup at Clowne on Saturday, July 25th.

Mr. Potter (Barnsley) tendered a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a most enjoyable gathering.—Mr. William Bilson (Ranmoor company) suitably replied.

Several visitors were present in the tower after the meeting from outside the district, having taken advantage of the popular evening trips. The bells were kept going until 9.15 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Denver on Saturday, March 14th, when, in spite of a cold day, ten towers were represented. The bells, a musical little ring of six, were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening, in methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector, whose address took the form of a chat, as he said, 'from man to man,' during the course of which he referred to the great loss to the association by the death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was a familiar figure at the meetings of this branch.

At the business meeting the Rector of Denver occupied the chair. Four new members were elected, and various matters connected with the annual general meeting were discussed.

The bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the North Rucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery) of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Sherington on Saturday must have been encouraging to the Rev. J. F. Amies, organising secretary, who is keen on fostering the art in outlying towers of this district. Ringers were present from Olney, Stoke Goldington, Weston Underwood, Clifton Reynes, Milton Keynes, Chicheley, Newport Pagnell, Sherington, Harrold and Turvey (Beds), Cosgrove (Northants) and Coventry (Warwickshire).

A short service at 4 p.m. was followed by tea, after which the Rev. J. F. Amies said the Editor of 'The Ringing World' had sent copies of the paper to be distributed, and appealed for more support. His appeal was backed up by members who had taken the paper since the first issue.

Ringing was kept up on the five bells until 8.30 p.m. Several ringers rang their first 120 in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, New Grandsire, Stedman and April Day.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and his presence at tea.

THE BELLS OF TONG, SALOP.

FIRST PEAL ON AN ANCIENT RING.

On Saturday, March 7th, six members of the Shropshire Association visited the very ancient and historic church at Tong, and were successful in ringing the first peal on the bells.

Tong is a difficult place to ring at, as the bells are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the church, there is a long draught of rope and no guides. The tower contains six bells, the founders' names and dates as follow: Treble, Abraham Rudhall, 1719; 2nd, William Clibury, 1636; 3rd, Robert Newcombe, 1593; 4th, Henry Oldfield, 1605; 5th, William Clibury, 1623; tenor, Thomas Mears, 1810. There is also a large bell known as 'The Great Bell of Tong.' Its diameter is 5ft. 2½in. and it weighs close on 50 cwt. It was first cast in 1518, recast in 1720 and again in 1892. It is only rung on special occasions. The small 'sanctus' bell (diameter 14in.) has no inscription, but is believed to be by Newcombe, of Leicester, about 1600.

The ringers on their visit were met by Mr. G. H. Boden (verger), who will be 80 next July. He has been a chorister for 72 years and a ringer for 64. He afterwards congratulated the band on their excellent striking throughout the whole peal.

STAFFORD RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Zadok Baker, of Stafford, celebrated their diamond wedding on February 24th. Mr. Baker has been a ringer at St. Mary's Church since 1908, and in honour of the event a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,385 changes) was rung by H. Chesters 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, H. E. Evans 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, F. T. Hayle 5, G. Booth 6, A. E. Garbett 7, F. Ryell 8, J. Farrilow (conductor) 9, E. Vaughan 10. Before going to Stafford Mr. Baker was a ringer at Over, Cheshire. He still takes an interest in ringing, and when able to be present he takes his place for a touch. In conveying their congratulations, the ringers of St. Mary's made a presentation to Mr. Baker in the form of cash, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his many years of service. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker continue to enjoy good health.

WEDDING OF A WOODBRIDGE RINGER.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge, on Saturday, February 29th, between Miss E. Woods, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Woods, of Seckford Street, Woodbridge, and Mr. W. J. Woodruffe, of St. John's Street, Woodbridge. The Rector (the Rev. R. B. Dand) officiated at the choral service, Mr. F. W. Trotman, one of the local ringers, being at the organ.

All the available ringers attended the service, and at the conclusion set the bells going to Grandsire as the bride and bridegroom left the vestry.

A reception was held in the Masonic Hall, before which Mrs. Dand presented the bridegroom with a Westminster chiming clock from the clergy, churchwardens, vergers and ringers of St. Mary's.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th, and, in spite of the inclement weather, was well attended. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members and were kept merrily going in various methods prior to the Guild service, which was conducted by the Archdeacon of Dudley (the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd, D.D.). The Rev. E. L. Warren, Vicar of Netherton, gave a very interesting address.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, provided out of funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent members of St. Thomas' congregation and others. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mrs. J. McDougal Tait, Mrs. A. H. Cutler, Mrs. John Goodman, sen., Mrs. John Goodman, jun., and Miss Bessie Sheppard, the tea being prepared and served by ringers' wives, daughters and other friends. Upwards of 80 members sat down.

The Archdeacon presided over the business meeting, and was supported by Mr. J. McDougal Tait (Vicar's warden), the Rev. E. L. Warren, Messrs. H. Sheppard (secretary), S. J. Hughes (treasurer) and the Rev. W. H. Waring (curate of the Parish Church).

The balance sheet, which was submitted, showed total receipts of £12 14s. 10d., including the balance from the previous year of £7 18s. 4d. Honorary members' subscriptions amounted to £1 17s. 6d., performing members' £2 19s. The expenses were £3 2s. 11½d., leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of £9 11s. 10½d., which was considered satisfactory. The Archdeacon of Dudley was re-elected president and was heartily thanked for his services during the past year.—Dr. Shepherd, in returning thanks, gave the members a hearty welcome to Dudley and his parish, and assured them that he would do all he could for the welfare of the Guild.

The following gentlemen were again re-elected: Honorary vice-presidents, the Vicar of Netherton, Dr. P. S. Blaker, Councillor W. Shuttleworth, Messrs. J. W. Naylor, C. E. Lloyd, A. E. Meredith, A. Spittle, A. Winbow, W. E. Barry and J. McDougal Tait.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore was again unanimously elected Ringing Master and Mr. Herbert Sheppard secretary. Mr. S. J. Hughes expressed a wish to resign from the position of hon. treasurer, owing to ill-health and other matters. This decision was received with regret and the best wishes of the Guild were given to Mr. Hughes in appreciation of his valuable services to the Guild during the past twelve years.—Mr. John Goodman, jun., was elected hon. treasurer in succession to Mr. Hughes.

Messrs. G. P. Guest and T. H. Justice were elected auditors, and Mr. F. Colclough was again elected representative to the Central Council. Several new members were added to the roll.

The Vicar of Netherton very kindly invited the members to hold their next meeting at Netherton, which was gratefully accepted.

Mr. S. J. Hughes proposed and Mr. Albert Prestidge, sen., seconded that the best thanks of the Guild be given to the Archdeacon for granting permission to hold the meeting at Dudley, for conducting the service, for the use of the tower and bells, and for presiding at the meeting. Special thanks were also given to the Vicar of Netherton for his address, to the donors of the tea fund, to the ladies for presiding at the tables and those who prepared and served the tea; to the organist, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one.

At the request of the Archdeacon, the secretary thanked all for the votes of thanks and assistance rendered.

DEATH OF AN OLD TODMORDEN RINGER.

VISITED AMERICA WITH HANDBELLS.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. John Mitton, of Todmorden, Lancs, which occurred at the Manchester Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, February 12th. The funeral took place at the Unitarian Church on Saturday, February 15th, his birthday, when, had he lived, he would have been 83. He is survived by a daughter and three sons. Mr. Mitton had led an exceedingly active life, and was one of the town's most familiar figures. He started work at the age of eight years and retired on attaining the age of 70.

In local ringing circles he was well known and was the oldest ringer in the district. He had been a steeple ringer at the Unitarian Church for nearly 50 years, but it was as a handbell ringer that he gained most distinction. He was a member of the old Todmorden Handbell Ringers, who, in their prime, performed in the principal halls in England, and in 1889 fulfilled an engagement at the Maritime Exhibition at Boston and gave performances at other principal cities and towns in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Mitton never lost his interest in handbell ringing, and gave selections at parties when called upon. All his life he had been associated with the Unitarian Church and School, and since youth had been a member of the Humility Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U.

The following ringers acted as bearers at the funeral: Messrs. H. Davenport, W. Crabtree, F. Fielden, J. Nash, G. Sutcliffe and H. Sutcliffe. As the funeral was arriving at the church the 'whole pull and stand' was rung. Over the grave a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Mr. and Mrs. W. Crabtree, Mr. H. Davenport and Miss Rose Bell, and afterwards mixed bands of local ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob with the tower bells fully muffled.

VETERANS STILL ACTIVE.

BIRTHDAYS OF THREE.

This picture which we reproduce to-day has a fresh 'news interest.' It is, as many of our readers will recognise, a photograph of the band of veterans who in October, 1933, rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, at the time their combined ages amounted to the record total of 612 years.

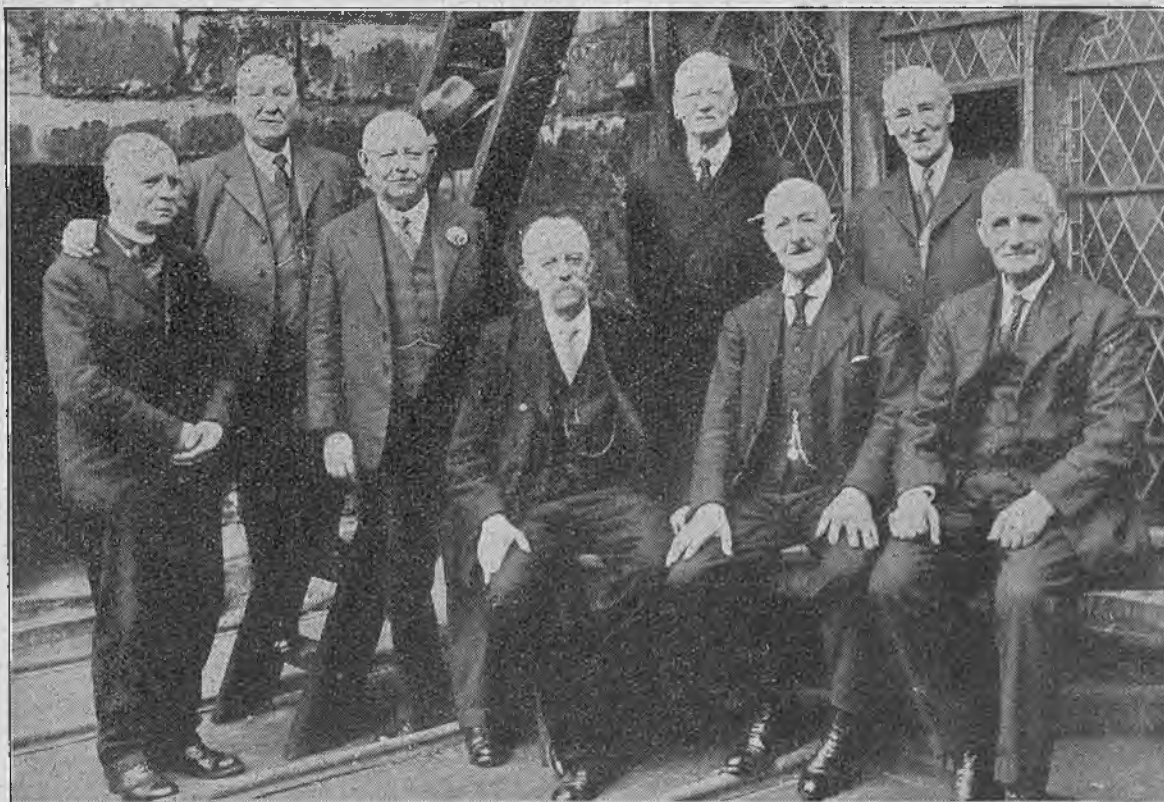
Since that time two of them have passed away, Mr. Walter Prime and Mr. Ernest Bishop. The rest are still 'going strong.'

We record in another column a peal to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. William T. Pates, of Cheltenham. Mr. Pates was among the men who, at the latter end of last century, made ringing history.

Last Monday, Mr. F. E. Dawe celebrated his 74th birthday, and on Tuesday Mr. Challis Winney completed his 78th year. We regret very much to say that Mr. Winney was last week admitted to St. Dunstan's Hospital for treatment for trouble in one of his legs. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. James George, another of the veterans' band, and, now 82, third only in seniority of age, has just rung his 1,250th peal. It was Mr. Pates' birthday commemoration peal, to which Mr. George rang the 11th.

Mr. James George, who rang the 9th to a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's for the death of Queen Victoria in



The Veterans in this picture are, from left to right: C. F. Winney, W. T. Pates, the late E. Bishop, F. E. Dawe, the late W. Prime, J. George, R. H. Brundle, H. W. Smith.

In the late '80's two records were set up at Cheltenham, and in both peals Mr. Pates was the conductor. In 1888 a peal of 13,054 Stedman Caters was rung in 8 hours 16 minutes, and when, on the last day of the same year, this Caters record was beaten at Appleton with a 15,041. Mr. Pates organised a band who rang in April, 1889, a 15,227 Graudsire Caters at Cheltenham in 9 hours 43 minutes.

Mr. Pates' 83rd birthday was celebrated first of all with touches rung on the Parish Church bells, followed by a jolly little supper party at his home, Tudor House. Selections on handbells and songs afterwards passed a happy hour or two, and the 'health of Mr. Pates' was honoured on the call of Mr. Yeend, sen.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT POTTERNE.

The Devizes Branch held their March meeting at Potterne on Saturday, when 39 members attended from Bishop's Cannings, Bristol (St. Peter's), Bratton, Devizes (St. John's), Hindon, Holt, Keinton Mandeville, Market Lavington, Melksham, North Bradley, Nailsea, Potterne, Rowde, Southbroom, Seend, Tisbury, Westbury and Warminster. The Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (vice-president) were also present. The Vicar of Potterne (the Rev. A. Swann) conducted the Guild service, in the course of which he gave a short address. He said that the ringers holding their meetings every month in a different parish was a good and right thing to do, to help in the cheerful worship of God. Men of ability and character were needed to help in the work of the Church.

At the close of the service all adjourned for tea in the Church Hall, and Messrs. Wells are to be congratulated on the arrangements made.

The business meeting followed, Mr. E. F. White (branch chairman) presiding. The usual routine having been disposed of, Mr. White

voiced thanks to those concerned in the arrangements, stating how pleased everyone was to see Mr. Heginbotham at the meeting. In reply, Mr. Heginbotham said he was thankful to be well enough to attend. He went on to refer to the loss the Dorchester Branch had sustained by the death of the Rev. E. S. Field, Vicar of Buckland Newton. The secretary was asked to send a letter to Mr. P. Field, Ringing Master of that branch, conveying the sympathy of the members in his bereavement.

The secretary also reported the passing of Mrs. Cook, of Bratton, widow of the late Mr. Ben Cook (vice-chairman of the branch for a number of years). The meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, with the exception of a handbell party, who remained under the conductorship of Mr. S. Hillier. During the evening Devizes (St. John's) and Southbroom bells were available. The methods rung covered a wide range, some excellent practice being obtained by the younger members.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT SECRETARY CRITICISES SLACKERS.

The annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Farnham on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing started at 3 p.m. under the conductorship of the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted).

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling). Choirboys led the singing, and Mr. G. C. Macklin was at the organ.

In the course of his address Canon Girling said the subject of changes ought to be familiar to bellringers, and he wanted them to think of some useful changes which they could make in their own lives.

EIGHT CHANGES.

Canon Girling went on to describe eight changes, which was the number of bells in Farnham Church tower, which they might make. He first suggested a change in temper. St. John, who once had a very obvious temper indeed, later became known as the Apostle of Love. He had been able to change his temper. A change in their reading was, he thought, indicated. He suggested a change from the lighter forms of literature to something that was really good and worth while reading; to the great novels that would become classics and, of course, that greatest of all books, the great library they called the Bible.

Speaking of a change of habits, Canon Girling said it was so easy to get into a habit, say, of not attending church. Perhaps some of them, after they had rung the bells for other people to go to church, did not themselves go. Perhaps a change in that direction would be helpful. Then they would be a great deal better for a change of language. He did not mean to infer that they were all hard swearers; but the belfry was part of God's house and consecrated like the rest of the building. Their language should be beyond reproach.

Then how about a change of morals? He did not mean that they were bad in that way, yet would it not be possible to make a change and set up a standard of what was really good and pure, and make a real stand for God and purity?

Canon Girling went on to speak of a change in prayers—a development and real effort on their part to hold a conversation with God and to listen to what He said. Referring to a change of heart, he suggested that instead of having their affections set on the things of the earth they should have their real affection entwined around the things of the heart. If all of them went through these changes what a difference it would make. Not only would their technique be improved, but they would know they were ringing because they wanted others to share in something they had already known for themselves.

Tea was served at Rogers' Cafe, to which 45 sat down. Afterwards the business meeting was presided over by Canon Girling.

A cheque for 10s. 6d. towards the Guild Benevolent Fund was received from an hon. member, Mr. W. A. Dollimore, who was heartily thanked for his generosity at all times.

As no other nominations had been received, the district officers were re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. auditor, Mr. P. Eldridge. Executive Committee representatives: Ringing, Messrs. T. Upshall (Farnham) and F. Nye (Bagshot), and honorary, Mr. W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot). On the motion of the Rector, the officers were thanked for their services in the past.

The balance sheet showed a slight increase of the balance in hand, £15 17s. 11d., as compared with £15 15s. 1d. last year.

It was explained that the cost of the valuable library books bought by the Guild had been shared by the four districts, the amount from each being based on the percentage of members in each district. The Farnham District paid 35 per cent. of the total cost, viz., £2 12s. 6d.

The accounts were adopted.

CRITICISMS.

The district secretary, in his report, recorded that the ringing membership had decreased from 132 to 121. Honorary membership had remained at 30 as in 1934. Four belfries were endeavouring to raise funds for restoration purposes. At Crondall ringing had stopped owing to the very bad condition of the bell frame and the bells; at Ash the bells and frame desperately needed overhauling by bell-hangers; at Yorktown a fund had been open for a considerable time for the rehanging of the bells, and at Farnham the fund for tower wall repairs and refacing was still in need of support.

The report proceeded: "Every ringer should be punctual and regular at practice and each should be there with a will to learn. Some there are who 'know all there is to know' about ringing and they refuse to be told anything. The result is that they not only spoil their own chances, but they prevent progress being made in the tower."

"A ringer who attends practice and who fails to show up on Sunday is utterly failing in his (or her) duty, as also is the ringer who never attends a practice or meeting, but who arrives and expects to ring on Sunday. Sunday service ringing should not be turned into an ordinary practice."

"Any ringer who waits to hear the bells before going along to ring is not playing the game; nor is a ringer who does not appear on practice night until after the 'beginners' have finished. The most experienced ringer can learn something, even from rounds or plain courses of Doubles."

"Worse still is an experienced ringer who does not attend a belfry because 'they are only a crowd of beginners and can't handle or strike the bells.'"

"Certain belfries in this district boast more ringers than bells, but through the slackness of certain members all the ropes are not manned on Sundays. Where these circumstances prevail, it is the duty of local captains to get recruits so that these unreliable people may not disorganise the service ringing. Recruits should be obtained, if necessary, assistance being sought from the incumbent."

Most of them know that ringers in all these classes were to be found all over the country. He regretted that they had a few in their own district. He appealed to all ringers, particularly those in the branch who felt, perhaps, that they had not been pulling their weight, to make a real effort and endeavour to do their full share in the church work which they had, or should have, so much at heart.

It was thought that the drop in the ringing membership was not as serious as it appeared. The Crondall membership had almost ceased, but it was hoped this would be rectified as soon as the bells and frame at Crondall were restored.

THE TEAM SPIRIT.

The Chairman commented upon the excellence of the report, and paid tribute to the team spirit of the ringers generally upon the way the criticisms were received. He hoped all would attend to the urgent matters contained in the report, particularly where bells or bell frames needed attention.

It was decided to hold meetings during 1936 at Hawley (8), Farnborough (6), Frensham (6), Yorktown (8) and Bentley (6), with an additional meeting at Seale (6) if it were possible to arrange one. The dates of these meetings were left to the secretary to fix. The annual district meeting was agreed upon for January 23rd, 1937.

The Guild officers were renominated, with the addition of Mr. C. W. Denyer for the Central Council.

The following new ringing members were elected: Messrs. K. and D. Dalton (Frensham), V. Wilkinson (Yorktown) and S. Butler (Aldershot). Mrs. F. J. Ewens (Yorktown) was elected as an honorary member.

It was decided to restart the District Committee, which will consist of the district officers and two members from each of the eleven towers in the district. As the Guild rules at present only permits one member from each tower, it was agreed to give notice of motion to the Executive Committee for the necessary amendment of this rule. It was considered that two members would attend a committee meeting, whereas one might not.

Mr. J. W. Carter (Seale) sincerely thanked Canon Girling for his welcome and his address. Mr. Carter also thanked the organist, choir and local ringers for their share in the success of the meeting (applause). Canon Girling briefly replied.

A collection for the William Pye Memorial Fund amounted to 11s.

At the close of business the ringers returned to the belfry to indulge in further ringing. Towers represented during the meeting included Aldershot, Ash, Seale, Bagshot, Alton, Guildford (St. Nicolas), Farnham, Farnborough, Worplesdon, Brookwood, Haslemere, Clondon, Yorktown, Frensham and Bentley.

CONGRATULATIONS AT A MEETING.

THE EDITOR TELLS OF HIS DIFFICULTIES.

The thoughts uppermost in the minds of many ringers last week-end was the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World,' not forgetting the journal's founder, editor and proprietor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who throughout the past 25 years has contributed in no small measure towards the advancement of the Exercise.

When the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild met at Cranleigh on Saturday—and there was a gallant muster of 43 ringers present—many personal congratulations were extended to the Editor, who, being general secretary of the Guild, was among those who attended.

To put the matter strictly in order and to see that the efficient secretary of the Guildford District (Mr. George Grover) duly recorded the memorable occasion in the minute book of the district, an appropriate resolution of congratulation and best wishes to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. T. W. White, who mentioned the enormous value to the Exercise of 'The Ringing World,' not only from the point of view of the advancement of ringing, but particularly in cementing together ringers in all parts of the country into one great fellowship. The ambassador of this friendship had been Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, whose happy personality as he travelled over the country to attend ringing meetings and functions was a great factor in establishing a spirit of unity throughout the ringing fraternity.

The resolution was seconded by the chairman (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who spoke of the self-sacrifice of Mr. Goldsmith, whose work as Editor he was sure was largely a labour of love. He appealed to ringers present for a stronger support of 'The Ringing World,' and urged those present to do their utmost to increase its circulation.

Mr. R. Whittington, Cranleigh's veteran ringer, endorsed the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Goldsmith, in acknowledging the meeting's good wishes, expressed the hope that he might be spared to carry on for a few more years to come. As to the future, he was afraid it would be very difficult to find anyone interested in ringing who was prepared to

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 31st, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 26th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The meeting to be held at St. John's, Blackpool, has been postponed to Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 5.15. Meeting in the schools. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Child. All ringers heartily invited. Come and join us.—H. Grundy, Hon. Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held after tea. Subscriptions for 1935-6 are now due and the annual report available.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells), on Saturday, March 21st, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. J. C. Kinnear (St. John's, Croydon). Tea and meeting to follow at the Chapter House.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting in school-room. Please make this a record meeting. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after.—Frank Conley, Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). St. Saviour's bells from 6.45.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild will hold a combined practice at Christchurch on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Parish Room. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Berry, Grange Cottage, Woolton Hill.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Clown on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935-6 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A joint meeting with the Staffs Association at Tamworth on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m., in the College Lane Schools at 1s. per head.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, March 21st. The bells (8) will be ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Kirkby Mallory, Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) for those who notify me. Other arrangements as usual.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 21st. The recently rehung ring of 10 will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND THE LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, March 21st, at 3 p.m. Buses every 15 minutes from Nottingham bus station.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Seventh annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, at 6 p.m., Councillor W. R. Eggleton presiding. The following towers will be open: St. Mary de Lode (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Michael's (8), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wing tomorrow, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—S. H. Towell, 17, King's Road, Oakham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A practice meeting will be held at Shoreditch on Thursday, March 26th, from 6.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome. This is especially to help the younger members.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY, MANCHESTER.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 28th, at 4.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. The ring of eight has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Sturry on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Ringing for all. Rounds to London. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by invitation of Sturry ringers and friends. Please send card to the Mr. French, Lamorbey, School Hill, Sturry. Please help to make this meeting a success.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25d, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.15 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to those who send in names not later than March 25th. Short service in church at 5.45 p.m., followed by unveiling of an interesting peal tablet in the belfry, recording two peals, one rung in 1900. Please make a special effort to attend and send names to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lanes.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach me by March 25th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The adjourned Redbourne meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28th. Usual arrangements. Let us have a big meeting, but send a card to say you are coming. Important business.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nutfield (6 bells) on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Club Room, High Street. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, March 24th?—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, March 26th? Roll along. All are welcome.—J. H. Clifton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 174, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting will be held at Bramley on March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Will all members requiring tea notify Mr. S. Helliwell by March 27th? Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, March 28th. The new peal of eight bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Owing to the difficulty of catering, will all those requiring tea please let me know *not later than* Wednesday, March 25th, first post? A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Collingbourne-Kingston on March 28th. Six bells. Kindly advise for tea not later than March 25th.—Walter J. Jennings, 16, Lainey's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Carey Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maperton on Saturday, March 28th. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Six bells.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the St. Albans District will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10), available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for tea, etc.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.—The dedication of the bells after being retuned and rehung will take place on Saturday, March 28th, by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. All ringers interested are given a cordial invitation by the Vicar and wardens. Tea at a charge of 1s. in School. All requiring tea please notify the undersigned by Thursday, March 26th.—J. A. Kershaw, 118, Moss Lane, Pendlebury, near Manchester.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley on April 4th. Entries to contest and applications for tea at 1s. 6d. to be in my hands for March 28th.—T. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea by Thursday, April 2nd, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3.30, and a change of programme gives us a meeting for 6.30 p.m. in the tower. Anyone interested in ringing heartily welcomed. Branch members earnestly requested to be present.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

CODSALL, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON.—The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford on Sunday, April 5th, at 6.30 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The fifty-sixth annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday. Service, luncheon, business meeting. The revised rules, copies of which have been forwarded to all towers in union, will be presented for confirmation (or otherwise). Election of four representatives to serve on the Central Council. Nominations before 31st March. Full particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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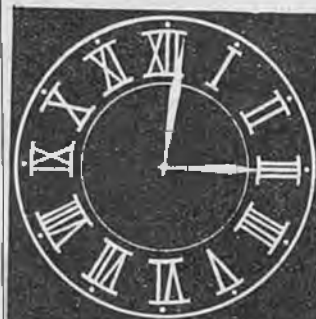
Mr. C. E. Smith raised the question of combined practices, and inquired whether any reports had been received following the decision of the district annual meeting.

The Chairman replied that Haslemere had had a visit from Gray-shott, and Mr. Whittington spoke of the happy relationship existing between Ewhurst and Cranleigh. He had received an inquiry from Dunsfold, and was willing to visit that tower as soon as they were ready for him.

It was also reported that Worplesdon and Pirbright arranged combined practices, and Mr. W. R. Melville stated that Holy Trinity, Guildford, was receiving visitors from Old Woking.

Three new members—Messrs. C. Barker (Pirbright), F. T. Hoad (Godalming) and J. Woodford (Cranleigh) were elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Cranleigh (the Rev. H. L. Johnston) for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to the Cranleigh ringers for making the arrangements.

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THE COUNCIL AND ITS BUSINESS.

Very soon, now, thoughts will be turned once again to the activities of the Central Council, which will meet in London at Whitsun. It will be the first meeting held under the complete operation of the new rules, and for this reason there will be some change in the representation of the affiliated societies. There may be a few who will not be entitled to as many representatives as in the past, but where there are changes they will, for the most part, be in the direction of increased representation. Membership goes in the following proportion for territorial societies: One representative for a recognised society with over 75 and less than 150 members; two representatives for a membership between 150 and 300; three for a membership between 300 and 450; and four (the maximum number) for a membership of over 450. Membership for the purposes of representation is based upon resident ringing and hon. members; non-resident ringing members do not count for this purpose. Certain non-territorial organisations, like the College Youths and Cumberlands, are not affected by this "residential" qualification.

This new rule does not necessarily mean that societies will elect the full number of representatives to which they are entitled, although most of them will probably do so, but it does mean that they will be called upon to pay affiliation fees to the Council in proportion to their membership. Hitherto it has been possible for even a large society to have full advantage of the Council's activities, while electing only one member and paying accordingly. As the Council's resources are devoted to furthering the art in a number of practical ways—notably the publishing at cost price of numerous works connected with ringing—it is only fair that societies should furnish financial support to some extent commensurate with their strength.

In recent years the work of the Council has been growing, and every meeting has provided almost more business than can be compressed into the hour available. From past experience, and from what we have heard, it would seem that the next meeting, which, of course, brings with it the triennial appointment of officers, is likely to be a very lengthy one. It would seem as if the time is approaching when the Council will have to start its meeting at an earlier hour than eleven o'clock. On one or two occasions in recent years the final stages of the business have been completed with a thinning attendance, owing to the early departure that some members from long distances have to make. It would be better to begin a little earlier and have any time there might be

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THOMAS W. HAMMOND	2	ARNOLD BRUNTON	6
JAMES MARTIN	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.			
*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	Treble	WILLIAM PAGE	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	6
†JOSEPH LOVETT	3	TOM PAGE	7
HERBERT DAVIES	4	ERNEST STITCH	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside' and 25th peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, 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 16 cwt.

*BRYAN O'NEILL (aged 14) Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER	5
JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 14) 2	THOMAS BEVAN	6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS	GEORGE GILBERT	7
GEORGE H. LIMMER	CYRIL A. BURGESS	Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal on eight bells. Arranged for Mr. T. Bevan, of Kentish Town, also rung to celebrate the jubilee of 'The Ringing World.'

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HAROLD HAMER	Treble	GEORGE STAFF	5
*CHRISTOPHER DAVENPORT ...	2	STEPHEN L. PARRY	6
ROSE BELL	3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	7
JOHN MEADOWCROFT	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal. Rung as a memorial peal to the late John Fittin, who was a ringer at the above church for over 60 years, and to John Mitton, who was connected with the Todmorden Unitarian Church company for over 60 years. Both were life members of the Lancashire Association.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	Treble	JOHN GRIFFITHS	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
GEORGE JONES	3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE	7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

First peal in the method by all.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*LIONEL H. B. BURT	Treble	GEORGE S. RADNEDGE	5
EDGAR GUISE	2	WILLIAM H. PARKER	6
ALFRED PEARCE	3	HENRY B. BURT	7
GILBERT PEARCE	4	JOHN LAMBLE	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY B. BURT.

* First peal, aged 16. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

OSWALD J. HUNT	Treble	ALFRED FROST	5
*FRANK REYNOLDS	2	HAROLD JONES	6
SAMUEL HOLT	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	7
HUGH REYNOLDS	4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the retirement of the Rector (the Rev. J. Bamford, M.A.). It is 20 years since the ringer of the 4th rang his last peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT HARMAN	Treble	*RICHARD V. FULLER	5
RONALD A. TUFFIN	2	*FRANK E. MITCHELL	6
*ALBERT J. ADAMS	3	ALBERT E. CHESMAN	7
JOHN HOBDS	4	HAROLD N. PIRSTOW	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by H. N. PIRSTOW.

* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARV,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL	Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
ARTHUR R. WOODARD	2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	6
SHELFORD SPARROW	3	HARRY D. LISTER	7
JACK R. STEED	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

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

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ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
JOHN S. MORTON 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWAR 5
*ALBERT RICHES 2	ROBERT RICHES 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
ALFRED H. WATSON 4	CHARLES LOOME Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Kent.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JAMES TOPP 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALEC EGGINGTON Treble	LESTER L. GRAY 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	J. NORMAN BENSON 6
†ERIC GILBERT 3	FRANK VARTY 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM 4	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect on the occasion of the anniversary of the passing away of the late Vicar of this parish.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*RONALD ALLSOP Treble	HENRY HOPKINSON 5
EDWIN HOPKINSON 2	*THOMAS DENT 6
VICTOR E. TAYLOR 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR 7
ALFRED H. BOWLER 4	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Treble, 7th and 8th ringers belong to Darley Dale, 3rd to Matlock, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th to Ashover.

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BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 120's each of St. Vedast Bob, New Bob, Union, St. Bartholomew Bob, Reading, St. Simon's Bob, Place Bob, Original, New Year's Eve, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

HENRY PAYNE Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
HENRY FAULKNER 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	REDVERS BODDYE Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

First peal in 14 methods by all the band and by the association.

TONG, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	WALTER LAGO 4
JOSEPH L. STANIER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
JOHN W. TRANTER 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal on the bells.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES H. HAYWOOD Treble	FRED WATKINSON 4
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
LESLIE HAYWOOD 3	REGINALD PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Watkinson. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band.

HAYES, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... Treble	GORDON R. GOSS 4
PERCY J. SPICE 2	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
†MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal on six bells. Mr. A. S. Richards' 25th peal. This is the first peal on the bells for 10 years and the first peal for the association on the bells since 1896. First peal in four methods on the bells and quickest peal on the bells.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*MISS MARION CROSSLEY ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4
†ARTHUR HIBBERT 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	ARTHUR WHITING Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal and rung at first attempt; first lady ringer to ring a peal on the bells. † First peal away from the treble. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. The ringers of treble, 5th and tenor are members of the local band.

HUISECHAMPTFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

*S. SHARLAND Treble	E. QUICK 4
A. TOUT 2	†C. TARR 5
H. PURCHASE 3	*W. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. PURCHASE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES W. PARKER Treble	WALTER E. LAZELL 4
*OLIVER J. KIDBY 2	EDWIN E. SIMPSON 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	PERCY K. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal 'inside.'

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. JOHN Treble	A. HANNINGTON 4
E. THOMAS 2	R. E. COLES 5
W. SAMUEL 3	*E. COLES Tenor

Conducted by R. E. COLES.

* First peal and first attempt. All the ringers are regular service ringers at Bonvilston Church.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Burton, Capel, Sandel, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED STEVENSON Treble	†STANLEY NOBLE 4
MISS MILLCENT FEATHERS 2	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER 5
*THOMAS TAYLOR 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from treble. First peal in seven methods for the branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 23 cwt.

H. PARKHOUSE Treble	*A. RANDALL 4
*W. PARKHOUSE 2	*A. TURNER 5
J. BAKER 3	*C. AISH Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKHOUSE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Sellick, captain of the ringers, on his 80th birthday.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALEC A. GOODING Treble	JOHN M. GOODING 4
EVAN WESCOMBE 2	FREDERICK A. GOODING 5
LIONEL LAY 3	WILLIAM SCORELL Tenor

Conducted by LIONEL LAY.

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

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

WALTER W. WEST Treble	NOEL WILES 4
REGINALD WEST 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
MISS EVELYN STERL 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

80th peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William West on his 88th birthday.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

BARNABAS G. KEY Treble	*GILBERT HARDING 4
*JAMES S. EASTWOOD 2	*ALFRED BUCKLEY 5
†EDGAR T. SMITH 3	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Doubles. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor have now 'circled' this tower.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	ERNEST BRITAIN 4
*JAMES W. GODDARD 2	JACK BRAY 5
WALTER M. GODDARD 3	FRANK LORD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the Rev. W. E. Varah, Vicar of this parish, being made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1936, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Reverse, St. Clement's, Fulbeck and Double Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13½.

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in five methods in hand by all.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8067 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER 1-2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8
EDITH K. FLETCHER 9-10	

Composed by C. H. HATTBERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1936, in Two Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of College, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse, St. Clement's, Fulbeck, Double and Plain Bob. Size 12 in F.

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in seven methods 'in hand' by all and by the association.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 1-2 | EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 5-6
 GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | *CHRISTOPHER BARKER ... 7-8

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First attempt for a peal on handbells or on eight bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 1-2 | JOHN SPARROW ... 5-6
 ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4 | GEORGE W. STIRRE ... 7-8

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by the Guild. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith on the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World.'

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | *ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 5-6
 GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | *CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' † 200th peal. Rung to celebrate Mr. J. Parker's 70th birthday.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AN APPEAL FOR PUNCTUAL SERVICE RINGING.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, March 14th, many bellfries being represented from north of the Tyne to south of the Wear. Two ringers were also present from far off Kirkby Stephen. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the Anchorage. A short meeting was held, over which Mr. F. Sheraton presided, supported by the Rev. Canon Stephenson.

After the loyal toast, the chairman welcomed the 'strangers,' and also the visitors, and hoped they would have a happy time.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Stephenson for the use of the bells. He went on to say that he always appreciated the way in which the Canon turned up at ringers' meetings, and particularly the annual meeting, and Canon Stephenson always gave them a hearty welcome. Mr. Anderson also reminded ringers that, being church bellringers, it was their duty to ring for Sunday services, and that it was really church law that bells should be rung before services. It was sad to think of some bellfries where ringers had often to wait for just one or two and then probably not get the bells going. It was up to each ringer to do his utmost to further the art.

Canon Stephenson, in reply, said it was always a pleasure for his bells to be rung, and he wished the meetings were more frequent. He appreciated the services of the ringers and hoped they would go away feeling that they had had a happy time at the meeting.

Mr. Pickering proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the bounteous tea, which he was sure that everyone present had enjoyed. —The verger replied on behalf of the ladies.

Mr. G. S. Taylor read a letter he had received from the Rector of Bishop Auckland asking the association to hold a meeting there. A special meeting was arranged for April 25th.

It was proposed that the next meeting be a joint one between the Eastern and Western Districts, and be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 13th.

Further ringing afterwards took place, and everyone was quite satisfied with the amount of ringing they obtained.

STILL RINGING AT 93.

RYDE VETERAN THE OLDEST ACTIVE RINGER.

To-morrow Mr. George Henry Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, will celebrate his 93rd birthday, and ringers everywhere will join in congratulating him.

Mr. Coombes has been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Ryde, since the bells were installed in 1886. He continues, despite his great age, to ring regularly for divine service on Sundays, and seldom misses the weekly ringing practice. Not only is Mr. Coombes the oldest active ringing member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, but is believed to be the oldest active service ringer in the British Isles.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MAKING THE MOST OF DOUBLES.

Those ringers who confine their attention to ringing Doubles—and there are many—have a very limited scope for variety. Whereas on six bells the number of 'regular' methods available runs to over 200, if we include those which can be 'spliced' together to make up a true extent, the methods of pure Doubles can be counted on the fingers, while if we include all the methods which in these days would pass muster, it is only just over a score. But even with this limitation, the scope is not fully exploited by those who are compelled, or for other reasons are content, to confine their attention to five-bell methods.

We often wonder why this should be. It is a very monotonous thing always to ring just one method, especially when its extent can be disposed of in five minutes or less. It may be that many ringers have not the figures of the methods from which to learn. Let us, if we can, help you to something fresh.

To begin with, we will assume you can ring Grandsire Doubles, in which there is another bell besides the treble doing a plain hunt, and a third's place made (causing the two bells behind to dodge) when the treble has led.

Now, try and ring this method 'reversed' as it is called. You still have a bell in the hunt, but the 3rd's place is made when the treble has laid its whole pull behind. That causes the dodge to be made by the two bells in front—one dodging 1-2 (up) and the other 2-1 (down). In Grandsire 3rd's place is made by the bell that the treble takes off lead; in Reverse Grandsire it is made by the bell that the treble turns from behind.

The bell that dodges in 5-4 (down) in Grandsire passes the treble in 3-4 on its way up. In Reverse Grandsire the corresponding dodge is in 1-2 (up) and the treble is passed in 3-2 on the way down. In each case you strike over two other bells before meeting the treble. The other dodge, of course, is made after meeting the treble one place earlier; in Grandsire you pass the treble in 2-3 before dodging in 4-5 (up), and in Reverse Grandsire you pass the treble in 4-3 as you go down.

The bobs in Reverse Grandsire are made when the treble is behind. The bell that passed the treble in 4-3, instead of going down to the front to dodge, makes 3rd's and goes up again, turning the treble from behind and becoming the bell in the hunt. The bell coming out of the hunt double dodges in 1-2 (up), and the bell that would have dodged in 1-2 (up) double dodges in 2-1 (down).

When a Single is made the bell the treble turns from behind (corresponding to the one the treble turns from the front in Grandsire) makes 4th's place and turns the treble from behind, being then in the hunt. The bell that would have gone into the hunt, had the call been a bob, makes an additional 3rd's place before going up behind again.

The conductor's task is quite a simple one. Reverse Grandsire is called exactly as Grandsire, except that the bobs and singles are called when the treble is in 3rd's place going up, instead of when it is in 3rd's place, going down. If you must have an observation bell, then for the calling that in Grandsire brings the 3rd or 5th each time into 4-5 up, call either the 4th or the 3rd into 2-1 (down).

Now from Reverse Grandsire to Reading Doubles is an easy step. A plain lead of Reading is bobbed lead of Reverse Grandsire, and a plain course consists of only two leads. In Reading, however, the bob is made when the treble is in front. The bell that, on the way up, passes the treble in 2-3, makes 3rd's (as if it were a bob in Grandsire) and goes down to take the treble off. This causes the two bells behind to have a single dodge—there is no other 3rd's place made from the front as in Grandsire, and there is no bell in the hunt.

A single in Reading is made by the two bells behind 'lying still' instead of dodging. That is to say, the bell that would have dodged down makes 4th's place and lies another whole pull behind; while the bell which, had it been a bob, would have dodged in 4-5 (up), lies a whole pull behind; actually carrying on as if it were a plain lead.

A 120 can be got by calling Bob, Bob, Single at alternate leads and repeating. So that you may compare the methods, here are the figures. Note that in starting there is no 3rd's place made. The 3rd goes straight up and the 4th straight down:—

Reverse Grandsire.		Reading.	
Plain	Bobbed	Plain	Bobbed
12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21435	21435
24153	24153	24153	24153
42513	42513	42513	42513
45231	45231	45231	45231
54321	54321	54321	54321
53124	53124	53124	53124
54132	54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423	51423
15243	15243	15243	15243
12534	15432		
		15432	12453
21354	51342	51342	21543
23145	53124	53124	25134
32415	35214	35214	52314
34251	32541	35241	25341
43521	23451	35421	52431

WHITFIELD VETERANS HONOURED.**FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE AT ONE CHURCH.**

The three veterans at St. James' Church, Whitfield, Glossop, who, as already reported in 'The Ringing World,' have completed 50 years' service as ringers at the church, have been honoured by their friends. They are Mr. T. Jackson, Mr. J. Marsden and Mr. E. Garside, and a tablet has now been erected in the belfry recording their long and loyal attachment.

The trio and their wives were entertained at a social gathering, at which, among the many ringers and friends present, was Mr. J. Lawton, who started ringing with the other three, but who spent eight years as a member of the band at the nearby tower of Holy Trinity, Dinting.

After tea, a silence was observed in memory of the Whitfield ringers—twelve of them—who had passed away in the last 50 years, and then congratulatory speeches were made by the churchwardens and others and by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Cooke). The latter said the record of the ringers would be very hard to beat, and he had not heard of a better. He handed to the ringers the tablet worded as follows:—

St. James' Church, Whitfield.

To commemorate with gratitude and thankfulness their completion of 50 years' individual service as ringers in this belfry and church, February, 1886-February, 1936: Thomas Jackson, Joseph Marsden, Eli Garside.

The Vicar said the tablet was to be placed in the belfry, amongst other memorial tablets, and he did not think there could be a more fitting or hallowed place for it. He expressed deepest appreciation and thanks to the three ringers and hoped they would be spared to ring for many more years at Whitfield.

The veterans were reminiscent in their replies and had some interesting and amusing stories to tell of ringing and ringers in their early days. Speaking of the time before they took up change ringing, Mr. T. Jackson said that, when he and his colleagues started ringing in 1886, there were no cinema shows and very few other attractions, and they used to go practically every night and do a bit of ringing. Eventually, he said, they got to ringing 'single thirds,' and on one occasion rang 'single thirds' for three hours. An admiring friend treated them to half a gallon of small beer and cigars as a reward for their achievement (laughter). When they started change ringing on eight bells some of the old ringers left and the younger ones had to take their places. Mr. Jackson, in conclusion, said that during the 50 years he had been connected with ringing, of all the ringers they had had, he had never known one of them get into trouble (applause).

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LADY RINGER MARRIED.

Miss E. Dorice Turner, hon. secretary to the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild, was married on Saturday, March 14th, to Mr. H. Kelly at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield. Miss L. N. Cawthorne, late secretary of the Northern District, was bridesmaid, and Mr. H. Swallow was best man.

The bridegroom is a sergeant in the local section of the Church Lads' Brigade. The bride's capabilities as a ringer are well known.

After the ceremony, as the bridal couple left the church, the local company rang one or two touches of Kent and Plain Bob. The Church Lads' Brigade also formed a guard of honour outside the church.

The reception afterwards was attended by the Rector (Canon W. A. Baker), the local ringers and numerous other guests. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 'in hand' after the reception brought great applause from the guests.

The Handsworth ringers presented a Westminster chiming clock to the bride and bridegroom, whose future residence will be 171, Richmond Road, Handsworth.

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Mr. J. Marsden said he was glad to know there were young ringers to follow them. He did not think there were many places which, during the last 50 years, had had less trouble with the Vicars than had been the case at Whitfield (laughter). They had had no trouble with any of them during the whole of that time (laughter and applause). Ringing, he concluded, had been part of their lives and, he could certainly say, a very happy part.

Mr. Garside spoke of the very happy 50 years which he and his colleagues had spent, as far as ringing was concerned. They had grown up together and had stuck together, and during all those years he could safely say they had never had a wrong word with each other (applause). He hoped they would live for many years to continue service ringing. He did not think there was a finer set of ringers in England than at Whitfield, so far as their close association with the church and school was concerned. He hoped the young ringers they had now got would continue for the sake of the church, because he should never like the bells at Whitfield to be stopped.

Mr. J. Lawton made a few racy remarks, and the Vicar added appreciation of the wives of the three veterans. They must have had a certain amount of encouragement from their wives, he said, and thanks were due to the ladies in this respect (laughter and applause).

'Auld Lang Syne' brought a memorable and enjoyable gathering to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

John Taylor and Co.'s bellhangers are now busy hoisting the bells of Buckfast Abbey. It is expected that the peal of twelve, with the 2 ton tenor and the 7 ton Bourdon, will be rung for the first time on Easter Day.

The ring of eight bells of Staveley Parish Church, Derbyshire, are to be rehung by John Taylor and Co.

The Middlesex Association and Oxford Guild joint meeting and social will be held at Hillingdon on October 10th.

A quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Beenham, Berks, on March 14th, by the following members of the local band: E. Wallace, E. Richardson, F. Churchill, the Rev. R. Howes, G. Fowler, E. Tigwell (conductor). This was the first quarter of Minor by all except the conductor. As four of the band are gardeners by occupation, it helps to prove the contention which one of the ringers makes, that you cannot enter a belfry without finding at least one gardener there; and the recommendation which the same ringer gives to the clergy and others, that if they want to engage a gardener, always engage a ringer.

A first peal by all the band is always a noteworthy performance, and the ringers of the peal at Bathampton on March 14th are, therefore, heartily to be congratulated upon their achievement.

A peal tablet is to be unveiled to-morrow at St. George's Church, Bolton. One of the peals which it records is a peal of Stedman Triples rung in 1909 in which Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, took part. Three of the band who rang in the peal are dead, but it is hoped that some of the others remaining will join Canon Elsee at the ceremony.

BUCKFAST ABBEY BELLS.

WORK NEARING COMPLETION.

In addition to the new ring of twelve bells, with a 40 cwt. tenor in G, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. are making a notable addition to the bells of Buckfast Abbey. This is to be a bourdon of $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and is being given to the Abbey by Miss de Trafford, in memory of her sister, Lady Bellew. The name 'Hosanna' will be given to the bell and there will be cast on it a dedicatory inscription in Latin.

The new peal, which will consist of 14 bells, is to be hung some 20ft. higher than the old ring, in the now nearly completed tower, and will be carried on a massive iron and steel frame designed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. to strengthen the structure.

The work of hoisting them into the tower is now in progress.

The old peal had a 28 cwt. tenor and was hung in a wood frame. The ringing was done from a stone gallery in the centre of the transepts, with an awesome drop of something like 60ft. to the floor of the church below. Only one peal was rung under these conditions—a peal of Stedman Cinques, conducted by William Pye.

In future the ringing chamber will be on the floor where the old bells stood.

We understand it is hoped to have the bells erected about Easter, but the tower itself, which will complete the final stage of the great building, the whole of which has been carried out by the monks themselves, will not be finished until towards the end of the year.

DEATH OF MR. R. K. KNIGHT.

A VETERAN CUMBERLAND YOUTH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Robert K. Knight, late of Gloucester and Walthamstow, which occurred on Saturday last at his residence, 105, Hainault Road, Leytonstone, at the age of 91 years.

Mr. Knight, who was born at Gloucester, learned to ring in that town. He came to London in 1866, to take up a position in H.M. Customs at the docks. One of his first actions was to join the Royal Cumberland Society, which he did in August, 1866. He became a member of the St. James' Society in February, 1867. Later he joined the Essex Association, when he became a member of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, band, in 1892. He joined the Middlesex Association in 1897.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, he rang the tenor to a peal of Grand-sire Caters on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and nearly four years later he rang in a muffled peal at the same church to record the passing of that Sovereign. This peal was called by the late William Pye, whom Mr. Knight always greatly admired.

In 1892, on one of his annual visits to his birthplace, he joined the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and well remembered ringing with the late Rev. H. Law James and his brother, the Rev. E. Bankes James, when they were very young men; and also with many other well-known Gloucester ringers, all of whose names he recollected.

For the last 15 years Mr. Knight had been confined to his bed with an incurable leg trouble, but his interest in ringing never waned. He was gifted with a wonderful memory, and, with a wide store of reminiscences, was most entertaining to listen to. He was keenly interested in the William Pye memorial, and up to the time of his death had collected quite a considerable sum of money for that object. He was never so happy as when a ringing friend went to see him, and one of his greatest days was when he received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson on the day after their return from Australia, which gave him something to talk about for months afterwards.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at Ilford Cemetery.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REORGANISATION OF FINANCE.

Seventy-Five Per Cent. for Central Fund.

At the annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Southwark on Saturday, a change was made in the rules, by which 75 per cent. of the district receipts will be contributed to the central fund, instead of sixpence per member and a levy to meet the cost of the annual report.

The meeting was attended by nearly 100 ringers, representative of a large number of towers in the county, and many visitors. After enjoying ringing on the noble peal of twelve bells at the Cathedral, where on the first Sunday in every month the association supplies a hand to ring for the morning service, the members attended the beautifully sung evensong. Afterwards an address was given by the Rev. J. C. Kinnear, of St. John's, Croydon, where he is learning to ring. His subject was the brotherhood of service, and he spoke of the place of the ringer in the service of the Church. There were many people, he said, who remained outside the walls of the Church, and it was a wonderful privilege which bellringers had of sending out to them the message of the Gospel. It was more than just sentiment which touched people when they heard the sound of the bells. It was something of the appeal of that voice which had gone out into all lands and its sound unto the ends of the earth. They could not dissociate the bells of the Church and the message of the Church. They were one and the same thing. The bells rang out the message of the love of God. If that was true, it was important that those who rang the bells should keep that message before them. There had been correspondence lately in the ringers' paper about the worthiness, or unworthiness, of bellringers. He remembered when he was first ordained and went to a London parish, he went into the belfry and found that one of the great secrets of that place was its friendliness.

'When I told the Vicar what a nice lot of ringers he had got,' said the preacher, 'he replied, "They are no good at all. They ring the bells and that is all you see of them." I said, "Are you sure that is all you see of them?" I had to point out to him that two of them were members of the choir, three others were members of the C.E.M.S., ready to do anything they could, irrespective of their ringing, and that I had often seen one or two others of them with their wives at the Sunday evening services. You see,' added the preacher, 'he didn't know. It may not be always the case, but I believe that often those men who Sunday by Sunday go into the belfries and perform that extraordinary magic of the bells have been looked upon as just outside the Church. There may be a fear that ringers may think only of their ringing, as some organists and choirs may think only of their music and singing, and I want to appeal to you to-day to bring to your bell-ringing not only the skill God has given you, but all the Christian forces of your life.'

Tea in the Chapter House was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. J. C. Kinnear presided.

The treasurer's balance sheet, which was adopted, showed that the balance in the general fund had increased from £5 18s. 11d. to £12 3s. 4d.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The committee's report, presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) stated that the year had been a very successful one. In the North-Western District twelve meetings were held. Five were district meetings, which had an average attendance of 37, two were joint meetings with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Rammore and East Molesey, and five were mid-week meetings with the Ladies' Guild. All the joint meetings were well supported by members of the district. The Southern District reported a new tower to be affiliated to the association, viz., Lingfield, the bells of which had been restored and augmented to a peal of eight. Four district meetings were held with an average attendance of 30. Membership in both districts had increased, and the total number of annual subscribing members was 297 (North-Western District 198 and Southern District 99), an increase of 23 on the previous year. Ringing had taken place at Southwark Cathedral on the first Sunday morning in each month by members of the association, and excepting during the holiday months the twelve bells were rung for service. A rota system had been established and 23 members at present were responsible for the ringing. The committee tendered its thanks to those members, and would welcome any further volunteers to assist in ringing the bells of the Cathedral Church of the diocese.

The association still flourished financially. The balance in hand in the general and district funds at 31st December, 1935, was £39 8s. 1d., as against £34 5s. 5d. at the beginning of the year, being an increase of £4 17s. 4d. upon the year's working.

The committee regretted to report the death of Mr. H. Goodwin, of St. John's, Redhill, and Mr. A. J. Trappitt, of St. Mary's, Beddington. Both were regular service ringers at their respective towers. Mr. Trappitt had been a member for 42 years and had rung 168 peals for the association. He was district secretary for nine years. His death was a great loss to Beddington tower and to the association as a whole. During the year 21 peals were rung, 89 members taking part in the following methods: Superlative Surprise Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 2, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire Triples 3, London Surprise Minor 1, Bob Minor 1, and

Minor in four methods 3. The conductors were as follows: C. H. Kippin, 7; O. Sippetts, E. Hancox and L. A. Tidy, 2 each; W. Claydon, R. V. Fuller, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. Harman, E. Morris, C. Potchecary, W. C. Smith and H. R. Thorpe, 1 each. Ten members rang their first peal, four their first on a working bell, 17 their first in the method and five their first on different numbers. Statistics for the past five years showed that although peal ringing was gradually decreasing, through the difficulty of obtaining towers for peal attempts, individual interest was still being maintained. In 1932 51 peals were rung by 100 members. In 1935 the 21 peals were rung by 89 members.

INCREASED CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.

The following officers were re-elected: President, the Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Dean; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin; hon. auditor, Mr. G. W. Steere. Mr. E. G. Talbot was elected assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby retiring. Mr. Kippin thanked Mr. Darby for his valued services. His work, he said, had been carried on behind the scenes and the hon. secretary got the credit for it.

As the membership was now 313, under the rules of the Central Council the association was entitled to elect three representatives; and the following who had been nominated were elected: Messrs. D. Cooper, W. Claydon and C. H. Kippin.

Leatherhead, Croydon and Kingston were proposed for the next annual meeting. Croydon was withdrawn, and, on a vote being taken, Leatherhead was selected by a large majority.

On the recommendation of the committee, a grant of £1 ls. was voted to the William Pye Memorial Fund, an amendment to increase the amount to £2 2s. being defeated.

The committee recommended an alteration to rule 17, increasing the district contribution to the general fund from sixpence to 1s. 6d. in respect of each member whose subscription shall have been paid.

The hon. secretary explained that the districts had hitherto contributed 6d. per member, and had paid, in proportion to their membership, for the cost of printing the annual report.

After discussion on points raised as to the amount to be contributed from 'shilling' members (those who join at the end of a year) and hon. members, the motion was adopted with the substitution of '75 per cent.' for '1s. 6d.'

The following alterations to rules, also recommended by the committee, were also adopted:—

Rule 4, paragraph 1, substitute the following: 'All nominations for general officers and representatives upon the Central Council should be made either at the previous annual district meetings, or in writing to the general secretary, providing such nominations are in his hands at least 14 days before the annual general meeting.'

Addition to rule 16: 'All nominations for district officers and committee representatives should be made either at the previous district meeting or in writing to the district secretary, providing such nominations are in his hands at least 14 days before the annual district meeting. Any contested election must take place by ballot.'

The hon. secretary explained that hitherto the nominations had to be made in writing, but during the ten years he had been in office, no nominations had ever been received, and the committee had had to make the nominations. Under the proposed amendments they would ensure that nominations were made at district meetings, when the business would be on the agenda. At the same time, there would be nothing to prevent nominations being sent in in writing.

It was resolved that the annual dinner should be held again this year, the place being left to the committee to decide.

THE FORTHCOMING CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

On behalf of the committee the hon. secretary moved that the expenses of the Central Council representatives should be divided between the general fund and the districts.

After some discussion, it was decided to allow the question to stand over until the next annual meeting, as on this occasion, with the meeting held in London, the expense would be comparatively small.

Mr. M. Northover said he thought the members were entitled to a written report on the Council meeting, which could be read at the district meetings.

The hon. secretary said he made a verbal report last year at a meeting of the Southern District, but Mr. Northover was not present.

Mr. Northover said a written report would be available to those members who were unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. F. W. Housden said the difficulty raised by Mr. Northover would be removed if everybody supported 'The Ringing World' (hear, hear).

The Chairman said he would recommend that, too. He found a great deal of interest in the paper and he hoped there would be a good response to the appeal made recently by the Editor for a larger circulation.

The hon. secretary said when the Central Council met in London three years ago, the Surrey Association was invited to join with other associations in arranging the social side of the proceedings. The association then guaranteed two guineas towards the expenses, but were only called upon for £1 7s. 4d. He believed the association would be invited to join in a similar arrangement this year, and proposed that, if that be so, the association should contribute a sum up to two guineas.—This was agreed to.

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DEATH OF AN OLD ASTON RINGER.**MR. JAMES HOPKIN'S WORK IN THE BELFRY.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Hopkin, an old Aston ringer, who passed away on March 5th at his residence in Church Lane, only a few yards from the church he loved so well. He was 76 years of age.

He went to Aston about 35 years ago and soon joined the Sunday band of ringers.

He learned to ring at Ashby-de-la-Zouch and was at one time a pupil of Mr. J. Jaggard. He had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major.

Mr. Hopkin was a delightful man and his presence in the belfry was always for the good of the company. He was regular service ringer and church attendant.

His memory will always be retained in Aston belfry on account of the beautiful illuminated tablets of peal records that hang on the walls. His writing of these is admired by all who see them.

He waited a long time for Aston bells to be restored and was very delighted when he heard them again last summer. But the years had left their mark on 'Old Jim,' and he found the climb up the steps too much for him. He had a few rounds on the new bells on two occasions, but that was all he could manage. He had nothing but praise for the new peal.

He was buried at Aston on Monday, March 9th. The Vicar (the Rev. H. McGowan) officiated, and in his remarks paid tribute to the deceased as a man who did things quietly and effectively. Deceased leaves a widow and son and daughter to mourn their loss.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by D. Matkin, J. Jaggard, A. Walker and H. Withers. Several Aston ringers and other ringers took part in half-muffled ringing on the tower bells immediately after the burial service.

The service was attended by about a hundred members of the 'Sons of Rest' from Aston Park, of which section the late Mr. Hopkin was secretary.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. A. WRIGHT.**TABLET DEDICATED AT PAINSWICK.**

A tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Albert Wright, of Pitchcombe, was dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Painswick, on Saturday afternoon, February 29th. The tablet, which is on an oak base, is in the belfry of the church, and has been erected by the ringers of Painswick as a mark of appreciation of the late Mr. Wright's service to them in the promotion of ringing. From 1912 until 1930 Mr. Wright was Master of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths and was always interested in bellringing anywhere. He had also composed and conducted a good number of peals at Painswick, including the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, which took 8 hours and 45 minutes to ring.

The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Hiram Craven (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. H. T. Paton (curate), whilst others at the service were Mrs. Wright and members of the family, Mr. J. Russell and Mr. G. A. Carse (churchwardens) and members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.

The Vicar paid a very warm tribute to Mr. Wright's devoted work for his church. The tablet is inscribed as follows:—

'Ancient Society of Painswick Youths. To the memory of the late Mr. Albert E. Wright, Master from 1912-30, from his fellow ringers.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

About 40 members, representing 14 towers, attended the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Hazelbury Bryan on March 14th. The Guild office was conducted by the Rev. William Uphill (Rector of Stour Provost), assisted by the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) and the Rev. J. L. Rhys (Rector of Hazelbury), who welcomed the members, and in a short, homely address described interesting features of the history of his church and parish. Tea was served in the Rectory, followed by a short business meeting, the Rev. F. L. Edwards presiding.

Douglas Woolridge and Sidney Hunt (both of Fontwell Magna) were elected ringing members.

It was agreed to hold an evening practice at Silton on May 9th, and a joint practice with the Wimborne Branch at Blanford on May 23rd. The chairman pleaded for a greater support for 'The Ringing World,' which journal was that week celebrating its silver jubilee—25 years' work of inestimable value to the Exercise. Complimentary copies of the jubilee number were distributed in the hope of increasing the circulation.

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The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, the Rector of Southwark, and to Mr. Mash who had arranged the tea; also to the general officers for their work during the year.

Ringers were present from many towers in the county, including Reddington, Carshalton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Mitcham (Christ Church and Parish Church), Reigate, Lingfield, Limpsfield, Chart, Wimbledon, Woking, Leatherhead, Ewell, Epsom, Benlinton, Putney, Banstead, Camberwell, Merton, Streatham, Southwark (St. George's), Redhill, Ashted and visitors from Little Mundon, Chislehurst, Dartford, Chelsea, Westminster (St. Margaret's), Bishopsgate, Beckenham, Swanscombe, Westerham, Northfleet, Hampstead, Hillingdon, Coventry, Kingsbury, Highgate, Holloway, etc.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION CONGRATULATES 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, and was attended by a representative gathering, upwards of 40 members being present from Barnsley, Doncaster, Wath, Arksey, Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, Rammoor, Wortley, Rotherham, Eastwood, Rawmarsh, Norton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Treeton and the local company. A good variety of methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, were sampled, and there was some excellent striking, especially in the higher methods.

The usual first-class tea provided by the local company was very much appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector of Handsworth (the Rev. Canon W. A. Baker) presided. Previous to the business, the secretary referred to the loss they had sustained by the death of Mr. T. O'Hara, of St. Marie's Company, Sheffield, and the members stood in silence as a last mark of respect to an old and valued member of the association.

Two new members were elected, viz., T. Nicholls, of Wath, and F. Gates, of St. Marie's.

For the annual joint meeting, to be held in June, it was decided that if the bells at Barnsley, which are at present at the Croydon Foundry, are available, to hold the annual joint meeting there in June, failing which, Penistone was selected.

The retiring officers, Messrs. G. Lewis (vice-president) and G. Clark, F. C. Wilson and W. Wooler (committee), were re-elected and thanked for their services during the past three years.

The hearty congratulations of the members were extended to Mr. Panther, of Wath, on reaching the total of 100 peals for the association.

The secretary was instructed to convey to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' the very best wishes of the members on the occasion of the journal's jubilee, and the meeting agreed to do whatever was possible to increase the circulation of the paper, for it was felt that if ringers had no paper it would be a calamity and almost impossible for the various associations to carry on.

The Chairman, having to leave, was heartily thanked for his presence and services and for the welcome which he always extends when Handsworth is visited, and which makes such a difference to a meeting, however small it may be.

Votes of thanks to the local company and to the ladies were accorded and replied to by Mr. F. Watkinson on their behalf.

WESTERN DIVISION AT LIVERSEDEGE.

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held their annual meeting on Saturday, March 14th, at Liversedge, when that delightful peal of bells was kept going throughout the afternoon and evening. Upwards of fifty members were present and a large variety of methods was rung. Tea was served in the schools followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. P. J. Johnson presided, supported by the association's president (the Rev. Canon Marshall) and the Rev. E. H. Fernie.

The Chairman, in a characteristic speech, appealed to all members to give their fullest support to 'The Ringing World,' which that week was celebrating its silver jubilee. He said this paper was not receiving the support which it merited, and he urged all present to do whatever they could to increase its circulation.

Five new members were admitted to the association, viz., Messrs. N. Greaves (Bramley), W. E. Ramsden (Drighlington), William Hargreaves and John Turner (Lindley) and George Ward (Rothwell).

The members showed their confidence in the retiring officers by re-electing their vice-president and the three committee members for a further period of three years.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for so kindly placing their bells at the disposal of the association, Canon Marshall said how pleased he was to see his old friend, the Rev. E. H. Fernie, who had recently returned from Australia.—This motion was seconded by Mr. W. S. Green.

The Rev. E. H. Fernie, in replying, assured the members that the welcome was indeed sincere, and he hoped he would have the pleasure of receiving the association again in the near future. He also referred humorously to the time when he tried very hard to learn ringing, but his efforts nearly ended in disaster.

The Chairman, in voicing the association's gratitude to the local company for their splendid arrangements, reminded the members of that wonderful band of ringers whose peal boards and records in the belfry pay tribute to their skill. He also congratulated the ladies for the very efficient way in which they had served the tea, mentioning that although some of them had very little experience of catering, they certainly knew how to look after ringers. Their arrangements were a credit to them.—Mr. W. Idle seconded this proposition, and Mr. Fred Hodgson replied for the local company.

The members then made their way to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

The June meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bingley, by the kind permission of the Rev. A. C. Vadden. Full particulars will be advertised later.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING DISCUSSES MUFFLING.**

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which was held at Finchley on Saturday week, was attended by some 36 ringers, giving a denial to the oft repeated assertion that the six-bell meetings are not well supported. Amongst those present were many well-known 'Surprise' ringers, who were not backward in ringing Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor for the benefit of several youngsters.

A bright service was held at 5 o'clock, with a helpful sermon by the Rector (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays), who afterwards joined the party at tea.

At the subsequent business meeting four new members were admitted, and the election of Mr. George Williams, provisionally made on February 15th prior to the '1,000 pealers' peal, was confirmed.

It was announced that the annual general meeting of the association was arranged to be held at Ealing on April 25th, and Pinner was chosen for the next district meeting on May 2nd or 16th.

Specimen copies of 'The Ringing World' silver jubilee number were distributed, and the hon. secretary strongly urged any members not already subscribers to become regular readers. The Exercise in general, and associations in particular, owed a lot to 'The Ringing World,' said Mr. Coles, and without that journal the lot of secretaries would be much worsened.

BELLS OR CLAPPERS?

Comment was made on recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the subject of the muffling of bells, and the chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), who is hon. secretary of the Central Council, said that the matter would come up for discussion at the next meeting.

The hon. secretary referred to the remarks made at the Birmingham dinner by a speaker who said he thought it silly to say the clappers were muffled. Mr. Coles said it appeared to him just as silly to say that the bells were muffled, and in any case the muffle was put round the clapper and not round the bell. Actually it was the note of the bell that was muffled, and it would seem to be quite in order for a footnote to read 'Rung half-muffled (or muffled), etc.' without any reference to the clapper or bell.

Mr. Fred A. Barker welcomed the members present to Finchley, and expressed the pleasure of the local ringers at seeing so many at a six-bell meeting.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service, and for allowing the meeting to take place; to Mr. F. Cherrett for arranging the meeting; to the organist; and to Mrs. Barker and friends for preparing tea. He also acknowledged Mr. Barker's words of welcome.—The vote of thanks was carried with applause.

Whilst some members amused themselves with the handbells, others returned to the tower, where the new District Master, Mr. T. J. Lock, looked after the requirements of all, with Grandsire Doubles up to London Surprise Minor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**AN EXPERIMENT IN WEST DORSET.**

The first of a series of combined practices for the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Bradpole tower on Saturday week. Members attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Chideock, Ever-shot and Lyme Regis with the intention of gaining some insight into Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Every opportunity was given to those who had not taken a working bell in these methods before, and encouraging results were obtained as the fruit of keen paper study in preparation for this meeting. Ere the afternoon was over some quite good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung as well as courses of Stedman Triples and touches of Bob Major, all of which undoubtedly stirred the interest of those who had never taken a rope in these methods before, or had never had the chance to get beyond Doubles—besides helping to instil the hope among the others that the practice of fresh methods will be introduced into a wider range of towers in the branch.

The Rector, the Rev. C. W. d'Ombain, most kindly provided tea for all, and was warmly thanked for his welcome and encouragement.

This was felt to be a really useful gathering, during which every moment of the time was well employed, everyone being most sympathetic to instruction; and it is hoped that such practices may become a regular quarterly feature in the future programme of the branch.

FATHER AND SON.**ANOTHER RECORD.**

The association of a father and son in the art of change ringing at the same parish church may be held to constitute a record. The father was Mr. Thomas Roberts, who began on the 'dinner bell' at Ringstead, Northamptonshire, at the early age of 14, and, from that time, continued as a change ringer until his death just before the beginning of the Great War, accomplishing a service of over 60 years.

His son, George Henry, was initiated into the art at about the age of 20, and has now completed a service of 51 years in Ringstead and the neighbourhood. Father and son have thus accomplished in length of service an aggregate of 111 years, and they rang together for a period of 30 years, as one might say, side by side.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION AT LITTLE WALTHAM.**

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Little Waltham on February 28th, and, in spite of the inclement weather, 46 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening to try the bells, which were rehung and a new treble added to make six last year after being out of ringing order for about 40 years.

A very pleasing feature of the gathering was the number of young ringers who attended, especially those who belong to the local band. They are very keen and visit other towers in the neighbourhood for additional practice.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. C. Gayford, who gave a very interesting address. The lesson was read by the District Master (Dr. Spencer Phillips) and the singing accompanied by the organist.

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall, served by Mrs. Gayford and several lady helpers, and presided over by the Rector.

At the business meeting, presided over by the District Master, seven new ringing members were elected, viz., A. Boyce, J. M. Gayford, L. M. Hedges and T. J. Matthams, Great Waltham; A. Everett and A. M. Joslin, Boreham; and F. P. Lewis, Maldon.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Galleywood on May 2nd.

The District Master, on behalf of the members, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and taking the service, and congratulated him on the success of the restoration of the bells. He also thanked the organist and Mrs. Gayford and her helpers.

The Rector, in reply, gave the association a hearty welcome and hoped that they would come again as soon as they could. He thanked the association for their help in the restoration of the bells.

Handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower and at 9.15 the bells were lowered, thus bringing another enjoyable meeting to a close.

The following towers were represented: Great Bardfield, Dunmow, Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Ford End, Danbury, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Great Totham and Little Waltham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing took place in the afternoon, and tea was held at St. Nicholas' Home.

Rev. Canon H. J. Enraght, Rector of Lowestoft, who is also vice-president of the association, presided at the business meeting.

Mr. W. J. Lee was re-elected president and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood was re-elected secretary.

The committee elected was Messrs. R. W. Barber, J. Taylor, R. T. Woodley, C. Parnell and A. J. Moy.

Messrs. R. J. Davey and A. G. King were nominated for the General Committee of the association.

Three new members were elected, and the following dates were arranged for meetings: June 13th, Ade; September 6th, Great Yarmouth.

Twenty-two members attended from Norwich, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Wymondham, Gorleston and Kessingland. Ringing took place in the evening, the methods rung being Cambridge, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

A fine meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also for arranging with the matron of the Home for a fine tea, which was much appreciated.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

THEDDINGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): C. Wright 1, D. Allsopp 2, T. Miller 3, G. Hollick (conductor) 4, A. Millward 5. First quarter by ringers of 1 and 3. Ringers of treble and tenor are of the local band, and this is believed to be the longest length on the bells in which any local member has taken part.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. F. Cockell 1, W. C. West 2, J. Jefferson 3, R. H. Legg 4, S. R. Cockell (first attempt as conductor) 5, A. J. West 6, W. S. Burbridge 7, J. J. Cockell 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Thursday, March 12th, at the Parish Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. E. Milton 1, W. J. Jeffries 2, A. Kilner 3, J. J. Lamb 4, C. A. Bines (conductor) 5, J. Hurrell 6, H. Wood 7, R. Peach (first quarter-peal) 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—For evensong, on March 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Mrs. Berry 1, G. Maxim 2, Miss G. Church 3, *W. Newnham 4, *E. Newnham 5, F. Perrin 6, A. House 7, G. Thurgood 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, W. Perry 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 23rd, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a token of appreciation of the Rev. W. Platt, who was leaving Eastwood parish to take up duties at Leicester Cathedral: K. Makin (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Casswell (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Stamp 3, L. Parkin 4, N. Chadcock (conductor) 5, S. Briggs 6, C. Poultney 7, P. Mangham 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ELLOE DEANERIES SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING JUBILEE.**

At the annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held recently at Spalding, the Rev. E. C. Gee, Vicar of Pinchbeck, was elected president of the branch, to succeed the Rev. G. H. Clark, of Surfleet, who resigned after occupying the office for twelve years. The meeting followed service in the Parish Church, at which Canon G. B. Nicholas (Vicar) officiated, and the address was given by Canon W. F. Hodge (Vicar of Bennington).

The retiring president presided over the annual meeting, when the following clergy were present: Canon Nicholas, Canon Walter Hicks (Metheringham), the Rev. E. C. Gee, the Rev. G. A. Elson (Donington) and the Rev. J. E. Callister (St. Paul's, Spalding), and ringers from Bicker, Donington, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Moulton, Whaplode, Holbeach, Long Sutton, Tydd St. Mary, Gedney Hill, Market Deeping, Cambridge and Peterborough, in all over 60.

Before the business a vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Walsoken, wife of the late Rector, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was to have addressed the meeting that afternoon.

At the last annual meeting the secretary (Mr. George Ladd, Pinchbeck) gave notice of his intention to resign this year, but, on being pressed to continue in this capacity, he consented, tribute being paid to his past work.

The Rev. G. H. Clark was also warmly thanked for his work on behalf of the Guild.

The vice-presidents, Canon Nicholas, the Rev. T. G. Devitt (Fleet) and the Rev. Callister, were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. G. H. Clark.

Other officers re-elected were Mr. R. Smith (treasurer), Messrs. J. T. Brown and R. Richardson, Surfleet (auditors), Mr. J. T. Brown (branch representative on the Diocesan Guild Committee).

The treasurer presented his balance sheet, which was considered satisfactory and adopted. It showed a balance of £27 in hand.

The following were elected as ringing members: Messrs. H. Smith (Moulton), J. W. Everitt, J. W. Gray, J. R. Gray, G. W. Johnson and E. N. Sellars (all of Fulney), J. R. Holmes (Spalding), S. C. Lawes and D. Lawes (Gedney Hill), A. W. Townsend (Long Sutton), and H. Taylor (Deeping St. Nicholas).

Meetings were arranged for the coming year at Gadney Hill (May 9th), Pinchbeck (June 13th), Moulton (September 12th) and Fulney (November 28th).

The meeting at Pinchbeck will coincide with the completion of 50 years' membership of the branch by the hon. secretary.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Nicholas, Mr. Chester and Canon Hodge, and the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing in various methods.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A good gathering of ladies attended the North District meeting at Ossett, although the weather was terrible. At the business meeting, held in the church, four new members were elected.

After joining the gentlemen in the belfry, several mixed touches were rung on the fine peal of ten bells. Later a service was enjoyed by all, and several remarked on the brilliant sermon.

Good use was made of a lady's car to take ringers to the tearoom. After the tea Miss Thompson thanked the Mayor for his kindness and generosity, and Mr. Bennett and others who had made the meeting such a success.

The Mayor replied that although he was a very busy man—he had travelled half-way across England and through snowdrifts and floods to get to this meeting—when they woke him up at 4.30 to say it was time to be getting along, he didn't mind! He had heard from somewhere that a certain band of young men had shut themselves safely up (away from 'Kate') in a tower nearby and were ringing a bachelors' peal. He thought that the fearless gentlemen who had attended the meeting were having the best time of it.

Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association) gave a few words of welcome, and remarked that he was real glad to see again the old-fashioned ringers' spread (a knife and fork tea) that he had seen this afternoon. He was pleased that he was one of the fearless ones, as he was very much enjoying himself.

**PARISHIONERS IN THE BELFRY.
RECRUITS AFTER VISIT TO RINGERS.**

Parishioners of St. John's Church, Hillingdon, were invited by the local Guild of ringers to an interesting evening in the belfry on Monday of last week. A good number attended. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow gave an historical review of change ringing and of the bells in the tower. Six bells were placed in the tower when it was rebuilt in 1629. In 1731 they were recast into eight, and it is interesting to note that one of the earliest recorded peals of Grandsire Triples was rung there in 1733. In 1911 the bells were increased to ten, various recastings having taken place in the intervening years.

Practical demonstrations of ringing were given to the visitors, who also inspected the bells and found much to interest them. The Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford) thanked the ringers and explained that the object of the demonstration was to attract recruits to the Guild.

As a result of the interest created, half a dozen parishioners have volunteered for belfry work.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.**

Attention is drawn to Rules 7 and 10, i.e., "All nominations (president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and hon. auditors), and all resolutions to be proposed, shall be sent to the hon. secretary in writing signed by two members of the Council not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting."

Will all persons holding a stock of publications on "sale or return" kindly send me particulars, and return any unsold "Laws affecting Church Bells"?—G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

On Sunday evening, March 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. C. Alford 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. J. Norton 3, T. Langdon 4, U. Wildney 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, F. G. Cole (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Messrs. C. F. Winney and S. Clift.

At Barking, Essex, on Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. G. Moore 1, O. E. Faulkner 2, R. Fenn 3, F. G. Newman 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, S. J. Holgate 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. G. Cottis 8. Rung on the birthday of R. Fenn.

On Tuesday, March 10th, to mark the occasion of the 81st birthday of Mr. Frank L. Bumpstead, and who has been steeplekeeper for 40 years at St. Peter's, Colchester, various touches were rung of Double Norwich, Superlative, Stedman, also 488 of London Surprise, in which Mr. F. L. Bumpstead rang the treble. On Sunday evening, March 15th, 832 Superlative was rung by H. T. Pye, R. Codamy (longest touch in method), G. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, G. Townes, W. Dent, V. Kerridge and E. P. Duffield (conductor), in honour of the birthdays of G. N. Rashbrook and V. Kerridge.

At St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, on February 2nd, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor, 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. Nonkes 5, V. Wilkinson 6, F. J. Ewens 7, F. Farr 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MOLD, NORTH WALES.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. H. Jones 1, E. Evans 2, J. Metcalf 3, F. Roberts 4, J. Roberts 5, F. Hartman (conductor) 6. First 720 for all except conductor.

POPLAR.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,263 changes) of Stedman Caters: W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, H. Hoskins 2, J. Bennett 3, Miss N. Hardcastle 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. Madgwick 6, J. Euston 7, J. Marks 8, H. Folkhard 9, W. Partiss 10. Arranged and rung for the tenorman, who is the towerkeeper.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.—At St. Michael's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): J. Durrant 1, E. E. Davey 2, W. Rouse 3, H. Cuthbert 4, H. A. Wright 5, E. B. Smith 6, A. J. Clarke 7, M. J. Ling (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

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PENDLEBURY, MANCHESTER.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 28th, at 4.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. The ring of eight has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Sturry on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Ringing for all. Rounds to London. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by invitation of Sturry ringers and friends. Please send card to Mr. French, Lamorbey, School Hill, Sturry. Please help to make this meeting a success.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25d, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.15 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Short service in church at 5.45 p.m., followed by unveiling of an interesting peal tablet in the belfry, recording two peals, one rung in 1900. Please make a special effort to attend and send names to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The adjourned Redbourne meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28th. Usual arrangements. Let us have a big meeting, but send a card to say you are coming. Important business.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nutfield (6 bells) on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Club Room, High Street. All ringers welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on March 28th. This fine peal of bells will be open during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church House after, with business meeting to follow. All will be welcomed. A postcard, if possible, will greatly assist in making arrangements for tea.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Roll along. All are welcome.—J. H. Clifton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 174, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, March 28th. The new peal of eight bells will be available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Collingbourne-Kingston on March 28th. Six bells.—Walter J. Jennings, 16, Lainey's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Carey Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maperton on Saturday, March 28th. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Six bells.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the St. Albans District will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10), available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for tea, etc.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 31st, St. Magnus' on April 2nd, 16th and 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, *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.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley on April 4th. Entries to contest and applications for tea at 1s. 6d. to be in my hands for March 28th.—T. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) **AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The postponed meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, April 4th. Other particulars as already announced. Please notify me early.—Frank Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea by Thursday, April 2nd, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3.30, and a change of programme gives us a meeting for 6.30 p.m. in the tower. Anyone interested in ringing heartily welcomed. Branch members earnestly requested to be present.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) from 3.45 and after tea. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in the Railway Hotel. Isleworth meeting on May 9th. All welcome to both meetings.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Nuttall, Notts, on April 4th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, for those notifying me by Wednesday previous. Frequent buses from Western Boulevard.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Vicar, Rev. J. W. Carpenter. Tea and meeting to follow in the School. Subscriptions now due. For tea, 9d. per head, please notify Mr. J. Fisher, 15, Park Road, Coppull. All ringers welcome. These bells are worth a visit.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of this association will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at Norton. Six beautiful bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea in Church Institute at 5 p.m., which will be free to those only who notify Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. Others will pay.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington (8 bells) on Saturday, April 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s. 3d., at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Horsham (8 bells) on Saturday, April 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea Wednesday previous to meeting, please. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Padworth on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 6d. a head. Number for tea to be sent to Rev. R. Howes, Beenham Vicarage, Reading.

CODSALL, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON.—The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford on Sunday, April 5th, at 6.30 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas, Hereford. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 p.m., All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 11 a.m. all day, subject to weddings. Cathedral 10) from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Committee meet at St. Andrew's Schools 2.30 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head), Pierpont Restaurant, Midland Road. Admission by ticket only, to be had from Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than April 9th. Ticket holders to be in room by 5 o'clock. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting at Wisbech on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 o'clock in Smith's Cafe, price 1s. each, followed by business meeting. Elm and Leverington bells available from 10 a.m. to 3.15 p.m., and in the evening. No ringing allowed during service and meeting.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the church at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Castle; preacher, the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in St. Mary's Hall following the service. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets for luncheon free to practising members, visitors 2s. 6d. All pay for their liquid refreshment. Owing to limited accommodation, application for tickets, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by last post Wednesday, April 8th, after which no application can be entertained. Other towers open for ringing: Cudham (10), Sevenoaks (8), Edenbridge (8), Sundridge (8), Brasted (6), from 10 to 11 and after the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), St. Michael's (6), and St. Stephen's (6) available from 2 p.m. Will ringers desirous of ringing at the six-bell towers advise me, so arrangements can be made with ringer in charge? Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Please do not be late. Tea and business at the Abbey Institute close by. Notification of attendance is necessary if ample tea arrangements are to be made.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The postponed luncheon of the Guild will be held at Trinity, on Tuesday, April 28th. Will all those non-resident members wishing to attend inform the secretary as soon as possible?—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

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DEATH.

KNIGHT.—At 105, Hainault Road, Leytonstone, on March 21st, Robert Kelham Knight, aged 91 years; 70 years a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

WELCOMED BY THE MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

A meeting of the North Staffs Association was held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, March 7th, when 38 ringers were present from Alsager, Burslem, Brown Edge, Biddulph, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Leek, Lawton, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall, Uttoxeter and Wistaston.

Service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Watkins (Rector of Newcastle), who gave a very interesting address. The choir were also in attendance, with Mr. C. Pomfret at the organ, and were afterwards entertained to tea by the Newcastle ringers.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and the usual votes of thanks were passed.

Immediately after tea the company were honoured by the presence of Alderman S. Myott (Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme), who was afterwards elected an honorary member of the association.

A roll of the company present was called over by the Mayor, who, in turn, welcomed representatives of each tower to the ancient borough.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT YATELEY.

RINGERS SHARE IN FESTIVITIES.

On Thursday, February 27th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, of Manor House Farm, Yateley, Hants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. Their grandson, C. Butler, rang the treble, this being his first quarter-peal. Their son, G. Butler, was conductor and their son-in-law, F. Watts, rang the third, this being his first quarter-peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

After the ringing the ringers were asked to sit down, and more of the band rang a 504 as a further compliment. Mr. G. Butler then led the party to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Watts, son-in-law and daughter.

Here the band were warmly welcomed by Farmer Butler and his good wife, together with his daughters and grandchildren, and invited to take part then in a real golden wedding feast. The bridegroom cut the splendid three-tier cake, with bells all round; wine was brought and the president of the band proposed the health of the farmer and wife. Bells were rung in changes and tunes. Songs were sung by the son and daughter, and a real good evening passed quickly away. Such is the spirit of comradeship in the Yateley band of ringers, who considered themselves highly honoured, as a band, to have an invitation and to be the chief guests on this great occasion for the family.

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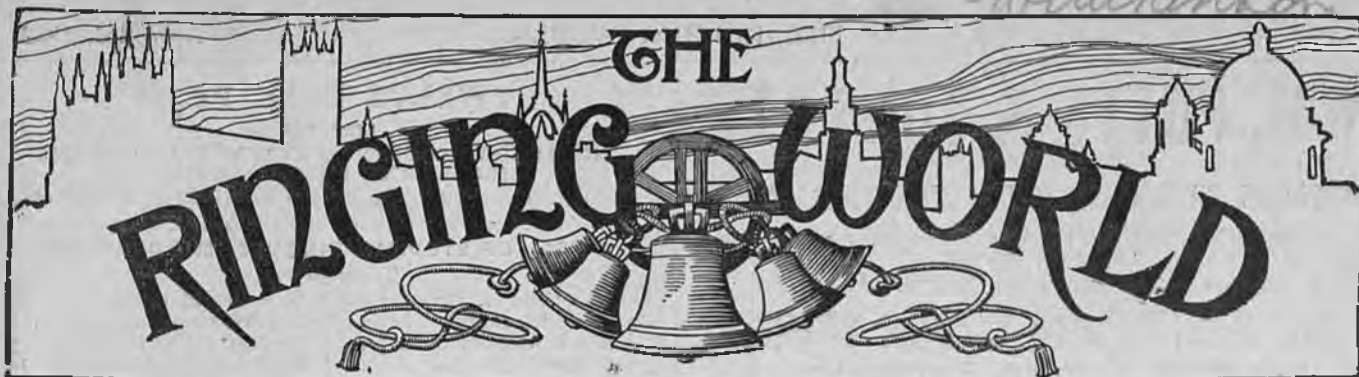
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JAMES MARSH 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... 8
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LESTER L. GRAY 9
JOHN BOOTH 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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*R. WILLIAM BARBER... .. 3	HENRY TOOKE 8
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PERCY NEWION 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
*HAROLD CHANT 3	†DAN SMITH 7
*ARTHUR FIRTH 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Spiced Major. † First peal of Major.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 8LPICED BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, EALING, LONDON, RUTLAND,
SUPERLATIVE AND WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	*THOMAS J. LOCK 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	*JAMES H. RIDING 7
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 4	*FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in seven Major methods. This peal consists of 960 Ealing, 768 Bristol, 768 London, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative, 576 Rutland and 576 Wembley, and is the first time that a peal in these seven methods has been rung. There were 137 changes of method.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JESSE HARRISON Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILFRED EDWARDS 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
PERCY NEWTON 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung after the christening ceremony, which took place at the above church, of Clare, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. M. Bennett, of Chartridge House, Chesham, and a granddaughter of Sir Charles A. Bennett, chairman of the branch.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE
AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5
JOHN H. ARBON 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN

* First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	JAMES H. C. MASSEY ... 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	*JAMES OGDEN 6
HAROLD HAMER 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	*ABRAHAM OGDEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthdays of John Hollowes and James Arrowsmith. Ringers of 3rd and 5th from Milnrow, the rest belong to the local band.

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BEJERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	1 Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	HAROLD V. COOPER	7
THOMAS HEMMING	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band, except 6th and tenor ringers.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*LATIMER WILLIAMS	1 Treble	JOHN W. JONES	5
*GILBERT HOWELL	2	GEORGE POPNELL	6
WALLACE DOBBINS	3	ERNEST STITCH	7
*JOHN H. HARRISON	4	*CYRIL PETTIT	Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal. A birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd. Arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, and Mr. G. Popnell, of Bedwellty.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM CARNWELL	1 Treble	JAMES A. MILNER	5
*JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	LIONEL CLOUGH	6
KENNETH LEWIS	3	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	1 Treble	JAMES DURRANT	5
JAMES ROSE	2	CHARLES SHEMMING	6
KRITH W. WHITTELL	3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	7
WILLIAM KINSEY	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

The conductor has now called peals of every possible number of changes up to and including 5,184 in the above method, also Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	1 Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6
FRANK W. PERRINS	3	RICHARD F. ROE	7
*ALBERT WALKER	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER AYRE	1 Treble	HORACE L. WAITE	4
*JOSEPH HOBBS	2	*GEORGE DANIELS	5
WM. J. PUDDIFOOT	3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RANDALL.

* First peal of Minor and belong to the local company. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER EVANS	1 Treble	LESLIE EVANS	4
TREVOR JONES	2	WILLIAM RICHARDS	5
JABEZ PREECE	3	THOMAS ECKLEY	Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

Rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Guild, on March 22nd, 1886.

BLACK TORRINGTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores spliced into blocks of 840 changes each.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

W. SLEZ	1 Treble	*W. H. R. SMALE	4
*R. HILL	2	F. SANGWIN	5
†F. JENNINGS	3	*A. WARD	Tenor

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

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

ST. MARTIN-BY-LOOE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. HENRY MORCOM	1 Treble	EDWARD SANDERS	4
CYRIL E. LANXON	2	HAROLD J. CLARKE	5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN	3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

First peal on the bells.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) London and Wells; (2) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (3) London Bob and Double Oxford; (4) St. Clement's and Childwall; (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (6) Double and Reverse Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	1 Treble	HORACE L. WAITE	4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL	2	FRANCIS TOMPKINS	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First spliced peal in 14 methods by all, and by the association. There were 137 changes of method; 76 bobs and eight singles. The conductor's 400th peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. N. Agg-Large, B.A.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. E. HUBBARD Treble	*H. MORTON... .. 4
J. A. TALBOT... .. 2	G. T. H. WALKER 5
J. W. UDALE 3	G. S. COLES Tenor

Conducted by G. T. H. WALKER.

* First peal and first attempt.

MURSLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

HORACE JACKMAN... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SAYERS 4
REV. JOHN M. TREDENNICK ... 2	CHARLES W. SMITH 5
JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK ... 3	CHARLES DICKENS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK.

First peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung and two recast by Messrs. Bowell and Sons, of Ipswich. First peal by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

*WILLIAM JONES Treble	JOHN BASS 4
JOSEPH SOUTHALL 2	PERCY RICHARDS 5
JOHN H. PAGETT 3	†HORACE ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

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

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*JACK PEARSON Treble	*CECIL J. MAYER... .. 4
†G. LESLIE A. LUNN 2	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
HAROLD MARCON 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

*MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal in the method rung on handbells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY... .. 1-2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
JACK BRAY 3-4	ERNEST BRITAIN 7-8

Arranged by J. BRAY. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2	†ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5-6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3-4	EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First attempt for Stedman Triples on handbells. † First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells and 100th peal for the Middlesex Association. First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells as conductor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ANOTHER METHOD OF DOUBLES.

The construction of regular methods of Doubles very severely limits the number available, and Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire and Double Grandsire are the only methods with two bells in the hunt. Of other 'regular' methods there are only five with one bell in the hunt. We dealt with one of them, Reading, in conjunction with Reverse Grandsire last week. None of the other four are pure Doubles from end to end of the plain course. Either when the treble is leading or lying behind, two other bells have to lie still, leaving only one pair, instead of two pairs, to change. Whereas in the three varieties of Grandsire and in Reading all the changes in the plain course are pure Doubles, and the full extent of 120 can be obtained by the use of two singles, substituted for bobs, in these other four methods the place-making referred to has the effect of a single in every lead and consequently the actual calls employed are bobs only.

One of the methods of this type is called Union and is really like Grandsire with a bob instead of a plain lead, coupled with a 'single' when the treble is behind. This 'single' is made by the bell that takes the treble off lead, making 3rd's and going back to lead again, while the bell that the treble turns from behind makes 4th's and turns the treble.

You can set out the work in a convenient table thus:—

Pass treble in 3-4, double dodge in 4-5 (up), lie whole pull behind, make 4th's (under the treble), lie whole pull behind, double dodge 5-4 (down).

Pass treble in 2-3, make 3rd's and lead, 3rd's and lead, 3rd's and lead.

You can summarise it thus:—

Double dodge up, make 4th's, double dodge down; after leading make 3rd's and lead, three times.

In other words, you make 3rd's after turning the treble from lead and passing it in 2-3 and 1-2. After the third time you will find the treble, coming down through 4-3, will prevent you making 3rd's again.

The plain course runs to four leads. A bob causes the bell that would have double dodged in 5-4 (down) to run straight in; the bell that would have dodged 4-5 (up) to lie a whole pull behind and have a single dodge in 5-4 (down), and the bell that passed the treble in 2-3 and should have made 3rd's, to run out and dodge in 4-5 (up).

The extent of 120 can be obtained by calling a bob at any one of the four leads in the first course, and at the corresponding lead in the two succeeding courses. The best place actually to call the bobs is when the treble is in 3rd's place on the way down. Below are the figures of a plain lead and bob lead of Union, and we recommend beginners to write out the figures of the full course, draw a continuous line over one of the figures, other than or in addition to the treble, and study the diagram which is thus produced.

A diagram is a great aid to ringing a method. Advanced ringers nearly always learn their methods in this way, and if you begin now, ringing by diagram will become a habit with you. Learn the outline of the diagram by noting, when you hunt up or down, where the place making and dodging occur, and noting, too, where you pass the treble. When you can do this it is astonishing how easily you can learn new methods, one reason being because in all regular methods one-half reverses on the other, and you find similarity and symmetry in the work.

Well, here are the figures of Union Doubles:—

Plain lead	Bobbed lead
12345	12345
21354	21354
23145	23145
32415	32415
34251	34251
43251	43251
42315	42315
24135	Call bob 24135
21453	21453
12435	12543
14253	15234
41235	51243
42153	52134
24513	25314
25431	23541
52431	32541

AN OPEN LETTER.

TO AN OLD FRIEND.

Dear Tom,—I must say that I enjoyed the jubilee issue of our paper more than usual, especially the articles. 'J. A. Trollope' is always worth reading; and so is 'W. W.' in his way—even to that little dig at you! It was the latter, coupled with the fact of the jubilee, that reminded me. It must be getting on for five-and-twenty years since Reuben and you engineered my first peal, and I suppose this is why I resent others 'giving you one,' while I am perfectly prepared to 'have a go' at you myself! However!

You know, if I were one of the 'leading lights'—a master or secretary of a large association, on the C.O., and all that, one whose opinion carried weight—I'd put up a scheme! I'd suggest a 'tax' on associations, or something, toward the production of a larger paper—a sort of insurance against its lapse in, I hope, the far distant future. I think something like it could be done, if everybody got together, because the associations would be lost without some means of broadcasting; and, I believe, with the Editor, that a great part of our ringing life lies in the reading of what others do and say. I do know that much of my own interest would wane without this privilege.

Oh, by the way! That £720 cheque of yours in 'W. W.'s' dream! As usual, he's got it all wrong, hasn't he? You see, that cashier paid you from a bundle of notes which were numbered XYZ 0-999. I feel sure that he gave you the first note. Of course, No. 720 was left on his own pile, and you must have had your eye on that one. You got the lot, old man; the trouble is that you didn't count 'em. Of course, if he kept back No. 0, and spoilt the sequence, you've been diddled; but, take it from me, no self-respecting cashier would be such a fool!

Well—here's to increased circulation; or, that scheme!

GEORGE.

THAT ELUSIVE POUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I cashed a cheque for £x the other day, and the cashier insisted on paying me £x+1, explaining that in that particular bank it had always been the custom not to count the first pound at all.

I had already sent in my resignation to my employers and was in the act of drawing a few small cheques to 'Self' when, like Mr. Willson, I awoke.

Oxford.

W. COLLETT.

MR. WILLSON'S DREAM.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Willson's memory has played him false. What happened at that street corner was this: We had decided on good and sufficient grounds that a drink was necessary, but could not find between us the price of one round. Tom, however, had his watch left and so he went round to the pawnbroker's to raise something on it. He came back counting a handful of silver, and as he drew nigh he said, 'Dash it all! He has given me one bob short!' But Mr. Willson, overjoyed at the sight of so much wealth, grabbed the money out of Tom's hand, and, bursting into the Latin tongue, as is his wont when even poetry cannot express his feelings, called out, 'Ad infernos unum! Ecce pubbum! Quod habes amico? Mildum et bitterum? Pintum?' But it was Tom's money. And Mr. Willson is not awake yet. J.A.T.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION ELECTS 22 MEMBERS.

The Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association held its annual meeting at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. The Vicar (the Rev. F. P. Hughes) conducted the service and gave a very appreciative and manly address regarding the use of church bells and ringers' duties relating thereto.

Tea was partaken of at the Pitman Institute, and 41 members sat down to an excellent repast, the Vicar presiding.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, occupying the chair, the whole of the outgoing executive were re-elected, and 22 new members were elected—a very creditable addition to the division. The election of Mr. J. P. Polloe, of Oxford, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

The secretary (Mr. A. O. Pankhurst) again called attention of members to the necessity of those desirous of attending these meetings sending a postcard intimating that fact. At that meeting he had only made arrangements for 30 teas.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Saviour's for the use of the bells at those towers; to Mr. A. Piper for his generosity regarding the cost of the tea, which he partly defrayed, and to Mr. Butcher for presiding at the business meeting.

The members then went on to St. Saviour's tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock. During the day touches in Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Surprise methods were rung.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Sunday, March 8th, at St. George's Church, Stockport, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 69th birthday: R. B. Tapp 1, C. E. Tompkinson 2, P. Laflin 3, G. L. Burgess 4, F. Twigg 5, A. E. Jones 6, H. Meakin (conductor) 7, H. Ashton 8, A. F. Bailey 9, O. Bell 10.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S RECORD GATHERING AT STEPNEY.

The Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild held a very successful meeting at the ancient and historic Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney.

Stepney bells have the reputation of being one of the finest rings of ten in the country, a reputation with which most of the 50 or more people present at the meeting fully agreed, after having heard and rung them.

The newly-formed local band, known as the Guild of Stepney Scholars, set the bells going to Grandsire Triples shortly before the advertised starting time, and subsequently some of them rang in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters in a manner which promises great things for Stepney ringing in the future. The band is a very young one and it is very gratifying to see change ringing firmly established in what has for many years been a stronghold of 'stone' ringers. It is to be hoped that they will very soon achieve their ambition of ringing an entirely local peal.

Various methods were rung by the visitors until 5 p.m., when tea, which the local band very generously provided, was served in the Parish Hall.

Following this, a short business meeting was held, at which the usual routine matters were speedily dealt with.

St. John at Hackney was chosen for the next meeting, to be held in May. St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, being adopted as an alternative.

The secretary pointed out that the district would be celebrating its 25th anniversary later in the year, and it was decided to leave the matter for the committee to settle in what way this event should be commemorated.

The District Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. French, M.A., M.C., for the use of the bells, to the local band for the arrangements made and for the splendid welcome extended, and to the ladies who prepared and waited at tea. In responding, the Rector assured the society that the visit of the association to his church had given him and his ringers a great deal of pleasure, and he assured them that so long as he was Rector of St. Dunstan's they would always be welcome.

A return was then made to the tower, and, except for a break between 7.30 and 8 p.m. for a short service, ringing was carried on until about 9.15 p.m.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples and rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Visitors were present from many towers, and the District Master extended a special welcome to Messrs. F. Warrington and B. Wayman, of Over, Cambridgeshire.

This was the association's first visit to St. Dunstan's, and that the opportunity was appreciated was demonstrated by the fact that the attendance was a record for a meeting of the district.

CRAYFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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5,184.

BY EDWIN A. BARNETT.

23456 W. B. M. H.

23456	W.	B.	M.	H.
42635	—	—	—	3
23845	2	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	2
32654	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	2
62345	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	2
32546	—	—	—	3
35426	—	—	—	2
23456	—	—	—	3

The first peal in this method was rung at Crayford on December 21st, 1935.

Bob 1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6

A LONDON RINGING SOCIETY.

HAPPY GATHERING OF ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

The ringers of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, held their annual dinner at Slaters' Restaurant, Knightsbridge, on March 21st, when the Vicar (the Rev. E. Brooks Johnson, M.A.) presided, supported by the Rev. G. A. Jackson (curate), the Rev. Colin P. Cowley (formerly of St. Mary Abbot's, now Rector of Shenley, Essex), Mr. H. V. Kenyon and some thirty members and friends. The loyal toasts were duly honoured, and that of 'St. Mary Abbot's Guild' was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. Kenyon, who is churchwarden and an old friend of the Guild. It was responded to by the Master (Mr. W. E. Judd), who gave a short account of the year's work and peals rung, and mentioned the increase both in methods and standard of practice which had marked the year.

The toast of 'The Church' was given by Mr. G. J. Strickland, who recounted briefly the historical aspects of the Church, its numerous beneficent activities and its close association with ringers, which he trusted would have a long and happy continuance.

After dinner, Mr. J. A. Dart and Mr. D. A. Roberts Thomas at the piano conducted an excellent programme of music and song, in which all present joined. Handbells were also being rung, and there was tune ringing by Messrs. J. R. and H. Mackman, whilst a song by Mr. Roberts Thomas in his native language brought a very successful evening to a close.

5,088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY J. S. WILDE, NEW ZEALAND.

234567	B	M	W	4	H	56342	B	M	W	H
647853				—		56423		2	2	1
357624				—		25463				
427365				—		64352				
567432				—		84523				
237546				—		42635		2	2	
23564 In				—		23456				3
62534				—		Composed in 1934				
35426				—		and first rung at St.				
35264				—		Thomas', Norbury,				
36642				—		for Chester Diocesan				
43652				—		Guild, conducted by				
56234				—		John Worth, March				
56342				—		7th, 1936.				

HALF PEALS.

At Kirkby-in-Furness, Lancs, on March 24th, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) in 1 hour 18 minutes: D. Waterworth 1, C. L. Sykes 2, G. Elwell 3, H. Casson 4, L. Rawlinson 5, N. M. Newby (conductor) 6. Longest length by all except ringers of 4th and 6th. All are local ringers except the conductor.

At St. Mary's Parish Church, Ashford, Kent, on Monday, March 16th, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Goldup, who was 77 years old on that day, and who rang his first peal on the previous Saturday at Rolvenden, a half-peal of Stedman Triples (2,520 changes) was rung, there not being time for a peal: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, H. O. Castle 2, J. Parsons 3, F. Conley 4, P. Page 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. E. Everett (conductor) 7, R. Goldup 8.

OVER RINGERS' RECORD.

Ringling at Over, Cambs, on Monday, March 23rd, for the customary weekly practice was just a little out of the ordinary. Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and three separate courses of London Surprise Major were rung as well as Double Norwich Major. Those taking part were J. Parish, M. Ginn, R. Smith, C. Robinson, F. C. Ginn, A. W. T. Ginn, W. I. Ginn, A. J. Ginn, F. G. Gleaves, B. Wayman and F. Warrington. It is believed that this constitutes a record for any one local company, both in the Ely Diocesan Association and in Cambridgeshire.

BACHELORS.

SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE.

The bachelors in several places celebrated their freedom on Leap Year Day in peal attempts. Some were rung, as our peal columns testify. Some were not, and the party who defied Kate four years ago (and only one of whose number has seen the error of his ways in the meantime) were among the unsuccessful.

Their meeting place was kept a close secret. They arrived at the church, so we are told, in various disguises, but, with anxiety weighing heavily upon them lest they should be discovered by one or more eligible females, they were unable to concentrate sufficiently, and the peal 'went west' after about two hours.

One at a time they slipped out of the belfry door into the night, and separated as quickly as they could, in the hope that, at any rate, some would escape. Their plans were successful. 'Not one of them was considered worth capture,' a lady correspondent tells us.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new bells for Hobart Cathedral are now packed and ready for shipping from the Loughborough Bellfoundry. It is not expected, however, that the tower will be ready to receive the bells until the summer.

With a 5,040 of Minor in 14 methods, spliced into seven 720's, Mr. Walter Ayre, president of the Herts County Association, rang his 400th peal on Monday week. Of these peals, 247 have been rung on tower bells, of which 194 have been conducted, and 153 have been rung on handbells, of which 81 have been conducted.

On March 22nd, 1886, the Hereford Diocesan Guild was founded, and on Saturday week six members, belonging to the Presteigne District, celebrated the jubilee by ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lyonshall. The ringers represented six towers, and after the peal were entertained to tea by the Rev. Ellison.

A peal of Doubles, rung at Mursley, Bucks, last week deserves special notice. The Rector (the Rev. J. M. Tredennick), who is 70 years of age, and his son, Mr. J. E. F. Tredennick, rang their first peal together. In addition, it was the first peal on the bells of their own parish and was conducted by Mr. J. E. F. Tredennick. It was the first peal by three others of the band. The bells have recently been rehung and two recast by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich.

We understand that a new 'Bow Bells' interval signal is shortly to be put into use by the B.B.C. The one which has done duty up to now is a record made some years ago of the old bells. A record has now been made by the Columbia Graphophone Company of the recast bells, and this will be substituted for the earlier record. Ringers will be interested to contrast the effect of the old and the new rings broadcast in this way.

The meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, which was to have been held at Feltham to-morrow, has been cancelled, as has also the meeting of the Sheffield District Society.

The ring of eight bells of Alresford Church, Hants, is to be rehung with new fittings in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

Mr. K. W. Mayer, of Lincoln, who was to have taken part in a peal at Welton, Lincs, on Saturday, met with a serious accident while at work. The gap in the peal band was filled at the last moment by Mr. Jack Pearson. Everyone will wish Mr. Mayer a speedy recovery.

WILLENHALL BELLS.

COMPLETE RESTORATION PROPOSED.

For some time past, the condition of the ring of eight bells in St. Giles' Parish Church at Willenhall, Staffs, has been causing anxiety to the Parochial Church Council, and, after taking the opinion of leading bellfounders, the Council has decided that the time has now arrived when the rehanging, recasting and repairing of the bells cannot with safety be any longer delayed. The approximate cost will be £750.

The parish is already faced with heavy expenditure for other purposes, including schools, organ and church fabric, and it is hoped that ringers generally will support the fund for the restoration of the bells, which have been frequently used in past years for practice and peal attempts, while many learners have rung their first touch or peal at this church.

The Council, therefore, appeals for generous support to enable this work to be proceeded with. Contributions will be gratefully received by the Vicar, the churchwardens, or Mr. Chris. Wallater, 1, Marston Street, Willenhall, captain of bellringers.

BELL ROPES' LONG LIFE.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Henley, Suffolk, last Saturday, and it is interesting to note that it was the 177th peal on the bells, with the original ropes made by John Pritchard and supplied through John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, 34 years ago, when the bells were augmented to eight.

Although the bells are a light peal, the longevity of these ropes is a remarkable tribute to John Pritchard's product and the attention bestowed upon them by those responsible for their care at Henley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very successful and enjoyable joint meeting of the Warwickshire and Staffordshire Societies was held at Tamworth, Staffs, on March 21st, and, in spite of the fact that the tower is on the boundary of both societies, about 35 members attended during the afternoon and evening.

The very fine ring of eight bells was made good use of during the afternoon, after which a move was made to the schools for tea. Among those present were the Vicar and churchwarden of Tamworth. The welcome the Vicar gave to the ringers was replied to by the Rev. G. H. Barker and Mr. F. W. Perrens, on behalf of the Staffordshire and Warwickshire Societies respectively.

Before returning to the tower for further ringing, change ringing and tunes on handbells were given by Messrs. J. B. Fenton, H. Knight, F. W. Perrens, G. F. Swann, C. H. Webb and J. H. W. White.

The best thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. S. G. Chaplin, of the local company, for his valued assistance in both making the meeting possible and a success.

A 'ROLL OF HONOUR.'

OF SUPPORTERS OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Silver Jubilee of 'The Ringing World' has prompted several original supporters of the paper to suggest that we should publish a list of present readers who have been subscribers without interruption from the first number.

This suggestion we gladly accept, and we invite all those ringers who have so loyally supported 'The Ringing World' throughout these 25 years to send us an intimation on a postcard, with their names and addresses.

Do it to-day!

RINGING AT GLOUCESTER.

A REVIVAL AT ST. MICHAEL'S.

It is gratifying to learn from statements made at the seventh annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association that there is promise of a real ringing revival at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, with which years ago the Rev. H. L. and E. B. James were actively associated, and at which the St. Michael's Juniors Society flourished.

The dinner, which was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, was presided over by Councillor W. R. Eggleton, who was supported by Mr. S. E. Romans (Master of the association and chairman of the branch), Mrs. Romans, Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary), Mrs. Harris, the Rev. E. C. Prichard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mrs. Guise and visitors from Bristol, Mangotsfield, Cheltenham, Ruardean, Newent, Westbury-on-Severn, Stonehouse, Minchampton, Swindon, Ross, Lydney, etc.

After the loyal toast, Mr. Eggleton proposed 'Church and State,' to which the Rev. E. C. Prichard responded. He said he was greatly impressed by the fact that the ringers at St. Michael's Church always prefaced their ringing with a prayer. In regard to the bells at St. Michael's, he said it was his intention that the belfry of his church should speak. The ringing of bells, he said, recalled the real joy and happiness of religion.

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. H. Knight, who said he was grateful for the support which the Gloucester ringers gave to the Bristol ringers. Gloucester, he added, was known all over England for its history in ringing.

Mr. Jack Clarke, giving the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' said he had never mixed with an association that was better or more true. Some years ago he thought that ringing in Gloucester was nearly doomed, because apparently the clergy were not in sympathy with it. Ringing in Gloucester at one time, he said, used to be second to none in the kingdom. It was a great pleasure to him to hear now that the Rector of St. Michael's would do his utmost to forward bellringing. If bellringing were carried on as it used to be in Gloucester, no one could grumble about it.

Mr. S. E. Romans, responding, said there was a shortage of young ringers in the city, and he appealed for new members. The clergy, he thought, might help them in that way and encourage young men to take an interest in bellringing. His ideal was to get a separate band of ringers for each tower in the city. At present they had to divide up to make a band for each church. He was glad that they had the use of the bells at St. Michael's Church, and they had been able to ring for Sunday services at least twice a month. Eight bells had been used, and they hoped in the future to be able to use ten. It had been found unsafe to ring the ten bells until some structural alterations had been made. Unfortunately, funds were not forthcoming for that at present, but the association might be able to contribute a donation towards the fund.

Mr. Romans proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Eggleton and Mrs. Eggleton, Mr. Prichard and representatives of the various districts responded.

Mr. G. Pinnell said there were some boys in the Bible Class at St. Michael's Church who were prepared to learn bellringing.

Entertainment was provided by Messrs. F. T. Harris, L. David, J. Austin, J. Williams, R. Benfield and G. H. Pinnell.

During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Michael's, St. Mary de Crypt and St. Mary de Lode Churches.

COMPLIMENT TO NONOGENARIAN.

At Rotherfield, Sussex, on Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Lovell (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, F. Hammond 2, R. Mitchell 3, A. Lewry 4, F. H. Hicks 5, E. Bishop, sen. 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8. This quarter-peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rochester, of Court Farm, for his 90th birthday.

GOOD FRIDAY.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual.

All notices and other communications for that issue must reach us not later than Monday next.

REOPENING OF TAMERTON FOLIOT BELLS.

BISHOP WELCOMED WITH HANDBELLS.

The six bells at Tamerton Foliot, near Plymouth, were rededicated by the Bishop of Exeter at a special service on Saturday afternoon, March 21st, and the old Devon village church was filled to capacity by a congregation numbering about 450, of whom 100 were visiting ringers. They came from belfries far and near—from St. Budeaux, Cornwood, Brampford Speke, Plymstock, Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), Plympton St. Mary, Buckfastleigh, Wembury, Ermington, Bickleigh, Botus Fleming, Egg Buckland and Bere Ferrers.

The visiting clergy included the Rev. R. H. Lucas, R.D., of Plympton and Vicar of Yealmpton, who acted as Bishop's chaplain; Prebendary S. R. Carden, Vicar of Egg Buckland; and the Revs. T. A. Hancock, Vicar of St. Budeaux; C. E. T. Wills, Vicar of Plympton St. Maurice; E. V. Cox, Vicar of Brampford Speke (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers); A. Calder, Vicar of Modbury; Leigh Murray, Vicar of Bickleigh; H. Leigh-Lye, Vicar of Maristow; S. M. Campbell, Vicar of Ivybridge; E. J. Burt, Vicar of Crown Hill; E. J. Davies, Vicar of Ilburton; B. Bonskin, Vicar of Maryfield, Torpoint; and R. C. Alexander, Vicar of Shaugh Prior.

Prior to the service the Bishop was met at the church door by a band of handbell ringers, who rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples as he entered the church, the band being S. R. Roper (Croydon) 1-2, T. G. Myers (Plymouth) 3-4, G. H. Myers (Plymouth) 5-6, L. E. Collins (Croydon) 7-8. The Bishop expressed his appreciation of the handbell ringing, and said it was the first time that he had been welcomed to a church in this way.

During the service his Lordship, preceded by the choir, churchwardens and clergy, proceeded to the west end of the church at the base of the tower, and performed the dedication ceremony in full view of the congregation. As the procession returned to the chancel, some well-struck rounds were rung on the tower bells by the local band.

NEW RINGING GALLERY.

Immediately after the service rounds and call changes were rung, in the real Devonshire style, by the St. Budeaux band of ringers, and then followed two perfectly struck touches by a mixed band, one of Kent Treble Bob Minor and one of Bob Minor, the ringers being S. R. Roper (Croydon) 1, G. H. Myers (Plymouth) 2, T. G. Myers (Plymouth) 3, E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) 4, Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke) 5, L. E. Collins (Croydon) 6.

The bells were subsequently kept going to call changes and the four standard methods until 9 p.m.

The bells have been retuned and rehung with up-to-date fittings, with all the latest improvements, in a massive new iron frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have also erected an oak ringing gallery about 12ft. above the ground floor. The new position of the ringers, with the consequent shortening of draught of the ropes, has brought about a great improvement in ringing conditions in the tower. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also overhauled the clock and added to it a Westminster quarter chime section.

Mr. S. R. Roper, who represented the firm, received congratulations from all sides on the excellent work throughout of the Croydon Foundry.

It is interesting to note that during the four years of his incumbency at Tamerton Foliot, the Rev. F. B. Soady has successfully completed the restoration of the tower, the installation of a modern heating apparatus and electric lighting, and the restoration of the bells and clock.

During the afternoon some 300 visitors and parishioners attended a public tea.

UNITY IN THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir:—It was not my intention to enter into this correspondence at all, as in my opinion the position was capably stated by Mr. W. Spice, sen., in the first paragraph of his letter. Unfortunately, he then proceeded to discuss the subject right away, and I must take exception to his last remark about the need of a Ringing Master. As one who helped to start this question in the Lewisham District, I must say that the idea of appointing a Ringing Master to quell 'that undesirable spirit' never entered into my calculations. I would remind Mr. Spice that the greater the unity and brotherly feeling, the greater the attendance at meetings, the more ringers to be accommodated, and, therefore, the greater need of a competent Ringing Master to keep things on the move. T. GROOMBRIDGE, jun.

LANCASHIRE OCTOGENARIANS HONOURED.

James Arrowsmith, retired 52

John Hollows, not out 60

This is the excellent record of years of service put in by two veteran Lancashire ringers at St. Leonard's Church, Milnrow. Both have recently reached the age of 80, Mr. Hollows' birthday being on February 24th and Mr. Arrowsmith's on March 24th. In honour of the double event, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Milnrow last Saturday, in which Mr. Hollows took part.

For upwards of 60 years John Hollows has stood in the band at the treble bell for service ringing, and has taken part in a number of peals rung on historic occasions. He also rang in the first local peals of Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and in the only peal of Minor on the bells at Milnrow.

James Arrowsmith had upwards of 52 years' continuous service ringing to his credit up to his retirement 10 years ago. He, too, rang in the first peals of Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Both veterans are life members of the Lancashire Association.

On February 28th the ringers of Middleton Parish Church with their wives and friends met at Miss Nall's Cafe to celebrate Mr. Arrowsmith's 80th birthday. Tea was served and afterwards whist was indulged in.

During the evening Lancashire dialect recitals and songs were rendered, and Mr. Arrowsmith's health was honoured with the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow.'

During the evening Mr. John Hollows was presented with a pipe in appreciation of his long and faithful services. He acknowledged the gift in a very humorous speech, in the course of which he thanked his friends and said how glad he was the band was again showing sign of a happy future.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NOMINATION MEETING.

The society's annual nomination meeting was held at Bramley on Saturday, March 28th. The bells were rung up about 3.30 p.m., and ringing continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in a nearby cafe. Further ringing took place after tea until 7 p.m., when owing to the smallness of the tower the business meeting was held in the choir vestry. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Hey (vice-president), the president being unavoidably absent owing to business.

The following were elected new members: The Rev. A. G. Harper, Messrs. P. Cole and J. Marsh, of Bramley, F. Davison, of Idle, J. J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, and N. Chaddock, of Eastwood.

Nominations for officers for the coming financial year were received as follows: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, S. Barron and H. Davison; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; auditors, Messrs. F. Raymond and F. Hutchinson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. F. Raymond and seconded by Mr. A. E. West.—The Rev. A. G. Harper (curate of Bramley) replied for the Vicar and churchwardens, and Mr. S. Helliwell for the local ringers.

Members were present from Armley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Elland, Headingley St. Chad's, Holbeck, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley, Sutton and the local company.

The next meeting is the annual general meeting, and is to be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 25th.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

NEW PEAL IN SEVEN METHODS BY E. C. S. TURNER.

The following is the composition of the peal of 5,088 Spliced Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, London, Rutland, Superlative and Wembley Surprise Major by E. C. S. Turner, which was rung for the first time on March 28th at Staines, conducted by the composer:—

23456	M	W	Methods
35642	—	2	W C B L
43652	3	—	E B B C L
56234	—	—	L C L
26435	—	3	L C B B E
35264	2	—	L B O W
25463	—	—	E O R
64352	—	—	W S L
53246	—	—	E O W
42635	—	—	W C E
36524	—	—	L S W
56423	—	—	R C R
62345	—	2	R S B E
52643	2	—	E B S R
46325	—	—	E C E
23564	—	—	R C E

Twice repeated.

G = Cambridge or Superlative.

The same figures can be used for four methods by ringing London instead of Ealing, Rutland and Wembley. The peal as rung contained 960 changes of Ealing, 768 of Bristol, 768 of London, 736 of Cambridge, 704 of Superlative, 576 of Rutland and 576 of Wembley.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

CHRIST CHURCH, DUBLIN, WIN SUNDAY ATTENDANCE SHIELD.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Limerick on St. Patrick's Day. Considering the great distances travelled by those present, 72 must be considered a good muster. The following towers were represented: Dublin (three towers), Bray, Arklow, Waterford, Cork and the two local towers, St. Mary's Cathedral (eight bells, tenor 24 cwt.) and Mount St. Alphonsus' (eight bells, tenor 27 cwt.). The majority made the journey by car, and the weather, proving all that could be wished for, made travelling pleasant.

Luncheon was served in the Stella Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting. The president, the Very Rev. Dean Mayers (Waterford), occupied the chair, and the Dean of Limerick gave a cordial welcome to the members to that old city.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. D. McNeice, Mount St. Alphonsus', Limerick; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff; Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. Messrs. G. Lindoff and R. S. F. Murphy were elected representatives on the Central Council.

Dublin was selected as the place of meeting next year, and about 40 new members were elected.

The Sunday Ringing Attendance Shield was carried off by Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, with 100 per cent.

The Murphy Cup, presented by Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., for a contest in striking at the annual meeting, was won by Waterford Cathedral, St. Finbarr's Cathedral, Cork, putting up fine opposition. The sum of one guinea was voted to the William Pyc Memorial Fund. Both rings of eight were made good use of during the day.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PROPOSAL TO REVIVE ANNUAL DINNER.

A quarterly meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths was held on Saturday at Gravesend, when about forty members were present. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative were rung.

The service was a shortened form of evensong, and the address was given by the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Southgate), who took as his text, 'Have faith in God.'

Tea, which was provided through the generosity of Mr. W. J. Beer, was partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the curate (the Rev. H. W. Dunn).

Six new members were elected, viz., Miss E. E. Hardcastle, Miss B. M. Mills, Messrs. W. J. Eric Peartree, A. Durling, J. R. Dyke and George Naylor.

It was decided that the society should contribute £1 ls. towards the William Pyc Memorial.

Mr. J. E. Bailey proposed that the annual dinner be revived, and, after some discussion, it was agreed that a small committee, consisting of the Master, treasurer and secretary, should look into the matter, and that this committee should have power to co-opt members.

Mr. A. Hardy referred to the loss that the society had sustained by the death of Mr. R. K. Knight, who was for nearly 70 years a member. All present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. S. J. T. Shellock proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and taking the service, to the organist, to the Rev. H. W. Dunn for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. W. J. Beer for so generously providing the tea.

Handbell ringing followed, and a passable course of Stedman Cinques was rung. The members then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing took place until nine o'clock. The methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Bristol, London, Double Norwich and Duffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELL-ATTENDED MEETING AT STURRY.

A highly successful and enjoyable meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Sturry on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 2.30 and continued until 4.30, when the members attended service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Lambert). An interesting address was given by the Rev. Father Reeves, of Westbere. Over 70 members, representing 17 towers, sat down in the Parish Hall to an excellent tea, provided through the generosity of the local ringers and their friends. The Vicar, the Rev. Father Reeves and Mr. W. Prosser (churchwarden) were present.

At a short business meeting which followed, with the Vicar in the chair, five new members were elected, and, amid much applause, the Rev. Father Reeves was elected an honorary member. The applause was renewed when Mr. Prosser said that he would also like to become an honorary member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service; the Rev. Father Reeves for his address; to the Sturry ringers and friends for their welcome and hospitality; also to Mr. Pitman for presiding at the organ.—The Vicar and Mr. Slingsby replied.

A return was made to the tower, where ringing continued until late in the evening, everyone being catered for, from rounds for the beginners up to London Surprise Minor for the more advanced.

STONHAM ASPAL TOWER.



The peal of Double Norwich Royal rung at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, recently, recalls that the top of the tower was removed so that the bells might be installed. Most of them hang above the tops of the walls and, as our picture shows, they are covered by boarded timber framing which supports the roof.

The masonry taken from the top of the tower was used, it is said, to make up the path to the church, and ringers who do not know this are sometimes mystified when they are told that at Stonham Aspal one has to walk a hundred yards over the top of the tower to reach the ringing chamber.

THE LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

POINTS FROM NEW ORGANISATION'S RULES.

The new London University Society of Change Ringers, which has received permission from the university authorities to use this title, will, it is hoped, take its place in the Exercise with those other University Guilds associated with Cambridge and Oxford.

The rules provide that the officers of the society shall consist of a president, vice-presidents, chaplain, secretary and treasurer, who with three other members will constitute the committee. The annual subscription is to be 2s. 6d. for ordinary members in residence, and a life membership subscription of 5s. for those who have completed their term. Members of the society are to become members of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild, if qualified in accordance with the rules of the Guild. The 5s. life membership subscription of this Guild is payable through the treasurer of the University Society and is due on election.

The annual meeting is to be held in May.

The rules also provide for a fortnightly practice at All Hallows', Lombard Street, alternating with the London County Association practice at St. Clement Danes.

At the moment, however, the tower of All Hallows' is closed, owing to the condition of the fabric, and it is unlikely that any further ringing will be possible on the bells for a long time to come.

SURPRISE RINGING IN DEVON.

FIRST MAJOR BY RESIDENT BAND.

The first course of Surprise Major ever rung in Devon by a resident band was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on Tuesday, February 25th. Cambridge Surprise was the method, rung by eight of the regular Sunday service ringers: A. Weatherley 1, W. F. Oatway 2, S. O'Shaughnessy 3, A. Mitchellmore 4, A. W. Myers 5, R. Overy 6, G. H. Myers 7, T. G. Myers 8. On Tuesday, March 3rd, two courses of Cambridge Surprise were rung, with Messrs. W. Hiscott and J. Lukins ringing their first course of Surprise Major.

NEW TREBLE BELL AT HAMPSHIRE CHURCH.

A 'COMING OF AGE' GIFT.

An event of rare interest to the parish of Wootton St. Lawrence, Hants, took place on Sunday, March 15th, when the Bishop of Southampton (the Rt. Rev. A. B. L. Karney, D.D.) dedicated the new treble bell which has been added to the existing five, and given by Col. A. S. Bates and Mrs. Bates, of Marydown Park, to commemorate their daughter's 21st birthday.

During the service and afterwards the local ringers rang a few rounds on the new six under the guidance of Mr. H. Balaam, who is tower captain and has a good hand in the making.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank carried out the work and a very good peal has resulted. With the younger ringers, who are very keen to learn the art of change ringing, much good work should be done.

On Tuesday, March 24th, the actual birthday anniversary of Miss Anne Bates, the first 720 on the bells, an extent of Bob Minor, was rung by W. J. Marlow (first 720) 1, R. Hickman 2, B. Hunt 3, C. Ostler 4, H. Balaam (conductor) 5, J. Chesterman 6. Touches of various other methods were also rung. Everyone was very pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and a very useful six has been added to the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

EFFECTIVE MUFFLING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We have had many diverse opinions expressed on the subject of muffled ringing. Perhaps I may be permitted to suggest a procedure which would satisfactorily solve all problems. In a certain country tower of my acquaintance, not far from a noted Bucks village where they thatch the pond to keep the ducks dry, the worthy steeple-keeper muffled his bells with sections of car tyres. Result, the bells were completely inaudible and no one's susceptibilities were affronted.

C. ELLIOT WIGG.

High Wycombe.

JUBILEE PEAL BOARD AT WALSALL.

On Thursday evening, March 5th, a peal board commemorating the ringing of a peal of 5,005 Stedman Cinques for the Silver Jubilee of the late King George V. and a peal of 5,017 Stedman Caters by John Carter for his 70th birthday was very kindly unveiled by Miss A. Windle, J.P., in the ringing chamber at St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, in the presence of the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., R.D.), the ringers and friends. The board is polished black and lettered in gold.

Miss Windle gave a very interesting short early history of the bells at the church, the earliest known being in the year 1540. At one time the largest bell was taken away and used for the repairing of bridges.

Mr. T. J. Elton remarked that he hoped that would never be the fate of the present tenor of their now excellent ring of twelve.

Both the peals recorded on the board were rung by service ringers of St. Matthew's.

THE BROADCAST FROM PORTSEA.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to say how much I appreciated the broadcast ringing from St. Mary's, Portsea, on Sunday week. The bells came through excellently and the striking was of a high order.

As there has been so much recent correspondence on the subject of the broadcasting of bells, I certainly think that bands who are entrusted with the opportunity to broadcast should place striking above everything. Rounds well struck is infinitely better than indifferent change ringing. I was one of the band who broadcast the opening of the bells at Boston Stump a few years ago, and it was decided to ring rounds only in an effort to get the best striking, rather than attempt any sort of change ringing, although every member of the band was a change ringer of some experience and had rung peals.

R. W. DANIELS.

Leekhampton.

'YOUNGER THAN HE THINKS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Re footnote to peal of Minor at Hoc, Kent, recorded in your issue of March 20th, the treble ringer took part in no less than four peals with me in 1927, the last being a peal of St. Clement's Triples at Sittingbourne, Kent, on September 27th.

'Laurie' is apparently three years younger than he thought.

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

THE COUNCIL AND ITS BUSINESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the leading article in your last issue, the new rules of the Council, which, so far as they relate to representation, come into operation this year, contain the following: 'For the purpose of this rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial and diocesan societies shall be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members, and resident life members.'

Your article does not make this clear. It states that non-resident ringing members do not count for purposes of representation. This is obviously incorrect. The rules admit for representation all members of territorial and diocesan societies who pay an annual subscription, whether they reside within the territory of the society or not. Only non-resident life members are excluded.

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

[Our correspondent has quoted the rule correctly. Our reference to non-resident ringing members was intended to apply to those who, living outside a society's area, pay one sum for life membership, but that, as Mr. Coles points out, does not exactly cover the position.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BELLS SILENT AT DISTRICT MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Alton. Those present included the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman), the Rev. T. N. R. Griffin (district auditor), and ringing members from Alton, Blackmoor, Hawkey, Petersfield, Privett, Steep and one unattached. On account of the death of His late Majesty King George V., the bells were kept silent as a token of respect, with the exception of a short service touch with clappers fully muffled. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. N. R. Griffin), who also said a few words of welcome to those present, and spoke of the loss the country had sustained by the death of King George. Tea was served in the Parish Room, to which 26 sat down.

Before proceeding to the business meeting, the chairman called for a short silence as a mark of respect to the late King, and spoke of his appreciation of the action of the members in letting the arrangements stand under the circumstances and yet giving up a certain amount of pleasure by keeping the bells silent.

The annual report and balance sheet for 1935 were read. The latter showed a balance in hand of £6.

The district officers for 1936 and the committee were re-elected. Five new ringing members were elected from Bramshott.

The next annual meeting was fixed for January 23rd, 1937, at Petersfield. The next quarterly meeting will be held on April 25th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.

Attention is drawn to Rules 7 and 10, i.e., "All nominations (president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and hon. auditors), and all resolutions to be proposed, shall be sent to the hon. secretary in writing signed by two members of the Council not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting."

Will all persons holding a stock of publications on "sale or return" kindly send me particulars, and return any unsold "Laws affecting Church Bells"?—G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Curtis 1, W. Simmonds 2, Miss N. Shorter 3, J. Loveridge 4, H. Batty 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, F. J. Dodson (first quarter as conductor and first attempt) 7, W. Mills 8.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church on Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Percy 1, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 2, R. J. Filsell 3, H. Reynolds 4, H. Fisher 5, C. Savage 6, D. Thorpe 7, W. Eridge 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 3 and 6 and first attempt. First quarter-peal by Sunday service ringers at this church for at least 19 years. With the exception of the conductor, none of the band knew anything of change ringing until about a year ago.

WOODFORD.—For a special service at St. Mary's, on March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): B. Weaver (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Corney 2, F. Corney 3, S. Webb (conductor) 4, W. Chalk 5, C. Morss 6, E. W. Pyo 7, C. Petty 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes) for evening service at St. Andrew's Church: A. Weatherley 1, A. W. Myers 2, T. G. Myers 3, R. Philpott 4, W. Oatway 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, R. Overy 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, F. Collins 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters for ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. Arranged for Mr. Raymond Philpott, of Portsmouth.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Sunday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. D. Barker (conductor) 1, T. G. Hawkins 2, W. J. Dean 3, *C. M. Meyer 4, H. Mance 5, *P. A. Carter 6, H. H. Mance 7, *R. Kemp 8. * Local service ringers, for whom it is first quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells for many years.

MILVERTON, SOM.—On Sunday, February 8th, at St. Michael's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Sweetland 1, E. Chapman 2, A. Tout 3, William Knight 4, C. Carr (conductor) 5, A. Andrews 6, W. Cross 7, W. Norman (first quarter-peal) 8.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.—On January 28th, with the bells fully muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Berry 1, F. S. Price (conductor) 2, L. Middleton 3, R. Hill 4, E. Gray 5, S. Joyner 6, K. Lee 7, A. Berry 8. First quarter-peal by 1, 5, 6 and 7.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COBHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, March 29th, for Confirmation service by Bishop Golding-Bird, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor before and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor after the service: A. Holden 1, A. Roberts 2, J. Mills 3, W. Holden 4, E. Matthews 5, W. James (conductor) 6.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. James' Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Loveday (first 720) 1, E. Harding 2, F. Bolton 3, E. G. Stephens 4, F. Piner (first 720 'inside') 5, C. E. Nicholls (first 720 as conductor) 6.

FRINDSBURY.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for the parade service of the Ancient Order of Druids, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. E. Smith 1, T. Beaumont 2, R. Humphries 3, A. Bloxham 4, C. E. J. Norris 5, L. Crouch 6, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8.

SEDBERGH.—On Sunday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,248 changes): H. Dawson 1, Miss N. Harrison 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, J. W. Pennington 6, E. Jennings 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8. On Sunday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,296 changes) by the same band, and on Sunday, February 23rd, 1,024 Superlative, to celebrate the conductor's birthday.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—For evensong on Sunday, January 26th, 1,152 changes Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss May Dickinson (longest length) 1, Miss Doris Viggers 2, Miss Betty Stewart 3, T. E. Denyer 4, E. J. Gower 5, W. Denyer 6, C. Denyer 7, Roland Eldridge (first as conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who left for Ireland on January 27th.

NOTICES.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —The meeting arranged to be held at Feltham to-morrow is cancelled, but you can still come to Ealing on April 25th!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting that should have taken place on April 4th is cancelled.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The postponed meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, April 4th. Other particulars as already announced. Please notify me early.—Frank Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available at 3.30. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —A meeting of the branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3.30, and a change of programme gives us a meeting for 6.30 p.m. in the tower. Anyone interested in ringing heartily welcomed. Branch members earnestly requested to be present.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Vicar, Rev. J. W. Carpenter. Tea and meeting to follow in the School. Subscriptions now due. For tea, 9d. per head, please notify Mr. J. Fisher, 15, Park Road, Coppull. All ringers welcome. These bells are worth a visit.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. —The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Nuttall, Notts, on April 4th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Frequent buses from Western Boulevard.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s. 3d., at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch. —A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Horsham (8 bells) on Saturday, April 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Drayton Parslow on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CODSALL, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON. —The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford on Sunday, April 5th, at 6.30 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for April: Service ringing, April 5th, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 10 a.m.; April 12th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m.; April 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Practices, April 27th, St. Clement Danes, 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting to follow, 8.15 p.m.; April 28th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. F. R. Brook, Lilac Nook, Shelley, near Huddersfield, by Wednesday, April 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, ringing for service at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 12th, and at 5.30 p.m. on April 26th. Practice at 6.30 on Thursday, April 30th. All ringers welcome.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Newnham-on-Severn, Easter Monday, April 13th. Service 2.30 p.m. Meeting 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (provisional; see next week's announcements). Election of officers and Central Council representatives. Proposed alteration of rules concerning peals. Please notify for tea by April 9th.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas, Hereford. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 p.m., All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 11 a.m. all day, subject to weddings. Cathedral (10) from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Committee meet at St. Andrew's Schools 2.30 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head), Pierpont Restaurant, Midland Road. Admission by ticket only, to be had from Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than April 9th. Ticket holders to be in room by 5 o'clock. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —A meeting will be held at Ewell on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 6 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, not later than Saturday, April 11th.—F. W. Housden, Hon. Sec., 134, Park Lane, Carshalton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 in the Village Club Room. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting at Wisbech on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 o'clock in Smith's Cafe, price 1s. each, followed by business meeting. Elm and Leverington bells available from 10 a.m. to 3.15 p.m., and in the evening. No ringing allowed during service and meeting.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), St. Michael's (6), and St. Stephen's (6) available from 2 p.m. Will ringers desirous of ringing at the six-bell towers advise me, so arrangements can be made with ringer in charge? Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Please do not be late. Tea and business at the Abbey Institute close by. Notification of attendance is necessary if ample tea arrangements are to be made.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the church at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Castle; preacher, the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in St. Mary's Hall following the service. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets for luncheon free to practising members, visitors 2s. 6d. All pay for their liquid refreshment. Owing to limited accommodation, application for tickets, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by last post Wednesday, April 8th, after which no application can be entertained. Other towers open for ringing: Cudham (10), Sevenoaks (8), Edenbridge (8), Brasted (6), from 10 to 11 a.m. and after the meeting; Sundridge (6), 10 to 11 a.m. only.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Allin, 19, Gill Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, by Thursday, April 9th?—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Paul's (10) from 10.30, St. Peter's from noon. Luncheon at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch provided in the Parish Hall. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 1s. 9d. Those intending to be at lunch must notify the acting secretary not later than Thursday, April 9th.—J. Reed, Acting Sec., 42, Eskdale Terrace, Guiseborough.

KEEP FIT is the accent of youth. Church bellringing is good for you. Midland Counties Association.—Annual meeting at Derby on Easter Monday. The Cathedral Church bells (10) available for ringing 6.45 to 8.45. Lady ringers especially invited. Sunday service ringing 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Monday's practice night, 7.30 p.m. punctual. No disappointments. Visitors welcome.—James Pagett, Ringing Master, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 16th and 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, *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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Balaam, Wootton St. Lawrence, Basingstoke, by April 15th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryyn View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Unitarian Church, Garton, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

PAULERSPURY, NEAR TOWCESTER.—The Bishop of Peterborough will re-dedicate the bells on Sunday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Ring of five restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

COSGROVE, NEAR BLETCHLEY.—The new treble to make a ring of six, installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Sunday, April 19th, at 6 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 25th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing during the afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The postponed luncheon of the Guild will be held at Trinity, on Tuesday, April 28th. Will all those non-resident mem-

bers wishing to attend inform the secretary as soon as possible?—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

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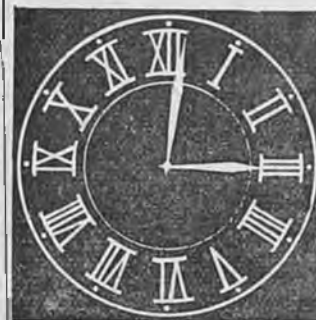
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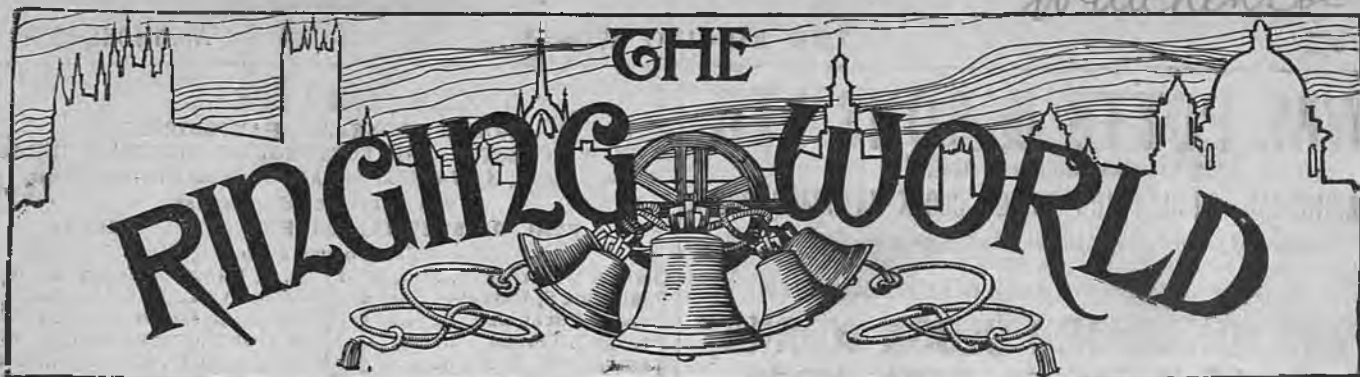
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Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 2	*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 7
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 3	REGINALD BROWN ... 8
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MRS. H. BAKER 2	PERCY PAGE 6
FRANK CONLEY 3	CHARLES W. EVERETT ... 7
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Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*GEORGE SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	SAMUEL JONES 6
MARTIN HARRIS ... 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
*FRED HARTMAN ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First 'touch' in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES LAKER Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 2	LESLIE G. BRET 6
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At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*WILLIAM NORMAN Treble	*STANLEY RICHARDSON 5
ALFRED EILBECK 2	JOHN H. ROTHERY 6
WILLIAM H. COOK 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
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On Thursday, April 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dionysius,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

G. DENNIS DEIGHTON Treble	FRANCIS BALL 5
*BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
B. JACK STUBBS 3	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* Fiftieth peal. Rung on the 48th anniversary of Mr. Perkins' wedding.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

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On Thursday, April 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

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HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBORN 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	*DONALD F. MAY 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON 4	†LESLIE DIXON Tenor

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Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 450th peal.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THE 'BARRABOOL' PEAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN W. LANGLEY Treble	*GEORGE A. PARSONS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*FREDERICK A. BARKER 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. WARD 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	JOHN G. NASH Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal of Major.

OREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER 6
*GEORGE PACKER 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major in the method. The band wish to thank Mr. W. Edge for his welcome. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED POTTER Treble	ALFRED POTTER, JUN. 5
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BEN WELSBY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	RUSSELL RICHES 5
*FREDERICK C. GUNTON 2	GEORGE GOWER 6
ROBERT RICHES 3	WILLIAM FLAYT 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by FREDK. ROBINSON.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
*WINGFIELD A. DURHAM 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method, also on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. White and Master P. F. White, wife and son of the tenor ringer.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	PERCY J. JERVIS 5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 2	JOHN W. SYKES 6
*HARRY WARBURTON 3	WILLIAM H. TORTON 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4	THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Kent. The composition, No. 277, composed in 1891. is now rung for the first time. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. S. Robinson and Miss Revell, members of the local band, which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

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Forty-two six-scores.

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ALBERT TOTT Treble	CLAUDE W. TARR... .. 4
JOHN SUMMERHAYES 2	† CYRIL J. STEVENS 5
* WALTER STEVENS 3	WILLIAM NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL J. STEVENS.

* First peal. † First of Doubles and as conductor.

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ALAN M. GENERY 3	GEORGE R. TOWNES Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Grandsire, 10 of Plain Bob and 10 of Oxford Singles.

* VICTOR G. LEE Treble	HARRY HOWARD 4
WALTER MANSFIELD... .. 2	FRANK HAYES 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. TACK.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Ellis Wilkerson, churchwarden, whose interment took place on the same day.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BACON Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
JOHN BUCKENHAM 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	CLAUDE COUSINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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 7 cwt.

HAZEL LITTLEWOOD... .. Treble	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 4
* WILLIAM A. ROUSE 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
HARRY J. MILLAY 3	GEORGE TOWNES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOWNES.

* First peal of Minor.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents in 28 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and Chester; (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; (6) Lincoln and Goldstream; (7) London, Cuneastre and Wells. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLARD Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON... .. Treble	JOHN MOULE... .. 4
ALFRED PRIOR 2	PHILIP H. AVEY 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. R. K. Knight, who was a member of the society for 70 years.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST COOPER Treble	WILLIAM FAY 4
HARRY GOODALE 2	FOORD P. NEWTON 5
EDWIN E. LEE 3	* CHARLES NOTTAGE Tenor

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor by all the band and a birthday compliment to H. Goodale.

GORRAN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GORONUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

* PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Treble	FREDERICK HARRIS 4
CYRIL E. LANXON 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 3	JOHN TRELOAR Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

* KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	AMY R. JOHNSON 3-4
† MAGGIE J. JOHNSON 5-6	

Conducted by AMY R. JOHNSON.

Umpire—Arthur J. Martin. Witness—Mrs. F. J. Johnson.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal 'in hand' by all. Believed to be the first handbell peal rung by ladies. Rung to commemorate the birth of their niece, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Johnson.

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FOR BEGINNERS.**MORE DOUBLES.**

There is a method very little rung, called New Bob. It is closely allied to Double Grandsire, if bobs were possible both behind and in front at every lead, the likeness coming from the fact that 3rd's place is made both before and after the treble's lead, and before and after its whole pull behind. But, in addition, New Bob has a 2nd's place made when the treble is leading, which causes the bell behind to lie a whole pull.

This is necessary, otherwise the bells would come round at the first lead end, as, in fact, they do if you ring Double Grandsire and call a bob both back and front. Perhaps the man who designed New Bob conceived this way of ringing Double Grandsire. But however that may be, New Bob will make a change for those who want something fresh on five bells.

The method starts off as does Grandsire, but 2 and 3 continue to dodge together on the front; that is the 2nd in 1-2 (up) and the 3rd in 2-1 (down) until the treble comes back to lead again. This is actually a double dodge.

While this is going on, the other bells coming from behind, being unable to get down to lead, have to make 3rd's place and go up again, but, except for the bell that turns the treble from behind, these bells have only one blow behind (made at hand-stroke).

There are two of them in each lead which make this odd blow behind, and this causes one other bell to do a curious piece of work. This bell is the one that turns the treble from behind. It lies a whole pull, makes one blow in 4th's, lies another whole pull, makes a second blow in 4th's and then lies yet another whole pull, the last blow of all being over the treble. This piece of work may well be described as 'full work behind.'

The result of this double dodging on the front and the full work behind is that every bell (except the treble) reaching 3rd's has a whole pull in that position. Remember, therefore, in ringing the method you cannot go into and out of 3rd's without a whole pull in that place—it helps you when you are in doubt. If the second of the two blows in 3rd's is over the treble you go down (and double dodge on the front). If it is not over the treble you have to go up; then, unless you turn the treble from behind, you have only one blow in 5th's.

The only other thing to remember, unless a bob is called, is that when the treble leads, the bell that has dodged in 2-1 (down) makes 2nd's and dodges in 1-2 (up).

This may seem a rather long explanation of a Doubles method, but we have tried to show something of its construction. If you understand the construction of simple things like this, you accumulate knowledge which helps you to understand other more difficult things later on. But you can summarise the work in New Bob quite easily thus, beginning with the 3rd:—

- (1) Make 3rd's, double dodge in 2-1 (down).
- (2) Make 2nd's, double dodge in 1-2 (up)
- (3) Make 3rd's, one blow behind.
- (4) Make 3rd's, full work behind.
- (5) Make 3rd's, one blow behind.

Make 3rd's (which is once more the starting point).

Although the calls in New Bob are designated bobs, they are, in effect, singles, for only two of the working bells change; the other two 'lie still.' The bell doing the 'long work behind' is not affected, but the bell that comes from behind to make 3rd's and double dodge on the front, marked (1) above, makes 4th's instead and after one blow behind becomes (4) above. The bell that had dodged 1-2 (up) and made 3rd's, instead of going up behind, returns to the front, and, after leading, double dodges in 1-2 (up) as (2) above. The bell that would have made 2nd's makes 3rd's and goes back to the dodging on the front, as (1).

To produce 120, call a bob at any one lead in the first course, and at the corresponding place in each of the two succeeding courses. Below are the figures of a plain lead and a bobbed lead. Write out the full course, based on the first column, draw a diagram as explained last week and study it.

Plain	Bobbed
12345	12345
21354	21354
23145	23145
32415	32415
23451	23451
32541	32541
23514	23514
32154	32154
31245	31245
13254	13254
13524	12354
31542	21345
35124	23154
53214	32514
35241	23541
53421	32451

Having studied the construction of the method, as apart from the diagram which enables you to ring it, try and do a little method (Continued in next column.)

THE BANKES JAMES CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am writing this on the evening of the publication of my dream, in anticipation of a possible reply in next week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' In my opinion, the only possible objection to the Bankes James composition of Cambridge Minor is the one voiced by Mr. P. J. Johnson at a Central Council meeting, viz., that the first row (rounds) is not Cambridge, and that the method does not commence till the conductor says, 'Go, Cambridge.'

However, in deference to you, sir, and to your readers, I appeal to you to discourage any further controversy in your columns on this worn-out subject, but I should be quite prepared to debate the question by post with any one correspondent, and to notify you of the final result if it is of any interest.

W. COLLETT.

45, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

[It may save space, and perhaps postage for someone, if we say at once that those who take the opposite line of thought to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Collett hold that the first row (rounds) is as much a part of the method as 156342 and corresponding rows, that you cannot get the first change without it, and that the conductor has already said, 'Go, Cambridge,' when the essential row of rounds is rung. The overwhelming force of this theory will be realised by anyone who tries to construct a symmetrical even-bell method without including in it the initial row of rounds or an equivalent.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World'.]

LINCOLN GUILD.

The Grimsby District of the Northern Branch held a combined practice meeting at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday. A fairly large gathering, representing most of the towers in the district, was present. Visitors from Hull (Holy Trinity), Lea (Gainsborough District), Leverstock Green (Herts) and Sutton-on-Hull were heartily welcomed. The methods for practice were Double Norwich Court and Cambridge Major, which were well exploited during the evening, several having their first course in these methods. Everyone present appeared to have enjoyed this very instructive practice when the bells were lowered at 9 p.m.

Thanks are due to Canon W. E. Varah for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. Hoodless for making arrangements. A.B.C.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIDDLESEX RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Middlesex County Association accepted me as a member in 1899. Since then I have taken a very keen interest in all its doings, especially of the peals. Their members have accomplished some outstanding performances. The seven-method Surprise Major peal rung at Staines, and published in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' in my opinion is the best ever. Seeing that it was rung by members residing in the county, I sincerely congratulate them. It shows progress on the right lines. J. HUNT.

Taunton.

BROKEN CLAPPER ENDS PEAL ATTEMPT.

A peal of Doubles at Slaughtam, Sussex, on Saturday week, came to an end in the 22nd six-score when the clapper of the tenor broke and fell out. The ringers were George A. Packham (conductor) 1, Fred Packham 2, Frederick Godsmark 3, Charles Wickens 4, Ernest Packham 5, Joseph Mansbridge 6. The peal was being rung on the back six.

Trouble, through clappers breaking, has been experienced at many places since the war. It is not the fault of the makers, but arises, we understand, from the quality of the iron that is now produced. It is extremely difficult to get a product that will stand up in all cases to the constant shock imposed upon the shank of a bell clapper.

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construction for yourself. New Bob is one method; Reverse New Bob is another. Until the treble gets to 5th's, the changes are the same, but while the treble lies its whole pull behind in Reverse New Bob, 4th's is made instead of, as in New Bob, 2nd's when the treble leads; then, working backwards, make corresponding places. This gives you a method in which the double dodging appears in 4-5 and the 'full work' is done on the front. Next week we will give you the figures in order that you may check your own.

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

SUBSCRIBERS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD' FOR 25 YEARS.

The invitation which we issued last week to those of our readers who have been regular subscribers to 'The Ringing World' from the first issue until the present time has been quickly responded to, and the intimations which we have received have been accompanied in many instances by interesting letters and comments, extracts from some of which we hope to give next week.

We print below the first list of those whose names are qualified for inclusion in this roll of honour, and invite those who have not yet sent in their names and addresses to do so at once:—

Mr. E. A. G. Allen, Frindsbury, Rochester.
 Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Winchester.
 Mr. J. Attwell, Chiddingfold, Surrey.
 Mr. E. A. Bacon, Loughton, Essex.
 Mr. A. D. Barker, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.
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 Mr. E. J. Butler, Romford, Essex.
 Mr. B. D. Buttress, Fulbourne, Cambs.
 Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk.
 Mr. A. W. Clark, Waddon, Croydon, Surrey.
 Mr. F. Claydon, Earls Colne, Essex.
 Canon G. F. Coleridge, Crowthorne, Berks.
 Mr. O. T. Coles, Walthamstow, Essex.
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 Rev. C. C. Cox, Lyme Regis, Dorset.
 Mr. A. Crawley, Crewe, Cheshire.
 Mr. J. A. Dart, Crouch End, London.
 Mr. H. Daw, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
 Mr. F. Dexter, Leicester.
 Mr. J. C. Dicken, Beeston, Notts.
 Mr. C. Draper, Duffield, Derbyshire.
 Mr. W. L. Duffield, Saxlingham Thorpe, Norwich.
 Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Somerset.
 Mr. W. G. Easter, Gillingham, Kent.
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 Mr. T. J. Elton, Leamore, Walsall, Staffs.
 Mr. W. Essery, Battersea, London.
 Mr. T. Fitzjohn, Scartho, Great Grimshy, Lincs.
 Mr. H. J. Ford, Sevenoaks, Kent.
 Mr. W. Ford, Mortimer, Berks.
 Mr. J. Gould, Shirehampton, Bristol.
 Mr. W. Haigh, Ethingham, Sussex.
 Mr. J. Hardenste, Bradford, Yorks.
 Mr. H. L. Harlow, Bedford.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Hazelden, Guildford, Surrey.
 Mr. W. Henley, Farnham Royal, Slough, Bucks.
 Mr. T. R. Hensher, Pinedon, Northants.
 Mr. J. Herbert, Fulham, London.
 Mr. R. T. Holding, jun., Crewe, Cheshire.
 Mr. J. Holman, Sheffield, Yorks.
 Mr. A. J. Holmes, Edenham, Lincolnshire.
 Mr. W. S. Hornbrook, Plymouth, Devon.
 Mr. G. H. Howard, Braintree, Essex.
 Mr. J. Hunt, Taunton, Somerset.
 Rev. E. Bankes James, Seafield Park, Fareham, Hants.
 Mr. C. H. Jennings, Wyke Regis, Dorset.
 Mr. J. W. Jones, Newport, Mon.
 Mr. A. C. Kay, Ashford, Kent.
 Mr. G. M. Kirby, Ruislip, Middlesex.
 Mr. Harry Kilby, Wembley, Middlesex.
 Mr. Arthur Knights, Chesterfield.
 Mr. W. Large, Stretton-on-Fosse, Gloucestershire.
 Mr. G. Lewis, Ecclesfield, Sheffield.
 Mr. W. R. Melville, Guildford, Surrey.
 Mr. J. Moth, Sandhurst, Berks.
 Mr. F. C. Newman, Upton Park, London.
 Mr. G. R. Newton, Liverpool.
 Mr. A. W. Osborne, Reading, Berks.
 Mr. S. F. Palmer, Sheffield.
 Rev. W. Pearson, Henley, Suffolk.
 Mr. E. F. Peppy, Stoke Ash, Eye, Suffolk.

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'THE RINGING WORLD' SILVER JUBILEE.

At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held last week, a resolution was adopted congratulating the Editor of 'The Ringing World' upon the silver jubilee of the paper, offering the society's best thanks for the great service he is rendering for the welfare of the Ringing Exercise, and wishing him every success in the future.

Congratulations have also come to us from the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

INTERESTING EVENT AT BOLTON.

On Saturday week there was a large attendance of ringers at the monthly meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, held at St. George's Church, Bolton.

At 3 p.m. the bells were going, and ringing continued until about 8.45 p.m., except for tea and service. The Vicar, the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., who is also president of the association, very kindly provided tea and conducted a short service.

Immediately after the service, the Vicar dedicated two peal tablets, one recording a peal of Stedman rung in October, 1900. This is the only peal of Stedman rung on the bells, which were installed in 1806. Four of the band were at the meeting, Mr. Albert E. Wreaks having travelled from Paisley in Scotland, and Mr. Thomas Peers from Heysham, the Rev. Canon Elsee and Mr. Henry Moss. The only other survivor is Mr. Joseph Potter, now in U.S.A. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson conducted the peal, and the late Mr. Titus Barlow and the late Mr. John Makin completed the band. The other tablet records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on May 10th last year to celebrate the Royal Silver Jubilee of the late King. The band consisted of six local members, assisted by two from Holy Trinity, Bolton.

The tablets are of oak lettered in gold leaf and are the very kind gift of Mr. Richard W. Mosley, a ringer of the district.

Canon Elsee gave a brief history of the bells, cast by Rudhall. He said not many peals had been rung on the bells. They were in a part of the town in which peal ringing could be a nuisance.

Mr. Claude I. Davies, of Liverpool, moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea, for the service and for granting the use of the bells; also to the organist and ladies who helped.

The meeting passed a resolution congratulating the Editor of 'The Ringing World' upon celebrating his silver jubilee as Editor, and conveying many kind wishes. Speakers pressed for more members to take the paper, the value of which was pointed out.

ROLL OF HONOUR

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. P. Price, Beeston, Notts.
 Mr. A. H. Pulling, Guildford, Surrey.
 Mr. J. Puplett, Tring, Herts.
 Mr. E. Raddon, Guildford, Surrey.
 Mr. E. Reader, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
 Mr. F. J. Reeve, Tring, Herts.
 Mr. G. Robinson, Adel, Leeds.
 Mr. F. W. Romaine, Salisbury, Wilts.
 Mr. S. R. Roper, Croydon, Surrey.
 Mr. C. L. Routledge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Mr. H. Rumens, Walthamstow, Essex.
 Mr. T. Russam, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.
 Mr. W. Saunders, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.
 Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon, Wilts.
 Mr. W. Shepherd, Addlestone, Surrey.
 Mr. W. Short, Olent, Worcestershire.
 Mr. W. H. Shuter, Clayton, Manchester.
 Mr. F. A. Smith, Bushey, Herts.
 Mr. J. W. Steddy, Edenbridge, Kent.
 Miss E. Steel, Bedford.
 Mr. H. Stenton, South Auston, Sheffield.
 Mr. L. Stillwell, Windsor, Berks.
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 Mr. A. Walker, Pontefract, Yorks.
 Mr. W. Watts, Warminglid, Sussex.
 Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, Oxford.
 Mr. G. Williams, Eastleigh, Hants.
 Mr. L. A. Wilson, Wootton Bassett, Wilts.
 Mr. T. B. Worsley, Bolton, Lancs.
 Mr. W. W. Worthington, J.P., Maple Hayes, Lichfield.
 Mr. G. Yeo, Long Ashton, Bristol.

MR. G. R. NEWTON'S 400 PEALS.**LIVERPOOL STALWART'S FINE RECORD.**

The following is the list of the 400 peals rung by Mr. George R. Newton, one of the oldest and best-known ringers of Lancashire. His peals have been rung for 20 societies and associations.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles in three methods	1	1
Minor in one method	2	2
Minor in three methods	4	4
Minor in four methods	8	8
Minor in five methods	5	3
Minor in seven methods	31	26
Minor in ten methods	1 (7,200)	—
Cambridge Surprise Minor	3	3
Seven Surprise Minor methods	3	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Union Triples	1	—
Bob Triples	1	1
Spliced Oxford and Kent Major	1	—
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	—
Little Bob Major	2	1
Grandsire Triples	33	25
Grandsire Caters	7	4
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Bob Major	23	15
Bob Royal	2	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	42	26
Kent Treble Bob Royal	9	5
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	4	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	17	14
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Stedman Triples	49	22
Stedman Caters	18	10
Stedman Cinques	4	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	33	9
Cambridge Surprise Royal	5	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	5	1
Double Norwich Major	48	35
Superlative Surprise Major	18	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2	—
Bristol Surprise Major	2	—
Yorkshire Surprise Major	3	—
London Surprise Major	9	—
Total ...	400	226

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**WHEN PEALS AND MEETINGS CLASH.**

The annual meeting of the association is, as usual, to be held at Norwich on Easter Monday. In the fifty-eighth report, which is then to be presented to the meeting, it is stated that the year had no remarkable events to record. The balance sheet shows a balance of £10 12s. 2d. in hand, against £9 3s. 10d. the previous year, with invested reserve funds of the present value of £142 5s. 6d.

During the year 12 members were lost by death, 10 members resigned and there was the usual deletion of members for non-payment of subscriptions. The election of 44 new members leaves the total membership of 867, against 868 for the previous year. The peal performances for 1935 total 80 peals, rung in 19 different methods, at 32 towers, conducted by 26 members, 168 members taking part in the peals. The peals included the first peal by the association of Chesterfield Bob Major, rung at St. Mary Magdalene's, Pulham.

Regular Sunday service ringing by many companies is maintained. The report stresses the important duty of making every effort for the maintenance of regular ringing of the bells for the main services on Sundays. The clergy and parishioners like to hear their bells on Sundays calling the people to worship. 'We ringers,' says the report, 'owe a debt of gratitude to the incumbents who always so generously grant us their kind permission for peals. As office holders in the Church, it becomes our duty to be in our place in the belfry on Sundays.'

In quoting from branch secretaries' reports, it is stated in the North and South Norfolk branches more and more ringers are getting the habit of attending every meeting they can, with most pleasant results. The standard of ringing throughout the branches has been well maintained and advanced methods have gained ground.

On the other hand, West Norfolk Branch reported that the number attending the meetings was not altogether encouraging, and showed a drop on the average attendance of the previous year. Reference is made to the eleventh-hour cancellation of a meeting at Wells-on-the-Sea, on account of a peal having been rung there a fortnight before and nearby residents strongly objecting to a further long spell of ringing. The incumbent had been on holiday and did not know the feelings of his parishioners until the last minute; on the other hand, the peal ringers most probably never thought for one moment that any objection would be raised, but it does seem to raise the question as to whether it is in the best interests of the association and of ringing generally to run these events too closely together, particularly in those places where the inhabitants have not been schooled to hearing the bells so regularly as we ringers think they should have been.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Reports of peals rung on Monday should be posted to 'The Ringing World' the same day.

Those who desired to hear the fine peal of bells at Ripon Cathedral over the air on Sunday evening were disappointed at the brevity of the broadcast. The pianoforte recital which preceded it extended beyond its time and the bells were heard for barely two minutes!

The Rev. R. Sherwood, who was precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and with whom the tourists to Australia in 1934 were closely in touch during their stay in that city, is on his way with his family to England, where he is taking up parochial work. At a farewell gathering Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood received a cheque for £100 subscribed by friends of the Cathedral, and the Cathedral choir presented him with an illuminated address.

Had it not been for the false peal of London rung in 1901 and just recently discovered, Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, would last Saturday have scored his 1,000th peal as conductor. As it is, his recognised total is now 999! We imagine it will not be long before that extra one is made up.

The handbell peal of Doubles rung at Hinton-on-the-Green last Saturday is another 'milestone.' It is 'believed to be the first handbell peal rung by ladies.' Coupled with this is the fact that they are all members of the same family—a family well-known in Worcestershire ringing.

The peal at Titchmarsh on March 21st was rung in 3 hours 23 minutes. The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Gorseinon on March 28th was John H. Hanson, not Harrison as printed.

Mr. J. Corbett, hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has been elected hon. secretary of the Forest Artisans' Golf Club, attached to the Royal Berkshire Club. He will now dream of 'birdies' and 'eagles' as well as 'bats.'

The historic slave bell, which is used by St. Michael's, Fort Wellington, British Guiana, and the broken clapper of which nearly killed the verger recently, has been repaired and replaced in the church. The inscription on the bell can still be plainly read, 'Thomas Mears and Son, Fecit,' with the date 'London, 1805.'

BELLS OF CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As no reader appears to have commented upon Mr. R. H. Dove's letter with regard to Croydon Parish Church bells, perhaps you will allow me that privilege.

A few years ago I was called in to inspect the tower and bells of that church, which I did and reported generally. The bells are a sound ring of eight by Taylor's, and, it is said, initiated by Grimthorpe. They are on the heavy side and of 'old standard' tuning, but when going in peal have a bold, round tone of good carrying power.

If the anonymous lady who desires to defray the cost of their recasting were to confine her generosity to rehanging the bells and to the rearranging and strengthening of the oak cage, etc., it would, I am sure, be Croydon's gain. Incidentally the town has already a fine 'Simpson' peal at South Croydon, and it might be, too, a matter of interest to retain this sister ring, tuned upon the other system. I believe that they are within hearing distance of each other.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT HORSHAM.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Horsham on Saturday. Members totalling 45 were present from Arundel, Bolney, Balcombe, Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Peter's and Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, Capel, Godalming, Horley, Lingfield, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Maresfield, Merstham, Rotherfield, Shoreham, Turners Hill, Uckfield, Warnham and West Grinstead.

Ringings commenced at 3 p.m., and a short service was held at 4.30. The address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. O. Lea, M.A.). Tea was partaken of at the Queen's Head, and at the meeting which followed the chair was taken, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, by Mr. W. Charman.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected and are as follows: Divisional secretary, Mr. O. Sippetts; committee, Mr. G. Apps, Mr. W. Charman, Mr. G. Olliver; Committee of Advice, Mr. G. Apps, Mr. W. Charman, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. J. Lovell, of Rotherfield, and Mr. F. Roberts, of West Grinstead.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8.45. The methods ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

FAMOUS PEAL WITHDRAWN.

12,675 STEDMAN CINQUES RUNG IN 1923.

Composition Now Proved False.

Fate has dealt a cruel blow at what, for nearly 13 years, has been looked upon as a great record and certainly one of the finest performances in ringing history. On May 21st, 1923, a record peal of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 12,675 changes, composed by Mr. H. G. Miles, of London, was rung at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, in 9 hrs. 47 mins., by 12 members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and it has stood since then as one of the greatest achievements in the annals of the art, not only for the powers of endurance exhibited by the ringers, but also for the excellence of the ringing throughout the peal.

Now, after all this lapse of time, a further examination of the composition, which was published a few weeks after the peal was rung, has revealed that it was false. The announcement is made in the following communication, which we have been asked to publish:—

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Sir,—After a period of nearly 13 years since its performance, it has been discovered that the composition of the long peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, 1923, by members of this society, is false.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.

March 31st, 1936.

The ringers who took part in the peal were Messrs. C. F. Winney 1, C. W. Roberts 2, W. S. Langdon 3, W. Rushton 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, W. Hibbert 6, R. F. Deal 7, T. Langdon 8, T. Groombridge 9, R. T. Hibbert 10, H. R. Newton 11, A. B. Peck 12.

We understand that the falseness of the peal was discovered by Mr. C. W. Roberts, who, recently looking over the figures, found that just one six, in the last turning course, four courses from the end, repeated with an earlier part of the peal. He communicated his discovery to the composer, who reported it at the meeting of the College Youths last week. Naturally the announcement was heard with great regret and no little consternation.

The society, while recording the facts in the minutes and acknowledging Mr. Roberts' part in the discovery, decided to seek permission to have a small brass plate attached to the peal board in Southwark tower to record the fact of the falseness.

To all concerned, we feel sure, ringers everywhere will extend their sympathy, on being robbed of the full reward of a great achievement, which was thus described in 'The Ringing World' at the time:—

'The intention was to ring a peal of 15,051, if possible, and although this length was not accomplished, a peal of 12,675 changes was brought round in 9 hours 47 minutes. The task was a stupendous one, and one which deserves the admiration of all ringers. For more than nine and three-quarter hours those twelve men rang some of the finest Stedman Cinques that ever were heard, for all listeners agree that from first to last the ringing was magnificent. The bells went off into changes at two minutes past nine in the morning, and so even was the ringing that the first ten courses came up in 62 minutes, the next ten in the same time, and each of the two succeeding ten courses in only one-half-minute more. Hour after hour the ringing went on with clocklike regularity, but after the record had been broken it was deemed wise to bring the bells round, for Mr. Alfred Peck, on the tenor, was feeling the strain of the long sustained effort. No one wonders at that. To ring a 50 cwt. bell for that length is a tremendous triumph, and everyone must agree that a 12,675 in hand is worth a good deal more than 15,051 in the bush, so to speak. Great credit is due to everyone of the band, and it should not be forgotten that there were, in addition to men of tried merit and long experience, two youths in the peal, one of whom, Wilson Rushton, is only 17½ years of age. One of the things which enabled the peal to be rung was the attention given to the bells by Mr. Albert Hughes, who four or five times during the peal went up among the bells, and with great coolness and dexterity oiled the bearings.'

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT TO VICAR.

At Thorne, Yorks, on Tuesday, March 31st, 1,260 changes Grandsire Triples were rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to the Vicar, Canon J. J. Littlewood. For several years this annual compliment has been paid the Vicar: R. A. Andrews 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, T. A. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Ward 8.

TWELVE BELLS FOR LEICESTER CATHEDRAL**NEW RING TO BE CAST AT LOUGHBOROUGH.****King's Special Consent to Name the Tenor 'The Coronation Bell.'**

The ten bells at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester, are to be recast and made into a ring of twelve, which are to be ready for the Coronation.

The Provost (the Ven. F. B. Macnutt) summoned the Cathedral ringers to meet him in the Church House last Thursday night, when he announced the splendid news that work was to be put in hand at once to recast, rehang and augment to twelve the Cathedral peal.

This came as a complete surprise to the ringers, as, owing to other financial schemes in the diocese, it had been thought that it would be a long time yet before the renovation of the bells could be tackled. However, things have evidently been moving quietly but rapidly behind the scenes during the past week or two, and various generous donors have promised to see the whole thing through with regard to the cost of the scheme. It is confidently expected that the Cathedral will now possess a fine ring of 12, and various improvements are to be effected in the belfry which will make it an ideal tower from the ringers' point of view.

His Majesty the King has graciously given his special consent for the tenor bell to be named 'The Coronation Bell of King Edward VIII.' His Majesty has made this conditional upon the bell being used for the first time on Coronation Day. It is also interesting to note that one of the new trebles is to be named 'The Bell Founder's Bell.'

All those who have rung at Leicester Cathedral, or St. Martin's as it was formerly known, are only too familiar with the present poor peal and the unsatisfactory ringing order. Congratulations will therefore be extended to Mr. Fred Dexter by his many ringing friends throughout the length and breadth of the country that he is now to have a peal worthy of the band which he has brought to such a high standard.

The Cathedral authorities, who are proud of the fact that the Loughborough Foundry is in their Diocese, have, of course, placed the work in the hands of John Taylor and Co.

The completion of this new scheme will give the city of Leicester two rings of twelve, the other being at St. Martin's Church.

DEATH OF AN OLD WALKDEN RINGER.

On Saturday, March 28th, there passed away one of the old Walkden ringers, Mr. Samuel Oakes, who had reached the age of 72 years. He had been a member of the Walkden company since 1884, but had not rung during the last three years owing to ill-health. He had taken part in 41 peals for the Lancashire Association.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, April 1st, at St. Paul's Church. He was carried to his last resting place by his brother ringers. The floral tributes, which were very beautiful, included one in the form of a bell from the ringers.

After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Miss A. Potter 1-2, A. Potter, jun. 3-4, John Potter 5-6, A. Potter, sen. 7-8. While the mourners were leaving a short touch of Stedman Triples was rung. A muffled peal was rung on Saturday.

BARWELL.—At the Parish Church on February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of Mr. Charles Belton's 73rd birthday: *Miss D. Belton 1, William White 2, A. Lucas 3, F. Deacon 4, *Charles Belton 5, *Richard Belton 6, Kelham Deacon (conductor) 7, Harry England 8. * Three generations.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SHREWSBURY MEETING.

Minutes of the Third Session of the fifteenth Council (43rd annual meeting), held in the Council Chamber, Shrewsbury Castle, Shrewsbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 11th June, 1935, at 11 o'clock.

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the Church and also on behalf of the Mayor, who was prevented from being present.

The President, in his reply, congratulated the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on the completion of 25 years as Bishop of the Diocese.

Apologies from the Mayor and the Lord Bishop of Hereford were read by the President.

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield opened the meeting with prayer and the President took the chair.

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.
Island 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. Goby, 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. L. 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. Trehwella.
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 O. 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.

HIS MAJESTY'S SILVER JUBILEE.

On the President's motion the following telegram was despatched to H.M. the King:—

'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.'

MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION.

The Hon. Secretary reported that no subscription had been received from the Cleveland and North Yorks Association, and the North Staffs and District Association. Including these societies the membership was:—

Affiliated Societies, 51, represented by 128 members.

Honorary Members, 15.

(Note.—The North Staffs and District Association subscription was received on August 2nd.)

HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the President's motion, the retiring members, Messrs. W. A. Cave and A. Walker, were re-elected.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule 11, the following were presented: The Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University), Messrs. W. Saunders (Shropshire), G. H. Cross (Royal Cumberland Youths), J. Hardcastle (Yorkshire) and E. C. S. Turner (Honorary).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. E. F. Wilkinson, Messrs. H. Baxter, H. G. Bird, R. G. Black, C. E. Borrett, J. H. Cheeseman, J. Clark, D. G. Clift, W. T. Cockerill, A. Coppock, W. J. Davidson, F. Nolan Golden, E. Guise, R. T. Hibbert, J. D. Johnson, Gwyn Lewis, W. J. Nevard, J. W. Parker, F. W. Perrens, J. Phillips, W. Pickworth, S. H. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, and Honorary Members, Messrs. C. Dean, J. Griffith, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The death of the following members and past members was reported and the members stood in silence as a tribute to their memory: Mr. E. Bishop (1922-28, 1932-34), Mr. J. Cotterell (1918-1934), Mr. E. P. Debenham (1894-1902), Mr. G. R. Fardon (1908-1911), Mr. F. F. Linley (1891-1897), Mr. W. Pye (1912-1923).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

On the motion of Canon G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on April 12th, 1935, were approved and taken as read.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith reported that the letter of greetings, illuminated on vellum by Miss Kathleen Hughes, was duly presented to the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. The presentation was made by Mrs. R. Richardson (Ladies' Guild), and the Australian tourists were asked to convey to the Council the grateful thanks of the society.

Mr. Goldsmith also reported that the stock of publications was distributed among the various towers visited.

In answer to a question by Mr. E. M. Atkins, the hon. secretary stated that no steps had yet been taken to prepare a census of ringers.

REPORTS.

The following reports, etc., were circulated to all members and associations and have been published in 'The Ringing World.' They are preserved in the Council's records and are available for inspection.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

The report by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. librarian, was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 21st, 1935, page 398.

The report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconded by Canon Elsee.

The Standing Committee recommended: 'That the booklet, "Law Affecting Church Bells," be reprinted after reference to Alderman Pritchett with regard to revision, and with particular reference to the question of insurance of ringers who are purely voluntary.'

'That the "Collection of Doubles and Minor" be reprinted after revision by the Methods Committee.'

'That a copy of the Library Catalogue, when ready, be sent to all members of the Council and all secretaries of associations.'

On the President's motion, the recommendations were adopted, and it was also agreed to ask Alderman Pritchett to agree to the inclusion of the Rev. H. Drake's pamphlet on 'Faculties' in the reprinted 'Laws Affecting Church Bells.'

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The hon. treasurer presented the annual accounts (see 'The Ringing World, June 21st, 1935, page 398), which had been audited by Messrs. C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes.

On the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the accounts were adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young reported for the trustees (see 'The Ringing World,' June 21st, 1935), and referred to the death of Mr. G. R. Fardon (demonstrator).

The Standing Committee recommended that a fee of 10s. 6d. be paid to Mr. Sharman, and that the trustees endeavour to find a suitable successor to Mr. Fardon.

The report and recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

DEMONSTRATION BY MR. G. F. WOODHOUSE.

Canon Elsee reported that Mr. Woodhouse would not be able to give the proposed demonstration of his ringing machine, owing to

an accident which occurred when leaving home for Shrewsbury, and, on the president's suggestion, it was agreed that Canon Elsee be asked to convey the Council's great regret and sympathy.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

(The formal report was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 21st, 1935, page 398.)

The committee recommended that the 'Pamphlet on Variations' by Mr. Trollope which had now been received be printed and the price be fixed at 1s. per copy.

On the President's motion, the report and recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report (see 'The Ringing World,' 21st June, 1935, page 398) was presented by Mr. G. Lindoff.

The Standing Committee recommended that in the Collection of Peals now being prepared the committee be given power to increase the number of compositions in any one method, but endeavour to keep within the limit proposed by the committee in their 1934 report.

On the motion of Mr. G. Lindoff, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the report and recommendation were adopted.

REPORTS OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

The hon. secretary reported that a letter, dated May 21st, 1935, had been received from the Rev. E. S. Powell tendering his resignation from the committee.

The report (see 'The Ringing World,' 7th June, 1935) was presented by Mr. J. A. Trollope, who moved the adoption. Mr. S. H. Wood seconded.

An amendment, proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and accepted by the committee, that the report be received, but not adopted, was carried.

Mr. J. A. Trollope stated that the result of the committee's investigation of Surprise methods had been included in two volumes of a book, and these he now presented to the Council Library.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner proposed and Mr. S. H. Wood seconded on behalf of the committee 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.

An amendment was proposed by the Rev. E. S. Powell and seconded by Mr. G. Lindoff: 'That it be an instruction to the Methods Committee to prepare a MS. collection of 500-600 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 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.'

The amendment was lost and the committee's recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report (see 'The Ringing World,' May 17th, 1935, page 319) was adopted on the motion of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The report published in 'The Ringing World' on July 5th, page 431, was presented by the president, who moved the adoption.

The committee, on the suggestion of the Rev. H. Drake, agreed to consider the question of silencers in connection with sound modification.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The committee's report (see 'The Ringing World,' July 12th, 1935, page 445) was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who also moved the adoption.

The committee, in their report, recommended that a letter be written to the British Broadcasting Corporation congratulating them on the broadcasts given at Christmas and at 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 motion was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and carried.

TO ALL COMMITTEES.

On the President's motion, a vote of thanks was passed to members of all committees for their work during the year.

RECEPTION OF AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.

Prior to the luncheon adjournment, the business of the Council was adjourned to receive the members of the party which had recently visited Australia and New Zealand. The President congratulated them on the success of the tour, and a short account of the visit was given by Mr. W. H. Fussell. The tourists were afterwards the guests of the Council at lunch.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

It was proposed by the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis), seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, that the following alteration be made in the rules:—

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 motion was carried nem con.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and 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.'

On the understanding that the wording of the actual address be modified, the resolution was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, and seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner:—

'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 number of bells.'

Note.—The above motion is given in its amended form, permission having been given to amend paragraph 2, and an amendment proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. L. Grover, in respect of paragraph 1 having been accepted by the proposer and seconded of the motion.

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. J. Parker:—

'That a spliced or laminated peal shall contain a full course of each method rung.'

On the suggestion of Mr. S. H. Wood, it was agreed that the discussion on the motion be postponed until the next meeting, and the following amendment, proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. T. Clarke, was carried:—

'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 during the peal.'

It was proposed by Mr. W. H. Hollier, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and carried:—

'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.'

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee consist of Mr. W. H. Hollier, the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre, and that all members of the Council be asked to co-operate. On the motion of Mr. Hollier, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, the recommendation was adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and carried:—

'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 be urged to denote all 'first peals' and 'first peals in the method' both by any of the ringers and 'as conductor.'

It was proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye, and carried:—

'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 Standing Committee recommended that the committee be Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. W. A. Cave and Mrs. Fletcher, and that these consult with Canon Coleridge in the case of earlier members.

On the President's motion, the recommendation was adopted.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The President formally stated that the next meeting was, by rule, to be held in London, when the new rules would be operative and all affiliated societies must pay affiliation fees based upon the number of members to which they were entitled.

OTHER BUSINESS.

As to New Rules.—The Rev. W. H. Trehwella stated that the membership of the Truro Diocesan Guild was not individual, but by towers, and out of 800 members of towers, only 55 were change ringers. If, for the purposes of the new rules, their membership was taken as 800, financial difficulties might render it impossible for his Guild to remain affiliated.

The President asked Mr. Trehwella to report to the Council if these difficulties arose, in order that these special circumstances could be considered.

As to proposed memorial to Mr. W. Pye.—On the President's motion, the Council endorsed the scheme which was being launched by the Middlesex County Association, supported by the Essex Association.

As to reports of Affiliated Societies.—The President invited all societies to send copies of their annual reports to the hon. secretary.

As to 'The Ringing World'.—In reply to an inquiry by Mr. C. H. Kippin, it was stated by the President that the committee appointed to consider the question of advancing the circulation was still giving its attention to this matter.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Council Chamber, the Bishop of Lichfield for his presence, the Shropshire Association for their hospitality, and Major Trevor Corbett, Mr. R. R. Pole and committee for the excellent arrangements, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells and to all towerkeepers.

A vote of thanks to the president was carried with acclamation, on the motion of Canon Coleridge.

On the motion of Mr. W. Ayre, a special vote of thanks was given to the Methods Committee for the enormous amount of time spent in the interest of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. Shaker, thanks were accorded to the hon. secretary and Mrs. Fletcher for secretarial work.

The meeting concluded at about 6 o'clock, after which members and friends were entertained to tea by the Shropshire Association.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas, Hereford. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 p.m., All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 11 a.m. all day, subject to weddings. Cathedral (10) from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Committee meet at St. Andrew's Schools 2.30 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head), Pierpont Restaurant, Midland Road. Admission by ticket only, to be had from Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby. Ticket holders to be in room by 5 o'clock. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 6 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, not later than Saturday, April 11th.—F. W. Housden, Hon. Sec., 134, Park Lane, Carshalton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 in the Village Club Room. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), St. Michael's (6), and St. Stephen's (6) available from 2 p.m. Will ringers desirous of ringing at the six-bell towers advise me, so arrangements can be made with ringer in charge? Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Please do not be late. Tea and business at the Abbey Institute close by. Notification of attendance is necessary if ample tea arrangements are to be made.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting at Wisbech on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 o'clock in Smith's Cafe, price 1s. each, followed by business meeting. Elm and Leverington bells available from 10 a.m. to 3.15 p.m., and in the evening. No ringing allowed during service and meeting.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the church at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Castle; preacher, the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in St. Mary's Hall following the service. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets for luncheon free to practising members, visitors 2s. 6d. All pay for their liquid refreshment. Other towers open for ringing: Cudham (10), Sevenoaks (8), Edenbridge (8), Brasted (6), from 10 to 11 a.m. and after the meeting; Sundridge (6), 10 to 11 a.m. only.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Paul's (10) from 10.30, St. Peter's from noon. Luncheon at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch provided in the Parish Hall. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 1s. 9d. Those intending to be at lunch must notify the acting secretary. — J. Reed, Acting Sec., 42, Eskdale Terrace, Guiseborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the incumbents, the ring of bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany, St. Giles' and All Saints', will be placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Thomas Bayden Singleton, M.A., Rector of Swafeld. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m.; tickets, 2s. per head, followed by the annual business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec. and Treas.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Allin, 19, Gill Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield?—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

KEEP FIT is the accent of youth. Church bellringing is good for you. Midland Counties Association.—Annual meeting at Derby on Easter Monday. The Cathedral Church bells (10) available for ringing 6.45 to 8.45. Lady ringers especially invited. Sunday service ringing 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Monday's practice night, 7.30 p.m. punctual. No disappointments. Visitors welcome.—James Pagett, Ringing Master, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Newnham-on-Severn, Glos, Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available any time. Service 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 3.15 p.m., followed by tea in The Hut. Election of officers, Central Council representatives and alteration of rules.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 16th and 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, *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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting of the above will be held at Shrivenham on Thursday, April 16th, at 7 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Unitarian Church, Garton, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery).—A meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, April 18th, at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send notice to the Rev. J. E. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maidwell (6 bells) on Saturday, April 18th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Taxal (Whaley Bridge) on April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. For tea, please advise Mr. W. J. Grove, Lodge Wood Cottage, Whaley Bridge.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Leyland, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brinkworth on Saturday, April 18th. Heavy peal of six. Usual arrangements. Please advise for tea if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, April 18th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, April 14th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cullompton on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to reach me by April 13th. Roll up in large numbers.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rushton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 18th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All names for tea by Wednesday, April 15th.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at the Parish Church, Llanbadarr Fawr, Radnorshire. 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.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance requested. Will all those who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. W. H. Sadler, The Bungalow, Over Hall, Winsford, before Thursday, April 16th, for tea arrangements?—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. T. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescot Parish Church on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at a local cafe. Service in church at 5 p.m. Meeting in the Parish Room.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens, Liverpool.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Balaam, Wootton St. Lawrence, Basingstoke, by April 15th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

PAULERSPURY, NEAR TOWCESTER.—The Bishop of Peterborough will re-dedicate the bells on Sunday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Ring of five restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

COSGROVE, NEAR BLETCHLEY.—The new treble to make a ring of six, installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Sunday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, Saturday, April 25th. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. E. C. Lambert, Church Cottages, Cosgrove, by Wednesday, April 22nd.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—Two new bells installed to complete the peal to eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 8 p.m.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 25th. Please note the change of date. Further details next week.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, near Coventry.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—Ayesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m., also Honiton Clist (8 bells) at 2.30 p.m. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Caldwell. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Public Hall, meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Saturday, April 18th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing: Cathedral (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3 to 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. each), in Holy Trinity Hall. Service in the Cathedral 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than April 21st to J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 25th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 22nd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Felstead on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post, Wednesday, 22nd inst., and oblige.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The **BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANNUAL**, Saturday, April 25th, at Wooburn, Bucks. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Note the date, and don't be late with your postcard to A.D.B. Come and drive away those droops.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Aston on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Lower Heyford and Rousham (6) bells available in the evening. If requiring tea, please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, April 25th. The eight bells, which have recently been restored, available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by the Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

SOUTHWARK, ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.—The re-opening of the bells is included in the bi-centenary celebrations, and will take place after evensong on Sunday, April 26th. Ring of eight, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The postponed luncheon of the Guild will be held at Trinity, on Tuesday, April 28th. Will all those non-resident members wishing to attend inform the secretary as soon as possible?—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Fuller details will be published in due course.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. R. W. Daniels has removed to The Chase, Pilford Avenue, Leckhampton, Cheltenham.

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LATE NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells of St. Andrew's Church (10) open from 2.30 to 8.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. each). Will those intending to have tea please notify undersigned by Wednesday, April 15th?—H. S. Hinkins, 41, The Grove, Sleaford, Lincs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, April 16th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Ashton, on April 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock.—T. Jackson, Hon. Sec., 100, Blandford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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THE ENTHUSIASTS.

Few things in all the twenty-five years' existence of 'The Ringing World' have given us greater pleasure than the messages that have been reaching us from those readers who have supported the paper since its first number and whose names we are delighted to include in the 'Roll of Honour.' These letters have, in scores of cases, brought congratulations and compliments, which are most encouraging, but what has impressed us most of all has been the sense of loyalty revealed and the appreciation of the fact that the prosperity of the art of ringing depends very largely upon the maintenance of a journal devoted to its varied interests. These writers are, of course, all of them growing old in the art, for even a quarter of a century is a good spell in a man's life, but the loyalty of many of them goes back a good deal further than the first days of 'The Ringing World,' and a few even to the era before the 'Bell News.' They have always realised that the future success of change ringing has depended to a great degree upon the interchange of ideas, the extension of knowledge to the widest possible degree, and the co-ordination of the efforts of ringers in the main essentials. Without the medium of a journal this would be nearly, if not quite, impossible.

It is this realisation which we wish could be impressed to a greater degree upon those who think that a ringing paper is an unnecessary luxury and those who prefer to leave its support to others. One stumbling block to this is, of course, the fact that many ringers, indeed, from the number who actually support 'The Ringing World,' we can say the majority, have but a poor conception of the ideals of ringing. They have no ambition to make progress in the art, are content with what instruction they can get from their colleagues in the belfry, and, for the most part, only indifferently fill the office which they hold in the church. The ringer who fully appreciates the responsibilities of his office is the ringer who is also loyal to his colleagues and eager to advance in the art. He is not the man who thinks only of his paltry share in the loaves and fishes, or wonders what he can get out of it. He is the man who puts his best into it for the sake of the art and of the office that he holds. It is to the men of this type that ringing newspapers have always had to look for support in the past, and with them largely lies the difficult task of securing that support which will make the maintenance of their journal possible in the future. There are, we know, hundreds of ringers who have come into the Exercise since the first number of 'The Ringing World' was published, who are as keen

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and enthusiastic in their support of the paper as any whose names have appeared in the Roll of Honour. We thank them equally with the older readers, and hope that we may continue to merit their confidence and receive their help in inducing others to follow their example.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY...Trebble	†FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... 7
*WILLIAM SHORT... .. 2	†JOHN LLOYD 8
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	†ERNEST CALCOTT 9
JOHN BASS 4	*JOHN SMITH 10
†JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 5	WALTER FARLEY 11
†CHARLES W. COOPER ... 6	†JOHN HADDLETON ... ..Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques as conductor, and first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells. Tenor man's first peal for 36 years. Quarterly peal for the branch.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

FRANCIS BROTHERTON...Trebble	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	HOWARD HOWELL 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	JAMES GEORGE 9
BERT HORTON 4	*KENNETH W. KNOWLES ... 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
WILLIAM FISHER 6	†HARRY GRIFFITHS ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal on 12 at first attempt and first in the method. † First peal. Rung for the Easter festival.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 VERSION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ...Trebble	*FRANK E. DARBY 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	†GEORGE W. STEERE 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 8
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 4	TONY PRICE... .. 9
DANIEL D. COOPER 5	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* 100th peal together. † First peal of London Royal. E. G. Talbot has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING ... ..Trebble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 6
THOMAS H. TAFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
RAYMOND G. COUSENS ... 5	JACK A. WAUGH ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
WILLIAM LOUD 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 8
JAMES BILBY 4	GILBERT H. HARDING 9
JESSE FRANCIS 5	WILLIAM R. BAXTER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM R. BAXTER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE GILBERT 7
THOMAS BEVAN 3	HARRY SEAR 8
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
ERNEST W. FORBANK 5	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
* 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HERBERT PARKIN Treble	JOHN A. DOWNING 5
HAROLD G. REYNOLDS 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 6
JAMES G. POWELL 3	ALFRED C. LEVETT 7
JACK SINDEN 4	GEORGE R. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. LEVETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells for 24 years, and first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
PHYLLIS E. TILLET 2	FREDERICK C. CRAPNELL 6
HARRY R. ROPER 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	JOHN F. TILLET Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Margaret Elizabeth, wife of S. C. Reeve-Flaxman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (son of the late Rev. A. E. Flaxman, M.A., Rector of Grundisburgh, 1894-1906), who passed away on April 7th.

BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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

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

First peal of Kent on the bells. The composition, No. 419, is rung for the first time.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 23 cwt.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 5
*DENNIS A. SYMONDS 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	*LEONARD OFFORD Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE W. CREASEY Treble	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	*HAROLD DENMAN 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	*EDWARD DALINGWATER Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
First peal of Cambridge Minor for North Notts Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Denman.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

OLIVER J. KIDBY Treble	*PERCY K. PARKER 4
*MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5
WALTER E. LAZELL 3	EDWIN E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in five methods.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*CHARLES HARRISON Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
†WILLIAM HARRISON 2	*JOHN H. COLLEY 5
*THOMAS H. YOUNG 3	WALTER H. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

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

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE Treble	NOEL WILES 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
REGINALD WEST 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood Delight, (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (3) Charlwood and Neasden Delight, (4) Capel and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, and (7) Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM ATKINSON Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
KENNETH LEWIS 2	JOHN WORTH 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. Arden, a member of the local band, to Miss A. Brown, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of London Doubles, and 34 six-scores of Grandsire, with different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*PERCY SMART Treble	PHILIP JONES 3
†WILFRED JOYCE 2	*CHARLES BOLL 4
PERCY AMOS Tenor	

Conducted by P. JONES.

* First peal and first attempt, and belong to Whiston belfry. † First peal in more than one method. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	ARTHUR MULVEY 4
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL 2	*JAMES W. RAITHEY 5
*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. DENMAN.

* First peal in three methods. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss C. G. Salt, daughter of the Rector, to Mr. C. F. Perry, R.A.F., which took place earlier in the afternoon.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK STANTON Treble	CLAUDE S. KNOTT 4
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS 2	FREDERICK SAVAGE 5
GEORGE BAATZ 3	WILLIAM G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal by all the band except ringer of 2nd. Rung at first attempt.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four 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 GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

Rung for the 49th anniversary of Mr. A. Barnes' first peal (April 11th, 1887). It was his 101st handbell peal.

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REVERSING A METHOD.

In the last article we suggested that those who are interested in these elementary studies should endeavour to do a little 'method construction' on their own account, by writing out a course of Reverse New Bob from the lead of New Bob which we then printed. In reversing any method in which the treble conforms to a plain or treble bob hunt, the essential thing is to insert the places made by the working bells in the same relation to the treble going from back to front and front to back, as in the original method are inserted as the treble goes from front to back and back to front—reversed, as it were, in a looking glass.

For instance, in Grandsire Doubles you make 3rd's place as the treble leaves the lead going up. In Reverse Grandsire the place is made in 3rd's as the treble leaves the back on its way down. It happens that in Grandsire Doubles the place is 3rds, whether it be in the original or the reverse method. But if it were Grandsire Triples, the 3rd's place in the original, would actually be 5th's in the reverse, because 3rd's from behind, when you count the places, takes you actually into 5th's. In the same way in Minor, to reverse a 4th's place when the treble is hunting up, you must have a 3rd's place when the treble is hunting down.

Briefly, then, to reverse a method, use the same places, counted from the back and corresponding with the reversed position of the treble, as you used in the original counted from the front.

In New Bob, as it happens, the 3rd's places remain the same both in the original and the reverse, because 3rd's place is made on every possible occasion. The difference between the two methods is only in the transfer of the 2nd's place made when the treble leads to 4th's place when the treble has its whole pull behind.

Here is another way of getting it. Having written out one lead of the original version, write out each row of figures backwards. You will not be reversing the same lead, but you do reverse the method, and a complete course can be made up from any lead. Indeed, it may be an advantage to break away from the plain course. Below we put side by side a lead of the original and a reversed lead by writing the figures of the rows backward:—

12345	54321
21354	45312
23145	54132
32415	51423
23451	15432
32541	
23514	14523
32154	41532
31245	45123
13254	54213
	45231
13524	42531
31542	24513
35124	42153
53214	41235
35241	14253

While, however, the work is changed in the method from front to back, or vice versa, the bobs are still made when the treble is at the front, and consequently the calls affect the work in a different way. In the original version a bob does away with 2nd's place, when the treble leads, but in the reverse method it does away with the 3rd's place before the treble leads. Here is the difference in the bobs, as shown by the figures; try out for yourself its effect upon the sequence of the work of the method.

New Bob.	Reverse New Bob.
42531	35241
24351	32541
42315	23514
24135	32154
call bob 21453	31245
12435	13425
14235	14352
41253	41325
42135	43152
24315	34512

In each case, without the bob, the bells would have come round.

A six-score in either method can be obtained by a bob at any one lead in the first course, followed by bobs at the corresponding leads of the two succeeding courses.

Now try another bit of method construction. St. Dunstan's is a method built up like New Bob but without any 3rd's place made when the treble is above 3rd's. Can you write it out?

DINGLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, April 4th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 45 minutes, consisting of 240 changes each of Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and London Doubles, and 300 changes of St. Simon's: P. Amos 1, E. Morris 2, J. Davey 3, R. Russell 4, P. Jones (conductor) 5. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in seven methods. This is the greatest number of changes rung on the bells since 1929.

BELLS DEDICATED AT CODSALL, STAFFS. MEMORIAL TO FORMER RINGER.

It is not an easy task to describe the beauty and exquisite richness of the new ring of eight bells at Codsall, Staffs. From a ringer's point of view, the peal is perfect. They can be heard level and to nicety in the ringing room—there is no excuse for bad striking in this tower. From the non-ringer's point of view the bells have added to the amenity of the village, for in spite of the lightness of the peal it possesses a rich and pleasing quality with a depth of tone which causes 'weight judges' to be out in their calculations or guesses.

The dedication service on Sunday evening, April 5th, was an unforgettable occasion and one which made a very big impression upon the inhabitants of the village. In addition to the bells, there was the dedication of a credence table, churchwardens' staves and a churchyard gate, all of which was done by the Ven. Archdeacon of Stafford—perhaps, better known formerly as Canon Hodson—who later preached a very impressive sermon. It is, indeed, interesting to note that the Nonconformist friends shared in this enrichment of the church, and at this special service the lessons were read by the Rev. McMillan, of the Free Church in the village.

The ringing arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Perry and Knight, and they are to be congratulated upon their selection of the opening band. There was no fault to find with the striking, and the touch of Grandsire Triples at the conclusion of the service demonstrated in no small way what can be done with these bells.

It seemed to surprise the inhabitants that so many visiting ringers should turn up and make so good use of the bells, ringing being kept up until a somewhat late hour.

We have it on good authority that an amusing incident occurred prior to the service. A cyclist was seen to arrive and approach the church in a somewhat furtive manner. After looking round, as though to see if the coast were clear, he disappeared through the door of the turret stairs. He was quickly followed by several people, who had heard someone remark, 'That chap's gone to take the tenor.' As could be expected, they were naturally perturbed for the safety of the bells and, thinking they were going to be robbed of a bell, chased up the stairs and caught him in the act of measuring the tenor! Happily he had some friends amongst the visiting ringers who could vouch for his integrity, otherwise Swindon might have been a ringer short for a few Sundays.

Mr. Charles Horrell, who had been mainly responsible for the restoration of the bells, was the most disappointed man of the day, as, owing to a riding accident, he was confined to his bed. We wish him a speedy recovery, and trust he will live long to hear and enjoy this fine peal of bells.

For many years Codsall has possessed a very mediocre peal of six with a tenor of about 9 cwt., whose ringing order caused ringers to give the tower a very wide berth, while, in addition to the poor running order, the ringing arrangements were far from pleasant, as one had to stand on boards that were laid on the backs of the pews. That has now been done away with, and a fine ringers' gallery has been erected. As for the bells themselves, they have been recast at the expense of the people of Codsall, and two treble bells given in pious memory of Edwin Moreton, an old ringer of Codsall. They are the gift of his daughters, the Misses Moreton, who have also given a memorial tablet. The augmented ring of eight is hung in a fine new framework. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were entrusted with the work, left no stone unturned to ensure a perfectly satisfactory job from every point of view, and they have provided a peal of fine musical tone which has even exceeded the most optimistic expectations of the Church authorities, whose joy and thankfulness were expressed to the firm's representative, Mr. John P. Fidler, time and time again. From the peal ringer's point of view here is a peal ideal in every way.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely Branch was held at Ickleton on Saturday, April 4th. With quite a representative gathering from the district, members from the Central Branch and visitors from Essex and Hertfordshire, the reputation of the Ickleton meetings was well maintained. Ringing commenced with rounds (perhaps some clever person will say it always does) at about 3 p.m., and finished with a course of London Surprise Major at about 8.30.

The Vicar, who conducted the service, in the course of his address referred to the great loss the association has sustained in the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.

All are grateful to Mr. P. Webb, of the local band, for making the arrangements for the meeting.

THE MASONIC PEAL BOOK.

VOLUME DEPOSITED IN GRAND LODGE.

For the information of ringing brethren, Mr. F. White asks us to publish the following with regard to the Masonic Peal Book:—

The book is deposited in, and is the sole property of, the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Librarian will issue sheets for the writing of peals to a recognised writer on application, and has agreed to insert the sheets in the book. The address is 'The Grand Librarian, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.'

Mr. J. Holland, of 9, Rolis Passage, Chancery Lane, E.C.4, has written the last few peals, and is agreeable to do them in future at the same rate as originally arranged with the late Mr. Scarborough, viz., 8s. per peal. (It is, of course, not intended that Mr. Holland should have the monopoly, but he is on the spot and his terms are moderate.)

Details of the ringers are restricted to the title (Bro. or W.Bro.), and the number and name of one Lodge. Other titles, such as Provincial or Grand rank or other degrees are omitted. Footnotes are also restricted to matters of purely Masonic interest. The details of the book, as shown in the bill, are: 'The leaves are of Jap vellum, gilt edges, book sewn in sutured silk, silk ends, sewn blue silk, and the book is bound in Sumach tanned morocco of a Masonic blue, and the lettering of embellishments are of pure gold.' The cost was £7 7s., exclusive of the illuminating of the front page, which cost a further 18s. Every care has been taken to ensure that all peals rung by Freemasons have been written in the book, but if any have been inadvertently missed, will the conductor kindly inform Mr. F. White, Westfield, Cranbrook, to whom no further reports should be sent. The peals recorded are as follow:—

- 4/12/1919.—St. Clement's, Strand. Grandsire Caters.
- 29/3/1924.—Garston, Lancs. Kent Major.
- 14/2/1925.—Bushey, Herts. Stedman Triples.
- 27/2/1926.—St. Barnabas', Erdington. Stedman Triples.
- 24/4/1926.—St. Alphage, Solihull. Stedman Caters.
- 17/7/1926.—Cheimsford Cathedral. Stedman Triples.
- 9/4/1927.—Crayford. Cambridge Major.
- 31/10/1927.—Chester-le-Street. Stedman Triples.
- 19/11/1927.—St. Alphage, Solihull. Kent Royal.
- 4/1/1930.—St. Mary's, Liverpool. Minor in seven methods.
- 4/4/1930.—Colerne, Wilts. Grandsire Triples.
- 18/10/1930.—Halewood, Lancs. Double Norwich.
- 15/11/1930.—Melksham, Wilts. Grandsire Triples.
- 7/3/1931.—Stepney. Kent Royal.
- 21/3/1931.—St. Albans (Abbey). Superlative.
- 25/7/1931.—Shoreditch. Kent Maximus.
- 3/5/1932.—St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Stedman Triples.
- 3/2/1934.—St. Barnabas', Erdington. Grandsire Triples.
- 22/9/1934.—Crayford. Bob Major.
- 26/1/1935.—Edgbaston, Birmingham. Stedman Triples.
- 28/10/1935.—St. Olave's, Hart Street, London. Stedman Triples.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NUTFIELD REVISITED AFTER 16 YEARS.

A quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association (Southern District) was held at Nutfield, which was visited on Saturday, March 28th, after an absence of 16 years. Thirty-four members attended from Reigate, Redhill, Merstham, Buckland, Horley, Dorking, Capel, Croydon, Beddington, Swindon, Godstone, Burstow and Lingfield, Ringing was followed by a service, conducted by the Rev. Hartwell Jones, who gave an inspiring address. The lesson was read by Alderman Temple Newell, J.P. Tea was served in the Club Room, and the Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which it was reported that five peals were rung during the last quarter.

It was proposed to attempt the next quarterly peal at Betchworth, the method to be Cambridge Surprise Major, and the conductor Mr. R. V. Fuller.

The election of five new members previous to peals was ratified.

Notice was given that a joint meeting with the Sussex Association would be held at Crawley in May, and the next quarterly meeting at Buckland on June 27th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and to Mr. and Mrs. Moon and the ladies for the excellent arrangements at the tea.

The Secretary recalled the fact that it was 16 years since a meeting was held at Nutfield. The Vicar, in reply, gave the association a welcome to Nutfield.

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ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

Rev. R. F. R. Routh elected President.

After ringing on the bells of the Abbey, St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's Churches, St. Albans, and at Sandridge, on Easter Monday, members of the Hertford County Association attended evening song at St. Albans Abbey, at which a special address was given by the Rev. E. H. Evans, of Hertford.

They afterwards assembled for tea and the annual meeting of the association at the Abbey Institute. The Archdeacon (the Ven. H. A. Skelton) presided, and extended a cordial welcome to the company, which represented over 30 parishes and included ringers from outside the county.

The annual report, presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel), and the statement of accounts, submitted by the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham), were adopted. The general fund showed a balance in hand of £7 10s. 9d., as against £8 11s. 5d. at the beginning of the year. The credit balance of the Benevolent Fund had been increased by £3 6s. 8d., bringing the total to £16 8s. 2d., and a Voluntary Bell Fund had been opened.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In his survey of the past year's work, the Hon. Secretary said: Whilst the world has been unsettled in political and economic conditions, and in a position of not knowing what a day may bring forth, bellringing has been carried on in our villages, hamlets, cities and towns as usual, the bells sounding out their warnings and also their jubilant notes of praise and thanksgiving to the world at large. As to the work of the association, I can confidently say that it has fully maintained its traditions both in the variety and standard of methods practised, and peals rung. Whilst numerically a small association, our ringing achievements are without rival. Five peals of London Surprise Major, and a peal of Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise Major rung double-handed on handbells by Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley, H. Hodgetts and F. W. Brinklow stands pre-eminent as the highest accomplishment in change ringing. Then there is the first peal of Eryri Major rung at Bushey (an enlargement of Bristol Surprise Major). It is interesting to recall that the method was practised by Mr. G. N. Price and his band at Oxhey 25 years ago, but was abandoned because no true composition could be found of peal length. Also a peal of Wembley Surprise Major rung without previous practice by any member of the band, being the first ever rung. At Bushey Heath a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, the first in the county by a resident band, has also been rung.

The peal list comprises 49 on tower bells and 22 on handbells, rung in nearly all the standard methods. The first peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral is also another worthy record for the association, in which seven scored their first peal of Cinques. It was an excellent peal throughout, and has been fittingly commemorated by the erection of a peal board.

Progress has been made in higher methods by several bands. Congratulations are given to the Abbots Langley band on their success in ringing their first local peal, of which they are justly proud. It is noticeable that, whilst a great number have rung their first in different methods, only four have rung their first peal, three of whom were in the Abbots Langley peal. There have been 26 conductors, Mr. H. G. Cashmore heading the list with nineteen.

At the last annual meeting a voluntary bell restoration fund was brought into being at the suggestion of the president. I have received several applications from parishes in the county asking whether we had a fund to help bell restoration, but have always had to give a negative reply. I trust a liberal response will soon enable our treasurer to add more to the account he has already opened at the Westminster Bank.

FOUR MEMBERS FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In drawing attention to the report by Mr. W. Ayre, on the last Central Council meeting, the Hon. Secretary pointed out that under the new rule regarding representation which comes into force at the Whitsun meeting, Hertfordshire is entitled to four representatives, and the committee decided to be fully represented on the Council, and names would be submitted to that meeting. The report continued:—

Bellfounders have been busy in the county in adding to and reconditioning existing peals, notably the augmentation of the Cathedral bells to a ring of twelve on Jubilee Day, Monday, May 6th.

The Dean of St. Albans (E. H. L. Henderson) has left us, but I would place on record our appreciation of the many services he has rendered to our association, and we owe to him the idea of a ring of twelve. As soon as the appeal was issued, success seemed assured, for very quickly Dr. and Mrs. Madge promised the treble and Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield (one of our members), the third. The second was given by members in memory of Mr. Edward P. Debenham, our president, and the fourth was by public subscription.

'The Ringing World' has recently completed its Silver Jubilee, and I would offer to Mr. Goldsmith thanks for the services he has rendered by the publication of his weekly journal. The writing of a weekly article and the sub-editing of a miscellaneous collection of reports needs a well-balanced judgment if it is to meet the wishes of its supporters. These conditions have been fulfilled. In the Jubilee number Mr. Goldsmith made an appeal for more generous support. He reminded us that the hand that has guided the paper for 25

years cannot go on indefinitely, and expresses fear for the future of the journal when his life's work is done. It would mean disaster to ringing generally if the publication stopped. I am confident that a five per cent. increase in sales would go a long way to stabilise future publishing. The Herts County Association has been to the fore on many occasions, so let us see to it that the future of 'The Ringing World' (as far as we are concerned) is removed from the danger zone, and is assured to at least the present generation.

It has been decided to commemorate the life-work of William Pye by raising a fund to augment the ring of six at Leytonstone to a peal of eight, and we have been asked to join the scheme. No words of mine are needed to extol his wonderful achievements and the impetus his life must have given to the advancement of change ringing.

CHANGES IN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT.

The excellent work of our district secretaries is appreciated by every member, and we thank them. It is a most important work, upon which our progress in change ringing chiefly depends. Your committee have recently revised the general rules which will be submitted to you to-day, the general principles of which I trust will meet with your approval. It is suggested that each district has its own committee of management, the size of that committee being left to the discretion of the members. The government of the association will be vested in the president, treasurer, general secretary, assistant secretary (if any), the five district secretaries, and two elected representatives from each district committee. Only members in their respective districts will be allowed to vote at district meetings, although other members may speak at the chairman's invitation. This will form a thoroughly representative committee, and should lead to increased interest and advancement in each district.

It is satisfactory to notice that many services have been arranged at district meetings. This is a welcome asset, and I feel sure meets with the approval of ringers generally.

The Benevolent Fund has now a useful balance at the bank. Thanks to the general good health and prosperity of our members, no demands have been made upon the funds, and we are in the happy position, should occasion arise, with the approval of the general committee, to help any contributory member needing assistance. May the day be not far distant when every band will consider it a privilege to send its yearly contribution.

We are again indebted to the clergy for granting permission to hold the various quarterly meetings, for the services they have arranged and general interest taken in our work; also to those who have granted their towers for peals and afterwards, perhaps, borne the brunt of complaints, when the ringers have gone. It has been a successful year, and I venture to predict further advance if the revised rules are accepted, for they will diffuse a greater share of responsibility to the committee in each district, and a backing to the district secretaries which has hitherto been lacking.

It was decided to contribute £1 1s. to the William Pye Memorial Fund.

Mr. E. Jennings (Preston) was elected a non-resident member of the association, and Messrs. L. Hansell (St. Albans), J. White (St. Albans) and the Rev. W. T. Rickett (Tring) were elected ringing members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. R. F. R. Routh, of Hitchin, was unanimously elected president, and in returning thanks he expressed regret that the retiring president (Mr. W. Ayre) was unable to be present, owing to a family bereavement. Other officers elected were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. G. E. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. George Debenham; hon. librarian, Mr. H. P. Frost; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer; Central Council representatives, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Messrs. W. Ayre, H. E. C. Goodenough and C. W. Woolley; district secretaries, Messrs. D. C. Mears (Northern), W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), W. Nash (St. Albans), C. H. Horton (Watford) and W. Ayre (Western).

The revised rules, as submitted to the bands, with the exception of Rule 3, which was amended to include members of Luton, Stammore and Edmonton towers, were approved.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. E. H. Evans for his address.

It was decided to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. J. Frewett, one-time hon. auditor of the association.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BIG DISTRICT MEETING AT HEADCORN.

The meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild, held at Headcorn on Saturday, April 4th (having been postponed from March 21st), was attended by over 60 ringers and their friends from Ashford, Canterbury Cathedral, Gravesend, Hawkhurst, Hythe, Linton, Little Chart, Newington, Sturry, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Tenterden, Throwley and the local tower.

The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and kept busy until 4.30, when the usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. G. Pope). Mrs. Pope presided at the organ.

Tea proved quite a problem, for although all were under one roof they were in three rooms, and some time elapsed before all were accommodated. As any kind of business meeting was out of the question under such conditions, the party afterwards returned to the tower, and the business of both societies was transacted there, the Vicar being in the chair.

Minutes of three previous meetings were read and passed.

A short discussion of the proposed new rules of the Kent Association took place, but it was pointed out that nothing could be done at that meeting except explain, if necessary, any point that was not clear. All hands had been sent a copy of the proposals to compare with the existing rules, and their job was to vote for or against the alterations at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Eleven new members were elected, viz., three from New Romney, one from Headcorn, two from Newington, two from Stowting, one from Hythe, and two from Tenterden.

The Guild had, among other things, one peal to report, and it was decided to accept an invitation to hold the next meeting at Newington, Folkestone, on Saturday, May 2nd.

The Vicar was thanked for all he had done in connection with the meeting, also Mrs. Pope for her valuable assistance at the organ.—In replying, the Vicar said he was always pleased to have the ringers at Headcorn, and especially in this case, as he had met once more a number of his friends from his last parish of Hythe.

The bells were then brought into use again, everyone being catered for from rounds for the beginners to Cambridge for the more advanced. A most enjoyable afternoon came to an end by lowering the bells in peal.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 29th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Kinchin 1, W. Rawlings 2, H. Price 3, C. R. Steed 4, W. Cockings 5, H. Brookes 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. Preedy 8.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. About 40 members attended, and the bells, a nice ring of eight, tenor about 10 cwt., were kept going in various methods from Grand-sire Triples to London Surprise Major.

The Vicar of Edgbaston, Canon Stuart Blofeld, who is also an hon. member of the Guild, conducted the Guild's service and gave a very interesting and helpful address on the dignity of the office of bell-ringers and the necessity of ringing to the best of one's ability.

Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. Councillor Paddon Smith presided, in the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who was unavoidably absent at Lincoln.

Mr. Paddon Smith was again unanimously re-elected the Guild's representative on the Central Council for the ensuing session.

Mr. Frederick V. Nicholls, of Stourbridge, was elected a life member, and Messrs. W. L. Whiston, of Handsworth, and J. W. Pettigrew, of Aston, were elected full ringing members.

It was decided to hold the bi-quarterly meeting at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, May 9th, and the quarterly meeting at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 4th.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, it was unanimously agreed that a letter of congratulation and thanks be sent to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' on its attaining its Silver Jubilee.

The Secretary suggested that the best way to show appreciation was to become regular subscribers to the paper, and urged anyone present who was not already a subscriber to send his order along without delay.

On a show of hands it was found that seven members present had been regular subscribers since the first issue.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, to the churchwardens who had kindly provided the tea, to Mr. Freemantle for making the local arrangements, and to the ladies who had so efficiently served the tea. It had been a happy gathering, and everyone had enjoyed it.

The Vicar, responding, said it was always a pleasure to entertain the Guild at Edgbaston. He particularly missed the Master that afternoon, but was pleased to know that he was recovering from his prolonged illness.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will Mr. A. J. Harding, late of Webb's Road, Clapham Junction, S.W., please get into communication at once with Mr. T. W. Taffender, hon. secretary, London County Association, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20?

Owing to the illness of the Bishop of Peterborough the dedication of the bells at Paulerspury and Cosgrove has been postponed. A notice will appear in due course when another date has been decided upon.

The ring of eight bells of St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Camberley, Surrey, is to be rehung with new fittings in a new frame by John Taylor and Co.

After a lapse of 24 years another peal has been rung on the ring of steel bells at St. Clement's Church, Hastings. They were cast about 70 or 80 years ago by Vickers, of Sheffield. There are happily only one or two other such peals about, one being at Randwick, Sydney, on which the tourists to Australia had the pleasure(?) of ringing during their stay in that city.

Mr. James George has been appointed Vicar's warden at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham.

By the way, Mr. George—he is 82—rang the ninth to a peal of Stedman Cinques at Wolverhampton on Monday, and when it was finished offered to ring the tenor (33 cwt.) to a peal of Bob Major! He could probably have done it, but the public had to be thought of.

Lavenham bells will be heard on the Regional wavelength on Sunday evening in a 'half-hour programme' from that village at 10.15 p.m. Handbell ringing will also be heard.

A clerical ringing week, with headquarters at Hereford, will begin next Monday.

THE SOUTHWARK CINQUES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry indeed to read in 'The Ringing World' that the composition of the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, in 1923, was false, and I extend my sympathy to those who took part in it.

That it was magnificent ringing, I can testify from the account given to me by my father.

He set out that morning intending to catch a train about 11 a.m. to Salisbury, where the Central Council were meeting. Having previously looked out his trains, I was surprised when he came in to say good-bye an hour or so earlier than I expected. On inquiring the reason for such an early start, he said, 'I want to listen to some of that peal at Southwark.'

When he returned home on the Wednesday, I asked him if he had had a good time. He replied, 'Yes, I didn't get down to Salisbury until after 7 o'clock on Monday. I simply could not come away from Southwark. Never, in my life, have I heard such beautiful ringing. Periodically I would take off course-ends as they came up, and Mr. Cockerill would check them with his figures. If only I could have been certain of getting a bed at Salisbury, I would not have come away until the end.'

If my father were alive to-day, I am sure that his disappointment would be almost as great as that of the band.

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

SPLICED SURPRISE IN MIDDLESEX AND ELSEWHERE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. James Hunt on his belated conversion. From being a decided objector to splicing on the 'lead' plan he has become such an admirer that he describes a recent peal on this plan as 'the best ever.'

I would remind him that the peal rung at Staines was real Spliced—it was not laminated, it does not contain full courses of any method rung, but it is a typical example of the class of peal that the resolution so strenuously opposed by him at the last meeting of the Council was designed to protect.

Mr. Hunt, like most of us, lives and learns, but he still has a long way to go.

C. T. COLES.

PEALS OVERLOOKED.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band which rang the seven-method Surprise Major peal at St. Mary's, Staines, I would like to thank Mr. Hunt for his letter published in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' Whilst congratulating him in so changing his opinions as to express his approval of spliced peals which do not contain a full course of each method rung, I feel that in describing our performance as 'the best ever' he has overlooked the series of peals composed by A. J. Pitman and conducted by the late William Fye, culminating in the peal in twelve methods rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, in 1931.

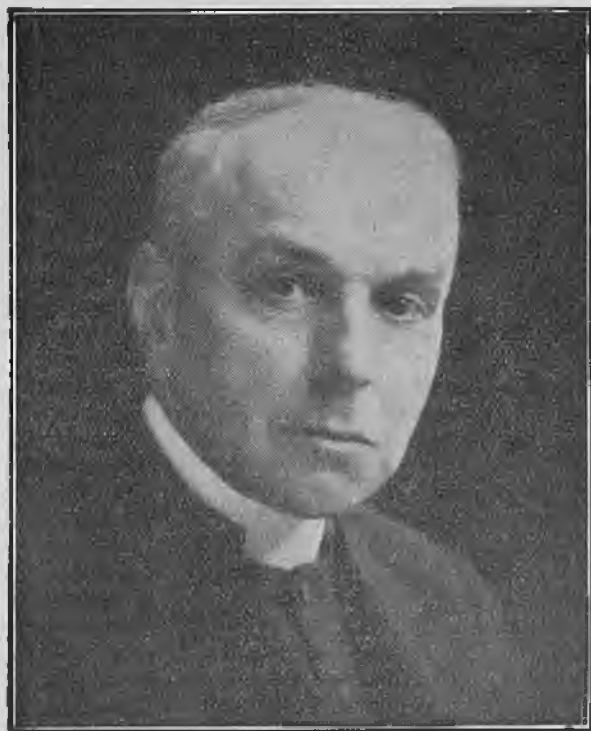
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DEATH OF CANON H. J. ELSEE. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT FOR 45 YEARS.

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It is with profound regret that we have to announce the sudden death on Good Friday of the Rev. Canon Henry John Elsee, M.A., for almost 40 years Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Association for more than 45 years. His passing removes a revered and much loved figure from the Church in Lancashire and creates a void in the Exercise which it will be difficult to fill.



THE LATE REV. CANON H. J. ELSEE.

Canon Elsee died with tragic suddenness, yet probably in a manner and at a time that he would, if he could, himself have chosen. He had gone straight from a service at the Parish Church in the afternoon to visit a sick person, and while at the bedside he collapsed and was dead before he could be conveyed to hospital.

He had preached in his own church in the morning, and his text was almost prophetic, Christ's last words on the Cross: 'It is finished.' Canon Elsee that day finished his course, after a life devoted to the good of his fellow-men.

During 40 years at St. George's Church, Bolton, his vicariate was notable in many ways. Not only did he establish himself in the affection of his parishioners, but he was a leader of religious life and social work in this busy industrial town. Some 25 years ago he undertook a scheme of reconstruction of the old church, which was reopened in 1911 after an expenditure of about £10,000, and it was characteristic of him that in the very last issue of his parish magazine he should offer £100, towards a sum of £500 required to clear the debt on the Church House and redecorate the church, 'in token of my gratitude for the years which I have spent at St. George's.'

Canon Elsee was appointed an honorary canon of Manchester Cathedral in 1918, and in 1927-28 spent nearly a year visiting S.P.G. missions in Southern Rhodesia. In 1930 he was appointed Rural Dean of Bolton, and in 1931 a proctor in Convocation.

HIS INTEREST IN RINGING.

Outside his work, Canon Elsee's only hobby was bellringing. Born at Rugby in 1863, he learned to ring a bell when he was but nine or ten years of age. It was Benjamin Voos, the old sexton of the Parish Church, who taught him, the ancient custom of ringing the Curfew providing him with the opportunity. Afterwards the youthful pupil learned to ring Grandsire Doubles on the old five bells,

which still hang in the western tower of the church. Rugby is one of the very few churches that possess two towers and two rings of bells. The one at the eastern end now has a peal of eight.

Canon Elsee was at Rugby School from 1876 to 1882, when he went up to St. John's College, Cambridge. There he became a member of the University Guild, which had been established in 1879, and here he learned more of the science of ringing, which up to that time had been limited to five bells. In those days the members included some who afterwards occupied a noteworthy place in the Exercise, among them, of course, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the president, to whom every ringer who has graduated at Cambridge owes a great debt. Among the undergraduates who were then practising were those who afterwards became Canon W. W. C. Baker, Rev. R. Copeman, Rev. W. C. Pearson and Professor M. C. Potter. In 1882 the young Guild was strengthened by the advent of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley and Mr. J. T. Rickman, in addition to Canon Elsee. In 1883 and 1884, Canon Elsee was secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and in 1885 and 1886 conductor, an office which later was merged into that of Master. He became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1884.

Canon Elsee was ordained in 1886 at Ely, and for a year was curate of Horningssea, four miles out of Cambridge, where there were five bells. In 1887 he went to Manchester, and for nearly nine years was curate of St. Andrew's, Ancoats. Here there was only one bell, but Canon Elsee used frequently to get practice at the Cathedral, where he rang his first peal—Grandsire Caters—in 1888.

In 1896 he was appointed to the care of St. George's, Bolton. The church has a ring of eight bells by Rudhall, but owing to its situation in the middle of a populous area, peal ringing has had to be considerably limited.

PRESIDENT OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

From the time Mr. Elsee went to Manchester he actively interested himself in the affairs of the Lancashire Association. In 1889 he was elected vice-president and was made president in the following year, so that he has occupied this office for nearly 46 years, amid the growing respect and esteem of the members.

He has represented the Lancashire Association on the Central Council since it was founded in 1891, and his opinions always carried the greatest weight on this body. There are, we believe, only two other members remaining who were elected to the first Council, viz., Canon G. F. Coleridge and Mr. George Williams.

Canon Elsee's parochial duties prevented him from any very extensive peal ringing, and he did not keep any record of these performances. He had, however, rung peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Double Norwich Major.

It is a sad reflection that only three weeks ago Canon Elsee unveiled in his own tower two peal boards, one recording the only peal of Stedman rung on the bells, a performance which took place in October, 1900. For the unveiling, recorded in our last issue, four of the band were present—Mr. A. E. Wreaks, now of Paisley, Mr. Thomas Peers, of Heysham, and Mr. Henry Moss, with Canon Elsee.

Canon Elsee was a bachelor, and is survived by a brother, Canon Charles Elsee, Vicar of St. Guthbert's, Hunslet, Leeds, and two sisters, who reside in North Wales.

The funeral service took place at St. George's, Bolton, on Wednesday, prior to interment at Clynog, Caernarvon.

THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

NORTON RINGERS' SERVICES.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Norton on Saturday, April 4th. Fifty-two were present from Brown Edge, Bucknall, Burslem, Biddulph, Cheddle, Crewe, Draycott, Kingley, Lawton, Longton, Newcastle, Norton, Uttoxeter and Wistaston. Tea was provided by the Norton ringers in the Church Institute.

The Rector (Rev. J. G. Hamlet) was present; he should be an ideal ringers' parson, by the way he praises his ringers. He is proud of the fact that the services of his nine ringers total 189 years.

The usual vote of thanks was passed, and nine new members elected. Everyone had a very enjoyable time, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Cambridge, Wells, Norwich Surprise, York and London Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District of the Herts County Association was held at Sawbridgeworth on March 28th, when about 30 members and friends attended from Broxbourne, Harlow, Stansted, Waltham Abbey, London, Chelmsford, Springfield, Nazeing, Sawbridgeworth and Little Munden. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Goudge).

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Morris, of Sawbridgeworth. Sawbridgeworth is situated upon the extreme eastern edge of Herts, and still retains much of its old-world appearance around the church. The bells are still ringable, although beginning to need the attention of a bellhanger, and hopes are entertained that they may be overhauled. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

GROWING LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR 25 YEARS.

Old Readers Write of Value of 'The Ringing World'

Readers of 'The Ringing World' who have been subscribers to the journal from the first number until to-day make a proud list, and there are more to come. Those who have not yet sent their names and addresses should do so at once.

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INTERESTING POINTS FROM READERS' LETTERS.

The names of those readers who have supported 'The Ringing World' from the first number up to the present time continue to flow in and with them interesting and encouraging messages. It is impossible for us to quote from even a tithe of the letters we have received, but we hope that all who have written to us will accept our thanks.

Many who have subscribed to 'The Ringing World' from its beginning had previously subscribed to other ringing papers for a number of years. For instance, there is Mr. John Jaggard, who has purchased all the ringing papers since 1876. Then Mr. William Story and Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, Mr. G. Condick, of Gloucester, Rev. W. Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk, tell us that they have not only taken every copy of 'The Ringing World,' but were subscribers to 'The Bell News' from its foundation. Numerous other ringers gave their support to the old papers from the early eighties onward, among them Mr. C. Draper, of Duffield, Mr. W. Bellows, of Skipton, Yorks, who began ringing in 1876, and is now 78 years of age, Mr. E. A. Bacon, of Loughton, Essex, Mr. W. G. Easter, of Gillingham, Kent, Mr. W. Haigh, of Etchingham, Sussex, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, and Mr. F. E. Dawe, of Woking.

Mr. J. Puleet, of Tring, who is now 65, has been reading the ringing papers ever since he was twelve years of age, while the number who have supported a ringing paper for over 40 years would make a long list.

Some of our readers indicate the value 'The Ringing World' has been to them in various ways. Here are a few taken at random: Mr. Percy Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, says: 'I have been to many meetings, have rung on many bells and made many friends, which would not have been possible had it not been for 'The Ringing World.' Mr. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, says that, 'Looking over the interesting happenings that have been recorded, many containing references to old friends who have now passed away, brings back very happy memories to me and my wife of our peregrinations all over England on our tandem.'

Mr. C. H. Howard, formerly Master of the Essex Association, says, 'Although I am not now able to take an active part in ringing, or attend association meetings, it still gives me great pleasure to read of the activities of my old ringing friends.'

'It would not be Friday without 'The Ringing World,' writes Mr. Warren S. Hornbrook, of Plymouth. 'I invariably read each issue from date to imprint, and enjoy every "stickful." 'May I,' he adds, 'congratulate the Printer's Reader on its accuracy. It is a very rare event for an error to get past him.'

That is a tribute which we should like to endorse.

We know of many readers who on Friday morning look first to 'The Ringing World' before their daily paper. Mr. F. L. Wilson, of Wincanton, says he 'would rather go without lunch any Friday than miss "The Ringing World."'

WAR MADE NO BREAK.

A number of readers kept up their contact with ringing through the Great War by means of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Pearl Inskip, of Kempston, Beds, for instance, received it week by week for the whole four years in France, and the paper followed others to nearly every area of the campaign.

Another correspondent emphasises the point that his interest does not finish when he has purchased his weekly copy. Mr. O. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, says, 'I have taken (AND READ) "The Ringing World" from No. 1 to date, and have the complete set.'

Mr. J. P. Hyett, J.P., tells us that he is in some doubt as to whose name should be entered in the 'Roll of Honour,' as his wife has very cheerfully paid for each copy. He adds that he must be among the very small band of J.P. subscribers.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, in informing us that he bought the first number and all subsequent ones, adds, 'I well remember sneaking out of college during the Friday mornings to get to the newsagent at the corner.'

The 'first and last reader' in the British Isles is Dr. J. Symons, of Penzance, the octogenarian president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, who was an original subscriber and continues 'an eager reader of our journal.'

Mr. George Lewis, of Sheffield, another of those who have taken every number, says it was his privilege to take part in the first peal published in 'The Ringing World,' viz., a peal of Maximus at Sheffield, nine of the band being still alive.

Mr. F. E. Dawe reminds us that the first letter that appeared in 'The Ringing World' was from his pen. No one has been a warmer advocate of this journal than he has.

And here is a hint that we pass on to others. Mr. Storer W. West, churchwarden of Whitwick, Leicestershire, referring to the fact that he has taken all the ringing papers since 1891, says, 'I have also not forgotten the firms and business men who have advertised in the ringing papers.'

When 'The Ringing World' first appeared, and was ordered by Mr. R. T. Holding, jun., his father, who was a staunch supporter of 'Bell News,' thought it was 'another flash in the pan,' and chipped him good and hard when the newsagent delivered 'The Ringing World.' 'Needless to say,' adds Mr. Holding, 'the mistake was soon remedied, and I always look forward to your next issue.'

Mr. W. Shepherd recalls 'Ringers' Day' at the Crystal Palace in 1911, 'one of your best ventures.' 'Since then,' he adds, 'you have kept on and on with an uphill task always in front of you, for it is not appreciated even now that one copy per band is not enough, and that one copy per ringer is surely the duty. I was always taught as a boy to buy my own copy, and not lend it to others for a cheap read.'

A MEMENTO FROM GLOUCESTER.

A gift which we shall cherish very much has come to us from Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester. In his letter, informing us that he has taken the ringing papers from 1885, when he rang his first peal, he says, 'I am sending you a small memento of your 25 years' service to the art, a bell out of the canons of Thornbury bells, which was presented to me when we rang our first peal of Cambridge Royal.' The record is inscribed on the bell, and that peal was the commencement of Surprise Royal and Maximus as we know it to-day. As a matter of fact, Mr. Austin was the first man to call a bob in Cambridge Maximus, but singularly he has never yet rung a peal of it.

'I wonder how many on the 'Roll of Honour' possess a first copy?' asks the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild, who makes a practical suggestion, 'Let all on the "Roll" get a new subscriber,' he says. 'Mine is Mr. H. J. Rowe, Home Living, Brampford Speke.'

'I have had the pleasure of purchasing "The Ringing World" and the enjoyment of reading its various topics, discussions and explanation,' writes Mr. F. Watkinson, of Handsworth, Sheffield. 'How you manage to select them from the mass you must have received with the fair judgment you do, is almost past comprehension. Although seven copies are taken every week by members of my band, we still endeavour to increase the number, but it is really only those who remember the days of the lingering death of "The Bell News" and the birth and short life of those other papers before "The Ringing World" appeared, who really understand what the paper means to the Exercise. So few realise that without it now our art could not make the progress it is doing.'

B.B.C. APOLOGY.

'A TRAVESTY' OF RINGING.

An apology from the B.B.C. was read at the meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich on Monday. The B.B.C. had broadcast a gramophone record of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft during a talk on East Anglia, by Mr. R. H. Mottram, the Norwich novelist. The record was made by the B.B.C. van outside the church, unknown to the Vicar or ringers.

The Vicar (Rev. Hugh McMullan) described it as 'a travesty—an extraordinarily poor idea of what the bells are capable.'

The reply of the Recording Programme Executive, after offering apologies for the apparent discourtesy, explained that the B.B.C. representative took the record just before morning service, when he was pressed for time.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

No. 2 VERSION.

By CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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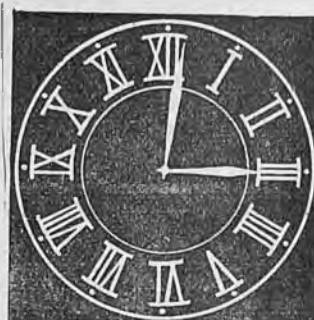
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This method, together with the composition, was rung for the first time at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, September 21st, 1935, conducted by Chas. H. Kippin.

CHICHESTER.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at the Cathedral campanile, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. W. Stovold 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, A. Carver 8. This quarter-peal contains 'Queen's' Tittums and eighteen 4-6's. The above are all Sunday service ringers.



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NOTICES.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held to-morrow (April 18th) at Retford. Towers open for ringing: East Retford (10), 2.30-4.25; West Retford (6), 2.30-4.10; Ordsall (6), 2.30-4, and after tea. Divine service in East Retford Church 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the meeting, both in the Church Hall. Please come and make it a record annual meeting. — R. Towler, Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday, April 18th), at Ipswich. Bells will be available at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement, St. Matthew, also Rushmere, Tuddenham, Sproughton, Bramford (6), and St. Lawrence (5). 4 p.m., committee meeting in the Vestry; 4.30, service in St. Mary-le-Tower. Sermon by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, conductor of the Stoke-by-Clare Ringers. 5, tea in the Co-operative Hall at 1s. 5.30, general meeting there under the Bishop of Dunwich. — Herbert Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Unitarian Church, Garton, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery).—A meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, April 18th, at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send notice to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Leyland, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Finish your Easter holiday with a good meeting, so all come.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, April 18th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cullompton on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Roll up in large numbers.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at the Parish Church, Llanbadarr Fawr, Radnorshire. 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. T. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescot Parish Church on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at a local cafe. Service in church at 5 p.m. Meeting in the Parish Room.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens, Liverpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells of St. Andrew's Church (10) open from 2.30 to 8.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. each). —H. S. Hinkins, 41, The Grove, Sleaford, Lincs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special Meetings: Saturday, April 18th, unveiling of memorial peal board to his late Majesty, in the belfry of Newcastle Cathedral at 5.30; April 25th, meeting at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, by invitation of the Vicar and wardens. Bells available at 2.30, unveiling of peal board at 4.15, service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Will members intending to be present please advise me at once?—George S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, April 18th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible. — H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—Two new bells installed to complete the peal to eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 8 p.m.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—Ayesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m., also Honiton Cyst (8 bells) at 2.30 p.m. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Caldwell. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Public Hall, meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Saturday, April 18th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing: Cathedral (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3 to 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. each), in Holy Trinity Hall. Service in the Cathedral 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than April 21st to J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 22nd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Felstead on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post, Wednesday, 22nd inst., and oblige.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Aston on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Lower Heyford and Rousham (6) bells available in the evening. If requiring tea, please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Ashton, on April 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock.—T. Jackson, Hon. Sec., 100, Blandford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, April 25th. The eight bells, which have recently been restored, available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by the Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 25th. 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. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 22nd.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. Paton, Vicar of St. Lawrence, Brentford. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Mary's, Ealing, 3 to 4.45 and 7.15 to 8.30; St. Lawrence, Brentford, 3 to 4; and Christ Church, Ealing, 8 to 9. Those requiring tea are requested to advise Mr. Goodfellow by April 20th.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of the local ringers and friends, only to those who acquaint me not later than Tuesday, 21st. Half rail fares allowed.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 25th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea after, at the Ringers' Home from Home. All heartily welcome. A visit to this old-world village in spring is well worth while.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Staplegrave on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., in the schools after. Those requiring tea please notify by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4. Tea, by invitation of St. Paul's Cathedral ringers, at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. The Old Steeple (8) will also be available. All ringers welcome. Let me know by Monday, April 20th, numbers likely to be present.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Please advise for tea not later than the 22nd.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Kewstoke on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts. — A joint meeting will be held at Helmsley on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Feversham Arms (1s. 6d. per head). Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Rickett, Church Street, Helmsley, not later than Thursday, April 23rd. Business meeting immediately after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all interested.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon; Horace S. Morley, 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Dis. Secs.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Keysoe on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Little Staughton bells available after tea. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Pottton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us 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 Horwich Parish on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Douling on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Those wanting tea please let me know by the 20th.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. Minor enthusiasts should 'brush up' those half-forgotten methods. Please send a p.c. for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Eger-ton, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by April 22nd to H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — **THE BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANNUAL.**—Saturday, April 25th, at Wootton Bassett, Bucks (8 bells) at 3 p.m. Has A. D. B. got your p.c.? If not, why not? Write it now.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastmeon on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at the George Inn. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by April 22nd?—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, near Newbury, by Wednesday, April 22nd, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m.: St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6). Service, 4.30, at St. John's, followed by tea for ringers at St. John's Hall. Please let me know by Wednesday, April 22nd, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 25th. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall, followed by the general annual business meeting. Coton bells available during afternoon and evening. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—M. Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, the 22nd. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting. Both tower and handbells available. — Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Puddletown on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, to be followed by short business meeting. Kindly advise early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Visitors welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Evershot on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to meeting, please. All welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Ogbourne St. George (5 bells) on April 25th. All ringing friends welcome, but kindly advise for tea not later than April 22nd.—Walter J. Jennings, 16, Lainey's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Will those who hope to be present for tea please notify me not later than the previous Thursday?—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than Tuesday next how many will require tea.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton and Daventry Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify either secretary by Tuesday, April 21st?—J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton; W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SOUTHWARK, ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.—The re-opening of the bells is included in the bi-centenary celebrations, and will take place after evensong on Sunday, April 26th. Ring of eight, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The postponed luncheon of the Guild will be held at Trinity, on Tuesday, April 28th. Will all those non-resident members wishing to attend inform the secretary as soon as possible?—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Wellingore on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting

to follow. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, April 29th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Emmanuel bells after tea. Ringers who intend to be present send names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vangham Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting has been arranged at Scotow on May 2nd, when the recently rehung and augmented peal (6) will be at members' disposal from 2.30. Service at 4.15, tea at 4.45. It is hoped all members will make an effort to visit this tower on May 2nd and notify their intention of supporting the meeting.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (at 1s. 3d. per head) to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, April 28th. Please see that your tower is represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Pinner, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 o'clock. Service at 5. Sea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by April 30th, please. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. J. Jones, Rector. Luncheon and annual meeting in Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers open: St. Peter's, Marlborough, and Aldbourne (8 bells), St. Mary's, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Milton, Pewsey, Preshute (6), Chiseldon, Chilton, Saver-nake St. Katherine's (5). Ringers intending to be present please inform the secretary by Monday, April 27th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

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Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
*JOHN BOOTH 2	*JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
*CECIL RADDOON 3	JOSEPH KIDYARD 8
†STANLEY J. HARRISON ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
†CHARLES BLACKBURN ... 5	LESTER L. GRAY Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First ten-bell peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters in this tower.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
ROBERT J. DAWE 2	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 7
†WILLIAM J. COPPARD ... 3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 8
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

STANLEY BRITTON Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	GEORGE WM. STEEL 7
ALBERT WORMALD 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by C. SEVERN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd, whose birthdays fall on April 12th. Mr. R. G. Knowles has now completed three score years and ten.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	JESSE W. HARRISON 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 2	*JESSE W. HARRISON 6
MISS K. E. FLETCHER 3	*FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	CHARLES L. SADLER 6
JOHN J. WREB 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	H. ERNEST COX Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged and rung for the Easter festival. First peal of Union Triples by the Guild.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	ALEXANDER EVANS 5
DAVID MACKAY 2	*HARRY J. SANGER 6
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
KENNETH FORD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by NORAH G. WILLIAMS.

* 50th peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 5
DAVID MACKAY 2	JAMES HUNT 6
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 3	*RONALD G. BECK 7
KENNETH FORD 4	*JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID MACKAY.

* 150th peal together. First touch in the method as conductor.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5
HORACE M. DAY 2	CUMBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 6
ARTHUR J. HOLMES 3	WILLIAM A. HOLMES 7
*WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER WOOD Treble	*ERNEST TREAGUS 5
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 2	CECIL H. WOOD 6
ALBERT FIRST 3	RAYMOND WOOD 7
THOMAS ADAMS 4	ERNEST HOWELL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*JACK GREEN Treble	GEORGE LADD 5
†ALBERT APPLEBY 2	HARRY NICHOLS 6
GEORGE SEWELL 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS 7
*STEPHEN H. WRIGHT ... 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

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

DARESURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*HARRY PYE Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 2	HARRY PARKER 6
HARRY W. HOWARD 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
JOSEPH LITTLER 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. HART Treble	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
*ARTHUR J. LEWRY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	EDWARD FOSTER 7
FREDERICK PICKARD 4	JOHN E. HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* 100th peal for M.C.A. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Bradley.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER PERKINS Treble	*CYRIL D. NICHOLS 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
*ARCHIE HENMAN 3	ROBERT G. BLACK 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	G. DENNIS DRIGTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
 DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	† JAMES W. HALL 5
STANLEY J. HARRISON 2	CRCIL RADDON 6
* GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	* CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* 50th peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	WILLIAM J. PRING Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
 Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Gould on his completing 54 years as a ringer at this church and 50 years as leader and conductor.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW
 AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
* FRANK BORLEY 2	KEITH W. WHITTELL 6
* ARTHUR R. WOODARD 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* FRANK VARTY Treble	ARNOLD BORTON 5
* EDWIN C. BIRKETT 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem and affection to the late Canon H. J. Elsee, the beloved president of the Lancashire Association.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 14, 1936, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN HUXSTEP Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS 5
ALBERT LEES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH 3	RICHARD LONGDEN 7
HAROLD LONGDEN 4	* EDWARD LATCHFORD Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD LONGDEN.

* First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, March 29th, for the Confirmation service, a quater-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: C. Hardiman 1, R. T. Clark 2, H. J. Saunders 3, H. Whitehead 4, E. J. Walker 5, L. Leach 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. J. Ellender 8.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

RICHARD M. YOUNG Treble	JOSEPH E. OWEN 5
CLIFFORD HORROCKS 2	HAROLD RUSHTON 6
EVEREST FORD 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
CYRIL R. BROWN 4	RICHARD W. MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by EVEREST FORD.

First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells fully muffled, except the tenor at back stroke, as a token of respect to Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, and Vicar of the above church for 40 years. The peal began immediately the cortege left the church for the interment at Clynog, Wales.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

JAMES PARR Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS 5
LEONARD SCHOLES 2	JACK CLEGG 6
ISAAC WHALLEY 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 7
HERBERT HOLDEN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung with bells muffled at back stroke as a tribute of respect to the late president of the association, Canon H. J. Elsee, who was interred on the above date.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* HERBERT MCKINNELL Treble	* ALAN J. BROWN 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	ERNEST SEDDON 6
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
JOHN FEARNHEAD 4	JAMES CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Conducted by E. SEDDON.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to George Rushton, a ringer at the above church, and Canon Elsee, of Bolton, president of the Lancashire Association.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

ALRC EGGINGTON Treble	* HUGH ROBERTS 5
GEORGE LEDSHAM 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
FRANK VARTY 3	J. NORMAN BENSON 7
DAVID HUGHES 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	HERBERT E. ADSLEY 5
* GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 51st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Barnett.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KILLMARSH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	REGINALD PAYNE 6
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
HAROLD CHANT 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by A. NASH.

This method is now rung for the first time.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF HUGHENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY NEWTON 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	*ROLAND BIGGS 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* 50th peal together. This method (Lindoff's 102) is now rung for the first time. Rung as a wedding compliment to the youngest daughter of the Rev. Herbert Jones, who was married in South Africa on the above date, also for the occasion of the annual pilgrimage to Hughenden, where the late Earl Beaconsfield is buried, for Primrose Day.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING 2	BERT HORTON 5
JOHN PERRY 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	*CYRIL WINWOOD 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor. The band represent eight different towers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*COLIN HARRISON 2	†EDWARD F. GOBEY 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	*ALEX HUTCHISON 7
FRED W. HILL 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
CHARLES SHARPLES 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
WILLIAM H. SHOKER 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT 7
JOHN POTTER 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung half-muffled for the late Canon Elsee, president of the association. All the ringers are officers of the association.

FIRST BY ALL

On March 2nd, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bergh-Apton, Norfolk, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. Loyd 1, H. Boggis (conductor) 2, G. Taylor 3, R. Ellis 4, R. Drane 5, L. Lester 6. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church. First 720 by all, and first by a Bergh-Apton band for a great number of years.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. O-WALD.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	ERIC GILBERT 4
†JOSEPH SMITH 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods and first 'inside.' A birthday peal for D. Watson, jun.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob (360 each combined), Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN BUCKENHAM Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 2	CLAUDR COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in eight methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

FREISTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 38 methods, viz.: (1) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (2) Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Chapel and Oxford Treble Bob and Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (5) Algarth Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Waverbree; (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

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

First peal in 38 methods for all and by the Guild. There were 147 changes of method.

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

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT PEARSON Treble	JAMES SHARPE 4
*CYRIL HARNES 2	MADRICE MILLARD 5
*HORACE PEARSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are Sunday service ringers at this church. First peal of Minor on the bells in which four local ringers have taken part.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	HARRY CARTER 4
*SAMUEL POTTER 2	THOMAS BIRD 5
GEORGE TRENDALL 3	ALBERT L. DIXEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT L. DIXEY.

* First peal away from treble.

MARKET DEEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents as follows: (1) Hexham and Berwick; (2) Norfolk and Ipswich; (3) Surfleet and Beverley; (4) Northumberland and Carlisle; (5) Cambridge and Primrose; (6) London and Wells; (7) York and Durham. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
CHARLES W. WOOD 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HOLDING Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
DAVID SMITH 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
JOHN H. DAVENPORT 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. Treble	ERIC GILBERT 4
JOSEPH SMITH 2	*J. NORMAN BENSON 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal of Minor.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720's and one 1,440. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

JACK PARISH Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 4
BERRY WAYMAN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford and three 720's of Kent. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	JOHN GARDEN 4
*JOHN ROXBWELL 2	*WILLIAM PILKINGTON 5
JAMES TAYLOR 3	JOHN BROWN 6
JAMES DRAPER Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Triples. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the beloved president of the association, Canon Elsee, and also for the Rev. E. D. Jordan, formerly of this parish, both of whom passed away on Good Friday.

WAINFLEET ST. MARY, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 42 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (3) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (5) Alnwick Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

First peal in 42 methods for all. First peal in 42 methods for the Guild. There were 167 changes of method.

HANDBELL PEAL.

UPPER TOOTING.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S, KENSINGTON, GUILD.

On Friday, April 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 17, MANDRAKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3-4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7-8
HOWARD MACKMAN ... 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NEW MILL WIN CONTEST AT BATLEY.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Batley on Saturday, April 4th. Six sets had entered to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice. The following companies entered: Sandal, Liversedge, Holmfirth, Meltham, New Mill and Freizeland. All the teams rang Oxford, except Liversedge, who rang Cambridge Surprise.

Tea was served in the school and about 50 sat down. After ringing had ceased, the meeting was held in the school, the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) being in the chair.

It was proposed by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. H. Nutt, that the next contest be held at Saddleworth on July 18th, providing the necessary arrangements could be made.

The Rev. E. A. Winter, curate of Batley, in reply to the vote of thanks to the local clergy, ringers, etc., said that as he came into the Schoolroom he was met by one of the local ringers, who told him that he was not to get up and start to talk about ringers leaving the belfry and going for a drink, but whether they did or not he noticed they never invited him to go with them (laughter).

The judges, Mr. W. Idle and Mr. C. Hardy, gave their decision as follows:—

- No. 1 Company, Sandal, 84 faults.
- No. 2 Company, Liversedge, 96 faults.
- No. 3 Company, Holmfirth, 88 faults.
- No. 4 Company, Meltham, 44 faults.
- No. 5 Company, New Mill, 38 faults.
- No. 6 Company, Freizeland, 79 faults.

New Mill were, therefore, declared winners.

The Rev. E. W. Winter presented the cup to Mr. Biltcliffe, conductor of New Mill.

A vote of thanks to the judges brought the meeting to a close.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.
Adoption of Amended Rules Deferred.

The 56th annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Westerham on Easter Monday, when over 180 attended, 51 of the towers in union being represented. Various towers in the neighbourhood were open for ringing before the association service, which was held in St. Mary's Church, Westerham, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Castle, the address being given by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester (Dr. Underhill), who spoke of the beauty of the bells of England compared with those of France, Belgium and Italy.

A collection at the close for the Association's Benevolent Fund realised £3.

Luncheon followed in St. Mary's Hall, Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) being in the chair, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. H. Lewis. He was supported by the Dean of Rochester, the Rev. J. A. Castle, the Rev. E. L. Allen (Vicar of Edenbridge), the Rev. F. L. Schrieber (Vicar of Shipbourne) and the principal officers of the association.

After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Archbishop and Clergy of the County.' He said the association was greatly indebted to the clergy for the encouragement and hospitality which had been extended to it during the past year.

The Dean of Rochester, in responding, said the members showed their enthusiasm by their attendance, considering the meeting was held in the farthest corner of the county. He said he never remembered such hearty singing at a service before, and congratulated them on their vocal powers. He thanked them all for their great assistance to the Church by ringing the bells for the Sunday services.

The Vicar of Westerham also replied, and said how pleased he was to welcome them to Westerham after a lapse of 24 years.

Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Canon G. C. E. Ryley, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and others.

At the business meeting which followed, the hon. secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) read the annual report and balance sheets.

CONTINUED PROGRESS.

In the annual report reference was made to the part the members took in celebrating the Silver Jubilee of King George V. on May 6th, when 12 peals were rung in the county and a message of congratulation sent to His Majesty and duly acknowledged. It seemed safe to say that where bells were ringable, every tower in the county rang out its joyful message, which, alas, was to be saddened before many months had passed by the death of His Majesty.

The association continued to show progress in the quality of peals rung, and the hope was expressed that none of the peal ringers were absent from duty on Sundays. 'We must realise,' said the report, 'that the primary object of the bells is that they are to be rung for Sunday service, and we do appeal to all ringers in the county to attach themselves to some tower for Sunday ringing and to be punctual in their attendance. Unanimity among members cannot always be expected, but we do appeal to all to realise that our efforts are for the same goal. Let us have more "give and take" in our midst, and then we shall have a happier and even more prosperous association of which we shall continue to be proud.'

The report continued that there were 116 towers in union, comprising one of 12 bells, five of 10 bells, 62 of eight bells, 44 of six bells, and four of five bells. Life members total 31, hon. members 71, adult practising members 916 and 45 juniors (an increase of 23 practising members over the previous year). Seventeen non-resident life members joined to make a total of over 350, and giving a grand total membership of approximately 1,410.

The report regretted the resignation, through business reasons, of Mr. P. W. Smith as hon. secretary of the Canterbury District, a post he had held with distinction for eleven years. The committee recorded their appreciation of his services, and offered a hearty welcome to his successor, Mr. B. J. Luck. Since the last annual meeting a new peal of eight had been installed at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the peal of eight at Boughton-under-Blean had been rehung and the tower restored, and the peal of five at Chelsfield had been rehung, both by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The peals rung during 1935 numbered 155, three less than in the previous year. Of these 149 had been on tower bells in 77 towers (four outside the county). Thirty-eight members rang their first peal (one at the early age of 13). The number of conductors was 64, four conducted their first peal and 12 first as conductor in the method. Three members rang their first peal on handbells. Congratulations were offered to Mr. F. H. Cheesman on completing his 1,000 peals.

FLOURISHING FINANCES.

The financial position of the association continued to be satisfactory, the balance in hand on the general account being £45 18s. 1½d. The Benevolent Fund again showed an increase, the total of £253 5s. 2d. being £10 18s. 4d. over last year. During the year grants were made in five instances totalling £20 5s. 9d. The support given by members at district meetings was again encouraging, £7 0s. 4d. having been collected. The Belfry Repair Fund also showed an increased balance of £2 13s. 9d., the amount in hand being £121 7s. 10d., £8 3s. having

been paid out to Stouting and Bobbing for additions and restoration work during the year. The total funds of the association in investments (at cost) and the balances in the accounts amount to £966 14s. 3½d., an increase on the past year of £6 14s. 1½d.

The report and balance sheets were unanimously adopted. Arising out of the report, Mr. W. Spice (Tunstall) said it was only fitting that they should offer their hearty congratulations to Mr. J. H. Cheesman, who had completed his 1,000th peal. By his quiet and unassuming manner he had endeared himself to them all, and had done much to promote the art in the county. To commemorate this event Mr. Spice proposed that Mr. Cheesman be elected a life member. —This was seconded by Mr. Barnett (Crayford) and carried with loud applause and musical honours. Unfortunately, Mr. Cheesman was not present.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Messrs. F. White and W. J. Jeffries (trustees), G. H. Cross (hon. auditor) and F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary and treasurer), the last named being accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services.

Mr. Mitchell, in returning thanks, said he had now served them for seven years, and, as an appreciation of his services, the committee had that morning elected him a life member. During the seven years he had tried to serve them to the best of his ability, and had avoided, or tried to avoid, 'taking sides.'

PROTEST AGAINST PRESS CRITICISM.

He was sorry, he continued, that their association's affairs had been dragged through the Press recently, and he was also sorry that Mr. Goldsmith, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' was unfortunately absent through illness. In the issue of 'The Ringing World' of February 28th a letter appeared over the signature of one of their members in which was a sentence to which he took exception, and as that was the proper place to discuss the association's affairs, he publicly challenged the accuracy of the statement which referred to the secretary, and which, to his mind, inferred that he was either 'taking sides' or was incapable. He said, in his own mind, the statement was incorrect, and that it was proved to be so, a show of hands of the sub-committee revealed. He was sure the writer would withdraw the sentence in fairness to himself.

Mr. Mitchell next proceeded to deal with the editorial in the issue of March 20th under the heading of 'Two questions for Kent.' He had carefully gone through the amended rules, a copy of which had been sent to every tower in union, and he could find no mention in the amended rules of the suggestions which prompted such a criticism. There was no mention of 'unattached members,' nor the proviso mentioned re the Ringing Master. Where the Editor got his information from he was at a loss to understand; and, as their hon. secretary, he must protest against the association's affairs being publicly criticised and wrongly expressed.

Many members spoke in support of Mr. Mitchell's remarks, and, after lengthy arguments, it was eventually decided to defer the confirmation of the amended rules until the next annual general meeting, to enable each district to call a special meeting of representatives of each tower to discuss them.

Five candidates were nominated as representatives on the Central Council, the result of the ballot revealing 'no change,' Messrs. Mitchell, Sone, Groombridge and Cheesman being re-elected.

Hearty thanks were accorded to the various incumbents of the towers placed at their disposal for ringing during the day, and to Mr. White for his able and tactful conduct in the chair.

EASTER RINGING.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Waylen 1, H. R. Bennett 2, H. Frampton 3, Miss M. White 4, P. Witham 5, A. F. Marlin Stewart 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. Child 1, H. R. Bennett 2, A. S. Richards (West Wickham) 3, W. C. Shute 4, A. G. Rose 5, E. J. Griffin 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, Miss M. White 8. Miss M. White has now rung a quarter-peal on all the bells in the tower.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards 1, H. T. Hughes 2, J. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8.

WOODBIDGE.—At St. Mary's Church, for Easter morning services, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Willis 1, A. Grayston (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. Woodruffe 3, F. Fisher (conductor) 4, J. Sawyer 5, S. Woodard 6, G. Blake 7, R. Malster 8.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, for 8 a.m. Holy Communion service, 1,200 of Bob Minor: H. Warr 1, R. Parker 2, J. Gayford 3, E. Clark 4, C. S. Smith 5, H. Devonish (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 3rd and 5th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, April 4th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss P. Toller (longest length) 1, F. Ruffles 2, W. J. Groom 3, W. C. Runsey 4, W. Martin 5, W. Ruffles 6, T. H. Chappell 7, J. Ford (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. AGENDA FOR THE LONDON MEETING.

The first session of the sixteenth Council (44th annual meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall in the City of London on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, 1936, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1.30 p.m., and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the secretary as to representation of societies and as to unpaid subscriptions.

Address to His Majesty the King.

1. Election of president for 1936-1939.
Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is nominated by Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. Groombridge.
2. Election of hon. secretary and treasurer for 1936-1939.
Mr. G. W. Fletcher retires and is nominated by the President.
3. Election of hon. librarian for 1936-1939.
4. Election of hon. auditors (two) for 1936-1939.
Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes retire and are eligible for re-election.
5. Election of honorary members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young.
6. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11).
7. Apologies for absence.
8. Loss of members through death.
9. Minutes of the last meeting.
10. Report of the hon. librarian.
11. Statement of accounts.
12. Report of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees, Messrs. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.
13. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, adopt the reports of the following committees.
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable, and to appoint conveners of such committees:—
 - (a) Standing Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith, E. Denison Taylor and E. Alex. Young. Ex-officio: President, hon. librarian, hon. secretary and conveners of committees.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
Members eligible for reappointment: Rev. E. S. Powell, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. G. Lindoff, G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye, C. W. Roberts and J. A. Trollope.
 - (c) Methods.
Members eligible for reappointment: Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner and Stephen H. Wood.
 - (d) Peal Analysis and Records.
Members eligible for reappointment: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover and G. R. Pye.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
Members eligible for reappointment: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. Alex. Young and Mr. J. Hunt.
 - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
Members eligible for reappointment: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker.
 - (g) Peal Boards.
Members eligible for reappointment: Rev. C. E. Wigg, Messrs. W. Ayre and W. H. Hollier.
 - (h) Biographies.
Members eligible for reappointment: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. W. A. Cave and J. S. Goldsmith.

MOTIONS.

14. The following motion and amendment were adjourned from the last meeting:—

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 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.'

Proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles; seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Amendment: 'That a spliced or laminated peal shall contain a full course of each method rung.'

Proposed by Mr. J. Hunt; seconded by Mr. J. Parker.

15. 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 during the peal.

Proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood; seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke.

(The above was passed as an amendment last year to motion 14 above.)

16. To call attention to the present very inadequate support given to 'The Ringing World,' and to consider what steps (if any) can be taken to increase the circulation.

Proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe; seconded by Mr. E. Alex. Young.

17. That, with a view to providing future guidance, the officers of this Council be requested to consider the question of the correct method of muffling and ringing church bells on occasions of national and local mourning, and, after consulting at discretion those who may be able to give information, draw up a recommendation on the subject, which, if possible, shall be submitted to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his approval, and laid before the Council at the next meeting.

Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

18. In the opinion of this Council, the morning session of Council meetings should, where possible, commence at 10 a.m.

Proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger; seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers.

19. That all persons having collections of books on ringing matters be invited to supply particulars to the hon. librarian and to indicate whether they are willing to give access to their collections.

Proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis; seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

20. To fix the place of next meeting.

21. Other business, if any.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,

Hon. Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road,
Enfield, Middlesex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A very happy annual meeting was held at Wisbech on Easter Monday. 'It is the effort of every blade of grass that keeps the meadow green,' and it was quite obvious that everyone was filled with a determination to make the meeting a success.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. K. Stallard, at 3.30 p.m. Mr. Covey-Crump kindly presided at the organ.

Business followed tea. The Vicar apologised for his unavoidable absence. It was a great joy to have Canon Covey-Crump, a former general secretary, in the chair. At the beginning of the meeting the Chairman voiced the feelings of the members in his reference to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, a much loved officer of the association, and the company stood in silence.

Miss K. Willers was re-elected general secretary and treasurer. Mr. T. R. Dennis was reappointed auditor. The committee were elected as follows: Messrs. A. J. Abrams, R. W. Croft, H. Fields, F. Gleaves, E. G. Hibbins, P. Hurry, F. W. Lack and F. Wigmore. Messrs. C. W. Cook, F. Warrington and Miss K. Willers were elected representatives on the Central Council.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Neots. The sum of £22s. each was voted towards the restoration work at Horningsey and at Winwick, and £1 ls. towards the William Pye Memorial Fund.

Members expressed sympathy with the Rev. R. Copeman on the death of Mrs. Copeman.

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells and to Canon Crump for taking the chair.

During the day ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major and Stedman Caters.

FOR BEGINNERS.**CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

We have been asked to give a few hints on calling Stedman Triples. Usually when a ringer begins to take up the calling of Stedman Triples he has got past the stage when he comes into the category of a 'Beginner,' but as there may be some towers where there is a desire to take up the method where there is, however, no one to call the hobs, we hope a little help in this direction may be of service.

The Stedman method is divided into 'sixes,' in which the three bells in front ring the 'extent' of their changes. A course of Triples consists of fourteen sixes, but the first change 2135476 is not the first change of the first six. Actually it is the fifth change of the 14th six, but it would make no difference to the truth of the method if you began anywhere else. In practice, however, we always begin Stedman Triples with 2135476, followed by 2314567, and from this we start the first complete 'six.' A bob, if there is one, is made at the first row of a six, and can be made in any six. These sixes are numbered, for identification, consecutively 1 to 14, and when a bob at, say, 3 occurs it has to be made at the first change of the third six. Similarly a bob at 12 is made at the first change of the twelfth six.

Usually one bell is retained as the 'observation' bell, and in Stedman it is generally the seventh, a choice which has certain advantages. Usually, too, the hobs are inserted at those sixes in which they will not disturb the observation bell. Actually you can use any bell as the 'observation' and your touch can be equally as true (or as false) as if you called it from the seventh, but for the purpose of these notes we propose to use the 7th.

As the hobs affect only the back bells, that is those which are dodging in 6-7 and continue dodging for another six in the same direction (up or down), and the bell dodging in 4-5 (up), any bob called when the observation bell is in either of these positions would disturb its regular progress. The only sixes at which calls can be made without 'upsetting' the observation bell are the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th (during which it is doing its 'slow' work), and 12th and 13th (when it is a 'quick' bell).

Another thing about Stedman composition is that hobs generally go in pairs, so that if you have a bob at 3 it is usually followed by one at 4, if you have a bob at 5 it is followed by one at 6; a bob at 7 is followed by one at 8, and a bob at 12 by one at 13. Bobs at 3, 4 are when the observation bell is going in Slow, 5-6 when it is doing its Half-turns, 7-8 when it is doing its Last whole-turn and coming out, and 12, 13 when it is going in and out Quick. The pairs of hobs are, therefore, sometimes indicated by the letters S. H. L. or Q. Bobs should be called at the handstroke before they are to be made, and the would-be conductor should write out a plain course of the method.

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MORE BELLS FOR SOUTH WALES.**MAESTEG TOWER TO BE COMPLETED.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Bridgend on Saturday, April 18th. A good muster was present, and the bells, a beautiful ring of eight by Taylor and Co., were kept going in various methods.

The Vicar (Canon D. Phillips) conducted the service and gave a typical ringers' address. Tea was partaken of in the Church Room and had been very kindly provided by the Canon's wife and daughter.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Augmentations and restorations were dealt with, it being reported that it was decided to complete the octave at Llanfrehfa by adding two more bells, the work to be done in time for the Coronation. There is also a proposal to complete the tower at Maesteg, which is now built up to the eaves and instal a ring of bells. The hon. secretary was instructed to write the Vicar congratulating him on his effort and wishing him every success.

The visitors included Mr. Claude I. Davies, of Liverpool, and Mr. S. Roper, of Croydon, and both were elected life members.

The whole of the ringers of Llangynwyd Church and of Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, were elected, and also Mr. J. C. Howell, of Huil.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, and the Monmouth meeting at Usk.

Votes of thanks were accorded Mrs. Phillips and her daughter for their hospitality and to the Canon for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, the service and for presiding at the meeting.

The Vicar, responding, said it was his delight to welcome the association to Bridgend, and was mindful of and grateful for the work done by the ringers. It would be always his pleasure to give his permission for a peal by any visiting ringers.

The bells were afterwards rung in various methods, and this concluded a pleasant, enjoyable and successful meeting.

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dividing the sixes by a line for convenience and examine carefully the exact position where he has to make his calls.

Many simple touches can be got for practice, because any of the pairs of hobs, repeated, will produce two courses (168 changes), and you can increase your length by adding to one duplicated pair, two other pairs. A simple thing to begin with is to call S. twice, H. twice, L. twice, Q. twice. The first H. immediately follows the second S., the first L. the second H., and so on. In full, it is 420, but the bells will come round at the end of the course after any of the pairs, if you do not begin to call the succeeding pair.

All of the following produce two courses, if repeated, and there are many ways in which they can be intermingled to lengthen your touch:

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In our reference last week to Canon Elsee's connection with the Central Council we said that the only two other members remaining who were elected to the first Council were Canon Coleridge and Mr. George Williams. There are others living who were members of the first Council, but these two are the only survivors who have been members without a break throughout the life of the Council. Canon Coleridge, we believe, has attended every meeting.

Mr. J. Gould, a well-known member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has completed 54 years as a ringer and 50 years leader and conductor at Henbury tower, near Bristol. May he carry on the good work for many years to come. A peal in his honour was rung there on Easter Monday by a band from South Wales, who were afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr. Gould. The ringers desire to thank him for his kindness.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Easter Day at Malvern Link to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. W. Short, R. G. Knowles and G. Popnell, April 12th being the anniversary of the natal day of them all. Easter Day was Mr. Knowles' 70th birthday. Mr. W. Short, who is Master of the Worcestershire Association, was born on Easter Sunday, and this was the third time the anniversary has fallen on this festival. Mr. G. Popnell was born on Good Friday, and the anniversary has never fallen on that day since.

We are asked to state that the composition of peal No. 3,864, in the current Yorkshire Association report, was composed by Arthur Knights and not Amburn Wilson, as stated.

Mr. T. E. Sone withdraws the claim to the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells at Birling, Kent, rung on April 11th. He has been informed by Mr. C. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow, that he conducted a peal there in this method on May 19th, 1891, for the Middlesex Association and the All Hallows (Tottenham) Society.

In the peal of Minor at Freiston, Lincs, on Easter Monday, there were 38 methods and 147 changes from one to another. No fewer than twelve methods were incorporated in the first 720, and on Saturday at Wainfleet the same band rang a peal in 42 methods with 167 changes of method.

The ring of eight bells, tenor 1 ton, of Lindley Parish Church, near Huddersfield, is to be rehung with new fittings in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

A clock has been placed in the ringing chamber at the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, to commemorate the completion of 34 years as Master and steeplekeeper by Mr. William Willson. It was presented by the St. John the Divine Society of Ringers.

One of the largest number of ringers' meetings ever held on one day will take place to-morrow. No fewer than 44 have been advertised in our columns.

It was stated at the annual meeting of the Herts County Association that Mr. Walter Ayre, the retiring president, was absent on account of a family bereavement. Happily he had not suffered a bereavement, but was visiting his mother who was seriously ill. We are pleased to say she has now rallied considerably.

Mr. Harry Chapman, so well known formerly as one of the leading spirits for many years in Lancashire ringing, has been elected for the fourth time people's churchwarden at Keyston, Huntingdonshire, where he is now living in retirement.

In the very interesting broadcast from Lavenham on Sunday evening, the church and its bells found an important place. Many ringers all over the country heard for the first time the voice of the famous tenor, and they must all have appreciated the brief talk on Lavenham bells and ringers by a member of the Symonds family, three generations of which ring regularly in this old Suffolk village.

Ringers who have copies of old peal records to send to the Central Council should forward them without delay to the Convenor of the 'Peal Boards' Committee, Mr. W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BELLS FOR VICTORIA, B.C.

A NAMING CEREMONY AT WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY.

A ring of eight bells, with tenor 29½ cwt. in C sharp, has been cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia.

A naming ceremony is to be performed on Monday week by the Lord Bishop of London. The tenor will be named 'King George V.,' the seventh 'Queen Mary,' and the others after various people.

THE STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to apologise for the false long peal of Stedman Cinques, to the Exercise generally, to your readers for depriving them of one of your entertaining and instructive articles, but most of all to the unfortunate band which put up such a magnificent performance at Southwark 13 years ago. I can only say how very much I regret not having taken that extra care which would have made so much difference.

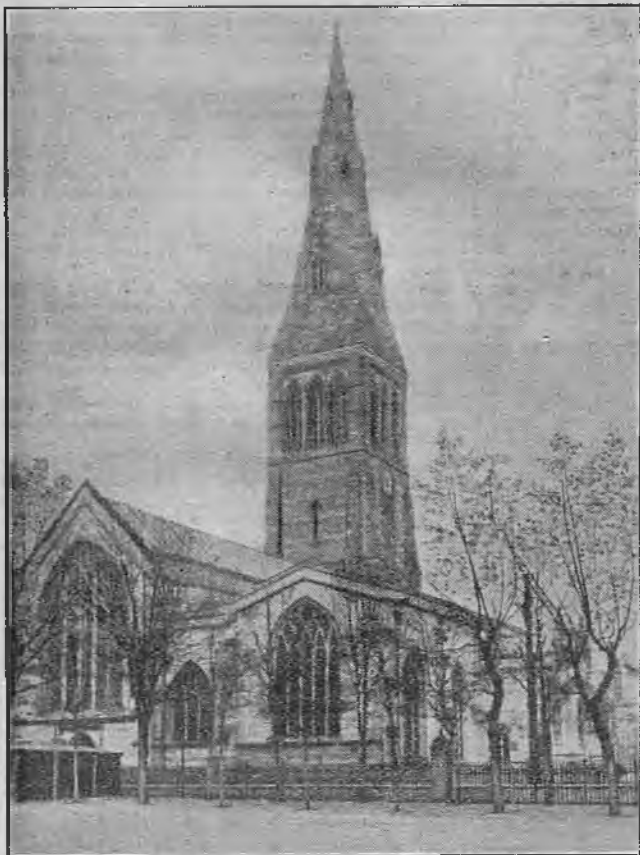
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HENRY G. MILES.

ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, LEICESTER

THE SCHEME FOR THE NEW BELLS.

The recent announcement in our columns that the Cathedral of St. Martin, Leicester, is to have a new peal of twelve bells has aroused a great deal of interest, partly because of an unexpectedly early development of the scheme. The cost of the recasting of the old peal of ten and the addition of the new bells, as we have already recorded, has been assured by generous donors, but the incidental belfry improvements which complete the scheme have yet to be provided for. A letter from Mr. Ernest Morris, printed below, gives information upon this matter.



ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, LEICESTER.

The old peal of ten are based upon bells cast by Edwin Arnold, of Leicester, in 1781, which have been added to at various times since. North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' published in 1876, gives the tenor as 52½ inches diameter, the four back bells each bearing the inscription:—

'A. Watchorne, Esq., Mayor; J. Nichols and W. Capp, Churchwardens; Edwin Arnold. Fecit. 1781.

Of the other bells, the treble, 2nd and 4th bear the inscription, 'J. Taylor and Son, Founders. Oxford and Loughborough, 1854.'

The 3rd records: 'J. Taylor and Son, Bellfounders, Loughborough, late of Oxford, Buckland Brewer, Devon, and St. Neots, Hunts. Successors to the old and celebrated founders, Newcombe, Watts, Eyre and Arnold, of Leicester, names of high repute dating as early as 1560.'

The 5th is inscribed: 'Let everything that hath breath, Praise the Lord,' and the 6th: 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.'

Now the Loughborough foundry is to put the seal on its ancestral connection with these bells, by recasting them and making them into twelve

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEATHER AFFECTS ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Newnham-on-Severn on Easter Monday. Weather conditions were against the interests of the meeting, and only about 40 braved the snow, hail and wind, mixed with continuous rain and sleet. The proceedings commenced with a service, at which the Rev. Dodds gave an inspiring address. Mrs. Dodds officiated at the organ.

At the business meeting, held in the Club Room, reports from the officials were unanimously adopted and the financial statements approved. There was an increased balance of about £10 on the year's work.

All the officers were re-elected, and Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. E. Guise (Bristol), Mr. W. B. Kyaston (Swindon) and Mr. J. K. Armstrong (Cheltenham) were elected representatives to the Central Council.

It was decided to ask the Rules Revision Committee to prepare a recommendation that nominations for Central Council representatives shall be made beforehand.

Rule 8 was altered, as from January 1st, 1936, to the effect that members may be readmitted by paying one year's arrears and the current subscription then due.

After the meeting an excellent tea was partaken of, and then further ringing took place on the Parish Church bells, a ring of eight with tenor 21 cwt. Among those present was a much welcomed visitor, Mr. Arthur Pegler, of Bangor. It is many years since Mr. Pegler left the district, but he still has many friends to recall old times.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING AT TAXAL.

On Saturday, April 18th, a meeting of the Stockport Branch was held at the ancient church of Taxal, situated at the commencement of the beautiful Goyt Valley now in process of being turned into a reservoir for the town of Stockport. The six bells were requisitioned early in the afternoon and a variety of methods were rung until the short service, held in church at 4.15. This was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. N. C. Renner, who gave a forceful address on the responsibilities of ringers and their ministry. He observed that the bells hung in Taxal tower contained metal from two of a ring of three bells which were listed in Thomas Cromwell's inventory of Reformation times, and there still hangs in the tower one of the three, although it is now no longer hung for ringing. Thus they had in these bells a link with the church of over three centuries ago.

After service some 30 members and friends enjoyed an excellent tea, following which a short business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rector, who extended a very warm welcome to Taxal.

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' on his attainment of 25 years' service to the Exercise, and a request was made that this should be backed up in practical manner by all endeavouring to increase the circulation of the paper.

The Rev. F. Bonner, of St. Mary's, Stockport, was elected a ringing member of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his services in church and the use of the bells, to the local ringers, to the organist and the caterers, and to all who in any way had assisted to make the meeting a success.

The bells were rung until a late hour, the ringing ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Treble Bob Minor.

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AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The restoration and augmentation of Leicester (St. Martin's) Cathedral bells, as announced in last week's issue, will be welcomed by all ringers, especially members of the Midland Counties Association, and in particular those of the Leicester Diocese. I am now in a position to state definitely that the ring of 12 bells suggested is assured by the generosity of a number of donors, but there will be much work in the belfry and ringers' chamber needed, entailing considerable expense.

It is desired that all ringers of the diocese should contribute in making its Cathedral Church belfry a worthy one, and to this end Mr. Wm. Willson (vice-president, M.C.A.), 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester, and myself, as consultant to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, have been asked by the Provost and Cathedral authorities to undertake this part of the scheme.

All ringers who have had the pleasure(?) of ringing at St. Martin's, Leicester, will know this work has been sadly needed for many years, and it is hoped that everyone—outside the diocese as well as within—will contribute to this worthy cause. We, therefore, appeal to all friends to send contributions, however small, either to Mr. Willson, Mr. Fred Dexter, or any of the Cathedral ringers, or to me. After the dedication there will be a 'Ringers' Day,' when all contributors will be invited to a service of thanksgiving and to have a ring on the new twelve bells.

Thanking all friends in anticipation,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR. LIST OF 'LIFE-LONG' SUPPORTERS STILL GROWING.

The 'Roll of Honour' is still growing. We print below another long list of ringers who have subscribed to 'The Ringing World' from No. 1 to the present day. It is delightful to know we have so many 'lifelong' friends still giving us their support. Pressure on our space prevents us publishing this week further extracts from the many interesting letters which have come to us, but we hope to be able to quote from some of them in our next issue.

Mr. A. Allman, Barthomley, Crewe.
Mr. J. E. Ashcroft, Grappenhall, Warrington.
Mr. A. B. Bennett, Kensington, London.
Mr. T. Bettison, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.
Mr. W. Bibby, Frodsham, Cheshire.
Mr. C. W. Bird, Kettering, Northants.
Mr. G. A. Black, Woodford Green, Essex.
Mr. C. E. Borrett, Norwich.
Mr. W. Bottrill, Ealing, Middlesex.
Mr. C. P. Bradley, Beverley, Yorks.
Mr. W. G. J. Brown, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Mr. R. H. Brundle, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Mr. C. Camm, Upton-on-Severn.
Mr. H. C. Castle, Ashford, Kent.
Mr. H. Chapman, Keyston, Huntingdon.
Mr. T. W. Chapman, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.
Mr. G. Charge, Upper Holloway, London.
Mr. R. Charge, Upper Holloway, London.
Mr. G. Chester, Lincoln.
Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Nottingham.
Mr. W. J. Cope, Lichfield, Staffs.
Mr. A. Coppock, Nottingham.
Mr. P. Crook, Bolton, Lancashire.
Mr. F. W. Dale, Hull.
Mr. G. Dawson, Leytonstone, Essex.
Mr. C. Dean, Croydon, Surrey.
Mr. P. Dench, Saffron Walden, Essex.
Mr. G. Edwards, Penshurst, Kent.
Mr. H. C. Edwards, Stony Stratford, Bucks.
Mr. C. J. Ellis, Parkeston, Essex.
Mr. J. Evans, High Wycombe, Bucks.
Mr. F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.
Mr. G. W. Faulkner, Barking, Essex.
Mr. C. Fenn, Barking, Essex.
Mr. E. G. Fenn, Barking, Essex.
Mr. R. Fenn, Barking, Essex.
Mr. A. C. Fearnley, York.
Mr. H. Ferguson, Scarborough, Yorks.
Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Enfield, Middlesex.
Mr. W. G. Fowler, Christchurch, Hants.
Mr. J. A. Freeman, Lincoln.
Mr. J. H. Gartside, Chorley, Lancs.
Mr. W. P. Garrett, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Mr. H. W. Gayton, Harrold, Beds.
Mr. J. Gillett, Gloucester.
Mr. C. Glenn, Dieppe, France.
Mr. S. Grove, Selly Oak, Birmingham.
Mr. W. Hale, Cheltenham, Glos.
Mr. A. Harding, South Ealing, Middlesex.
Mr. A. C. Hardy, Barking, Essex.
Mr. J. Hensman, Edenbridge, Kent.
Mr. J. Hemming, J.P., Hampton Evesham.
Major J. H. B. Hesse, Haslemere, Surrey.
Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert, Bushey, Herts.
Mr. R. A. Hickston, Long Eaton.
Mr. G. Horner, York.
Mr. G. H. Hughes, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
Mr. H. S. Humphrey, New Romney, Kent.
Mr. O. J. Hunt, Levenshulme, Manchester.
Mr. H. Ineson, York.
Mr. W. Ingham, Parkstone, Dorset.
Mr. W. Ireland, Diss, Norfolk.
Mr. H. W. Kirton, Writtle, Essex.
Mr. R. K. Knight (deceased), Leytonstone, Essex.
Mr. J. E. Lamb, Blackheath, London.
Mr. R. D. Langford, Crewe, Cheshire.
Mr. C. R. Lilley, Newton Abbot, Devon.
Mr. T. Maude, Pudsey, Yorks.
Mr. R. Maynard, sen., Walthamstow, Essex.
Mr. J. Molton, Ilford, Essex.
Mr. C. J. More, Palgrave, Norfolk.
Mr. J. Moule, Forest Gate, London.

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NEW BELLS AT STAFFORDSHIRE CHURCH. MEMORIAL TO FORMER CODSALL RINGER.

Probably the largest congregation which for some time has attended the Parish Church at Codsall was present at the evening service on Sunday, April 5th, when the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford, dedicated various gifts to the church, which included a credence table, in memory of Helen Walker; churchwardens' staves, in memory of Thomas Harley and Thomas Harley, jun.; churchyard gates, in memory of Harry Wilkes; and, last but not least, the new peal of eight bells and a memorial tablet.

The six old bells have been recast and two trebles added to make a ring of eight, given by the Misses Moreton in memory of their father, Edwin Moreton, who for over 50 years was a ringer at this church. The cost of the memorial tablet was also defrayed by the Misses Moreton.

After the dedication the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes by a representative band belonging to the Archdeaconry.

The Archdeacon delivered a stirring and outspoken address which will be remembered by many for a long time.

After service, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the band who rang at the dedication ceremony.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., touches in all the standard methods being rung, also a course of Cambridge Surprise Major and some rounds for the local ringers.

There were upwards of 50 ringers present, who came from Coventry, Swindon, Claverly, Stockton, Wolverhampton, Tettenhall, Blakenhall, Willenhall, Walsall, Darlaston, Coseley, Brewood, etc.

Previously the church had six bells, a very mixed lot—treble by Blews, 1867, second by Mears, 1875, third, fourth and fifth dated 1637, and tenor 1638. The last four do not appear to have had the maker's name on them.

The ringers had to stand in a somewhat awkward position to ring, and as far as the writer knows no peal had been rung on the bells, and no wonder either.

The death watch beetle is very much abused, but it is owing to its ravages that a clean sweep has been made in Codsall tower.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the work they have done is work they can be proud of. The firm was represented at the dedication by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and he was the recipient of many congratulations.

Codsall now possesses a splendid peal of bells, tenor a few pounds under ten cwt., hung on ball bearings in a steel frame. The tone and go are all that can be desired.

Further, the ringers have now a splendid little ringing chamber to ring in, open to the church, in place of the old awkward position among pews on the ground floor. This handy ring should also prove very valuable to the society for propaganda work.

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Mr. W. J. Moss, Stretford, Manchester.
Mr. J. Parker, Enfield, Middlesex.
Mr. W. T. Pegler, Bangor, North Wales.
Mr. W. Perkins, Irthlingborough, Northants.
Mr. F. W. Perrens, Radford, Coventry.
Mr. John Perry, Brewood, Stafford.
Mr. A. Piper, Eastbourne, Sussex.
Mr. A. Prior, Leyton, Essex.
Mr. G. R. Pye, Chadwell Heath, Essex.
Mr. E. Rickett, York.
Mr. F. Rigby, Chorley, Lancs.
Mr. A. Roberts, Stoke Coventry, Warwickshire.
Mr. R. Sanders, Balham, London.
Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Kent.
Mr. F. Seager, Shipley, Yorks.
Mr. J. Segar, jun., Retford, Notts.
Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Mr. T. E. Slater, Glemsford, Suffolk.
Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Birmingham.
Mr. J. Smith, Long Sutton, Lincs.
Mr. C. H. Sone, Linton, Kent.
Mr. R. Sperring, Chester.
Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Ferndown, Dorset.
Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.
Mr. S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, Suffolk.
Mr. J. J. Taylor, Northampton.
Mr. G. W. Temby, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.
Mr. W. H. Theobald, West Ham, Essex.
Mr. B. S. Thompson, Norwich.
Mr. A. D. Tompkins, Bredenbury, Hereford.
Mr. J. W. Unwin, Canterbury, Kent.
Mr. A. Weaver, Penarth, Cardiff.
Mr. W. Welling, Old Windsor, Berks.
Mr. L. W. Wiffen, Braintree, Essex.
Mr. F. Willford, Chapel Brampton, Northampton.
Mr. H. E. Wills, Croydon, Surrey.
Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, Bristol.
Mr. W. Wenham, Staplehurst, Kent.
Mr. G. Worth, York.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING.

Presentation to Late Hon. Secretary.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, when, in spite of the inclement weather, 130 members and friends were present. Among the visitors were the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, L.Th., secretary of the North Staffordshire Association, and others from Oxford and Sheffield.

Through the kindness of the headmaster of the King's School, the business meeting was held in the College Hall, the president, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester, being in the chair, supported by Mr. W. Short (Master), the Rev. J. F. Hastings (clerical secretary), the Rev. G. W. Webb (vice-president), and Mr. J. D. Johnson (lay secretary).

The Chairman reminded the members that it was the first meeting since the death of their late president, Dr. W. Moore Ede, and the members thereupon stood in silence for a few moments. The president, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, extended a hearty welcome to the association to Worcester.

The secretary reported that the Central Committee had met in the morning and had considered applications for grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund. The committee had decided to make grants of £5 each towards the rehanging of the bells of Upton-on-Severn and Norton.

As recommended by the committee, it was decided to give donations of a guinea each to the Dean Moore Ede and William Pye Memorial Funds.

It was also decided to hold the annual dinner again in Worcester on the last Saturday in September.

The 51st annual report called attention to the loss which the association had sustained in the death of the late Dean of Worcester, to the number of changes in the officers, and to the activity in bell restorations in the northern part of the county, the local church authorities being congratulated on the completion of these schemes. The balance sheet showed a credit balance for the year in the general fund of just over £4 and also recorded a welcome increase of 27 in the number of performing members.—Both report and balance sheet were considered satisfactory and were adopted.

The following officers for 1936 were elected: President, Very Rev. Arthur Davies; Master, Mr. W. Short; clerical secretary, the Rev. J. F. Hastings; lay secretary, Mr. J. D. Johnson; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Johnson; auditors, Messrs. E. E. Barber and S. T. Holt; Central Council representatives, Messrs. C. H. Woodberry, S. T. Holt and J. D. Johnson; whilst the clerical and lay vice-presidents were all re-elected.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for the annual peal to the Master, and to hold the next annual meeting at Worcester.

One life member, one honorary member and 21 performing members were elected.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings and Mr. S. T. Holt spoke of the bells of St. Helen's Church, Worcester. These bells were of historic interest, as they all bore inscriptions commemorative of Marlborough and his victories. They were not rung at the moment owing to the tenor being cracked, but there is a possibility of the church being closed or even pulled down at some time in the future. In such an event every effort should be made to preserve the peal intact.—The Dean said he thought it very wise of the association to be alive to this question, and to record the facts on the minutes, especially as it had been brought forward in the presence of the Press.

MR. J. R. NEWMAN'S 30 YEARS' WORK.

A presentation was then made from the members to the late general secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, of Severn Stoke, who had been in office for a period of 30 years, 1905-35. The Rev. J. F. Hastings, in making the presentation, said they felt they could not let the occasion pass without some practical recognition of that wonderful secretaryship which had now come to an end. Under Mr. Newman's wise guidance the membership had more than doubled, their funds had grown from practically nothing to over £80, and it was all done with a modesty which held their admiration.

Similar tributes to the tact and consistent courtesy of Mr. Newman were paid by Messrs. R. G. Knowles, W. Short, J. Hemming, E. E. Barber and J. D. Johnson.

The presentation took the form of a wireless receiving set, suitably inscribed, and a cheque, whilst for their sympathetic help Mrs. Newman was presented with a silver tea tray.

In thanking the members, Mr. Newman said they had given him the most difficult job of all in 30 years. The work was a pleasure, he enjoyed it and did it very willingly, but he could do nothing alone, and all that had been done was due to the co-operation of other officers and members. The hall brought back memories; his earliest were of sitting on his hands to stop the tingling (laughter and applause). Then, 22 years ago, the association had presented him with a clock on the occasion of his marriage. It also brought back other memories—memories of other officers who had helped in the early days. Some of them had passed on, but he was glad to say that many were still with them, and were present that day.—Mrs. Newman also suitably replied.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter, to the headmaster of the King's School, and to the incumbents of the various churches where bells were used that day.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DERBY.

In spite of the inclement weather, cold, rain, sleet and hail-storms, a good muster of members attended the annual meeting at Derby, and good practice was done at St. Alkmund's (8), St. Peter's (8) and St. Andrew's (10) during the day, when all the standard and several Surprise methods were brought round. In the evening the Cathedral bells (10) were available. The committee met in St. Andrew's Schools in the afternoon, and, arising out of their deliberations, grants were made from the Bell Repair Fund to Staveley, Derbyshire, where the eight bells are being rehung; and to Cotgrave, Notts, where the six bells are undergoing repair. St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, appeal was left for the time being, it being understood that the committee will give every consideration to this at a later date.

A letter from the president of the Central Council was read in connection with the suggested reopening of Chesterfield tower, and it is sincerely hoped that the Council's Advisory Committee will continue to press the matter, and that their efforts will have the desired effect.

Suggestions for the next three quarterly meetings were put forward to lay before the general meeting.

Tea was served at the Pierpont Restaurant at 5 p.m., and just over 60 members and friends sat down. This is one of the smallest numbers for an annual meeting, but the weather doubtless accounted for the absence of many who would otherwise have come. All districts of the association were represented, viz., Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, and visitors were welcomed from as far afield as London, Leeds, Nuneaton, Norbury (Cheshire) and other places. At the meeting which followed tea, Mr. E. Denison Taylor occupied the chair and gave a review of the past quarter's work. He stated that 25 peals had been rung. It was with the deepest regret that he had to record the deaths of two eminent members of the Exercise, both of whom were life members of the association—the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee. He called upon the members to stand in silence for a few moments to their respected memory. The president also noted the recent activities of bellringing in B.B.C. programmes, and stressed that it should be of the very best to be appreciated by all. He also referred to the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World,' and congratulated its talented editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, for the excellent way he had served the Exercise during this period of 25 years, expressing also the appreciation of all members of the Midland Counties Association.

The report and balance sheet were formally adopted on the proposition of Mr. Colin Harrison (auditor), seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield.

Election of general officers followed, and as there were no other nominations, the following were re-elected en bloc: President, Mr. E. Denison Taylor; vice-president, Mr. William Willson; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. White; general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. These officers thanked the members for their confidence in them, and promised to serve the interests of the association to the best of their abilities.

New members proposed since the last meeting were eight honorary, 11 ringing, one rejoined, one life, and these were duly elected. The association was also pleased to have as patron the new Lord Bishop of Derby, the Right Rev. A. E. J. Rawlinson, D.D.

Voting for four members to serve as representatives on the Central Council took place. Six names were put forward, and the following were duly elected, viz., Messrs. E. D. Taylor, J. H. Swinfield, A. J. Harris and W. H. J. Hooton.

The places chosen for the next three quarterly meetings were Norton, near Chesterfield, June; Ashby-de-la-Zouch, September; and Loughborough, January, 1937.

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The members attended service in the Cathedral, the special preacher being the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford, and hon. secretary of the Hereford Guild. Taking for his text the last verse of I. Corinthians xv., 'Always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord,' the preacher said it was a happy thing for any body of churchworkers to meet on the day following Easter, for this festival set God's approval on the life of Jesus. In international affairs the Church had a vital part to play, and any nation remaining loyal to Christian principles was sure of its ultimate triumph. Ringers had a share in advancing the Kingdom of God—they had one definite branch of church work. The guilds and associations enabled services to be rendered which otherwise would be lost. They had a double function—first to promote and cultivate the art of change ringing to the attractiveness of perfection, and by raising the standard of service ringing. The country would be much poorer for the lack of the witness of the bells. Secondly, to promote the recognition of ringers as church officers and workers. If this meant recognition by the Church, then in that alone had the guilds or associations justified their existence. If it meant recognition by themselves, the same again most emphatically was true. He personally valued the work of the guilds, and repeated that he felt quite sure that they were the means of encouraging and rendering service to the Church which otherwise would be lost.

During the day good use was made of the magnificent peal of twelve at the Cathedral, and the bells of All Saints', St. John-in-Bedwardine, St. Swithin and St. Nicholas'.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A BROADCAST TRAVESTY.

Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft Criticises B.B.C. Action.

The Norwich Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting at Norwich on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the incumbents, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany, St. Giles' and All Saints' were at the disposal of the members from 10.30 in the morning until the evening, and the ringing included touches in many of the standard methods. Service was held at 12.30 p.m. in St. Peter Mancroft, conducted by the Rev. Hugh McMullan (Vicar). The Rev. T. B. Singleton, Rector of Swaffeld, gave an impressive address, based on the text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,' which was listened to by a congregation of about 70 members and friends.

Luncheon followed at the Bell Hotel, at which 40 were present. The president, the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. J. M. MacDermott), was in the chair. Supporting him were the Rev. H. McMullan, the Rev. T. B. Singleton, Mr. P. W. J. Fryer, J.P., Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. W. L. Duffield and W. J. Lee (chairmen of the East and South Norfolk Branches), J. G. W. Harwood and W. J. Eldred (branch secretaries for East and West Norfolk), G. Bailey, E. G. Bennett, R. W. Cooke, R. J. Davey, A. G. Harrison, A. G. King (members of the committee), and members from all parts of the diocese and from the county of Suffolk.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was duly honoured.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED TO HON. SECRETARY.

The business agenda was transacted under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. McMullan, who was supported by the president and officers of the association. Letters of apology for absence were received from the Rev. W. C. Pearson, the Rev. J. M. McNally, Messrs. G. P. Burton, H. F. Carter, W. C. Duffield, F. Nolan Golden and R. T. Woodley. The hon. secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet for the year ended December 31st, 1935, which were adopted on a motion moved by Mr. B. S. Thompson, seconded by Mr. J. G. W. Harwood.

A donation of £2 from the association was voted to the Scham Toney Bell Fund.

The Archdeacon of Norwich was unanimously re-elected president. The vice-presidents were also re-elected. Mr. B. S. Thompson proposed and Mr. W. J. Eldred seconded the re-election of Mr. A. L. Coleman as general secretary and treasurer and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman moved: 'That this association wishes to record on the minutes its gratitude and thanks to Mr. Coleman for the many years of active service rendered towards the welfare of the association.'

The motion of thanks was heartily accorded. Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor, and, on the motion of the general secretary and treasurer, the nominations received from the branches for election on the elected committee were accepted, viz.: Messrs. George Bailey and William C. Duffield, North Norfolk Branch; Arthur G. King and Reginald J. Davey, East Norfolk Branch; William E. Bason and Eric G. Bennett, South Norfolk Branch; Robert W. Cooke and John A. Godfrey, West Norfolk Branch. Messrs. Charles E. Borrett, Arthur L. Coleman and F. Nolan Golden were elected representatives on the Central Council.

The general secretary proposed the election of the following new members: Messrs. Eric S. Gooch, William H. French, Arthur Howes, Frederick W. Lawson, Henry E. Woodhouse and the ratification of the belfry election prior to a peal of Mr. Frederick C. Gunton.

BROADCAST OF ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

The Rev. Hugh McMullan (Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft), on behalf of the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, protested (as briefly recorded in our last issue) against a recent broadcast by the B.B.C. of the ringing of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. The broadcast was linked up with Mr. R. H. Mottram's talks on East Anglia. Mr. McMullan referred to it as 'a travesty—an extraordinarily poor idea of what the bells are capable.'

'I heard the broadcast,' said Mr. McMullan, 'and was as nearly disgusted as I could be. It was, of course, a record of the bells, and I wondered how it was taken. From inquiries I made I found that some months before the B.B.C. van had appeared outside St. Peter Mancroft Church, and that it was on this occasion that the record was taken. No intimation had been sent to me, as Vicar, or to our Ringing Master, Mr. B. S. Thompson, that it was intended to take a record of the bell ringing, and it so happened that on that occasion we had a very weak team in the belfry. If we had known what was intended by the B.B.C. we could have had our best ringers and the full number of bells rung.'

The speaker went on to say that a very interesting correspondence on the matter had followed with the B.B.C. It started with a letter written by Mr. Thompson to the Broadcasting Corporation. He described the record broadcast as 'a terrible thing,' a record taken without the knowledge of the Vicar or the ringers, 'which in itself was not exactly courteous.' The letter added: 'The full peal was not being rung and the band ringing them was not a strong one. The best position for taking the record could not possibly have been made use of; in fact, the record is a travesty of St. Peter's bells, which are

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DEATH OF MR. J. W. ROWBOTHAM.

SENIOR PAST MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

One of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths passed away at Upper Norwood, London, S.E., on Sunday week, in the person of Mr. John W. Rowbotham. He was 77 years of age, had been a member of the society for 60 years and twice Master.

Mr. Rowbotham had been a sufferer from bronchitis and asthma for a good many years, and his death occurred from heart trouble brought on from this cause.

Born in Sheffield on July 12th, 1858, Mr. Rowbotham began ringing at Sheffield Parish Church (now the Cathedral) in 1874, and rang his first peal there in 1876. This was a 5,021 Grandsire Caters.

Shortly afterwards he came to London to follow his trade of cabinet maker, woodcarver, modeller and architectural period joiner, in which he was highly skilled. On arriving in the Metropolis, he at once associated himself with the Ancient Society of College Youths, and although not a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, rang there with a fair amount of regularity from 1881 to 1886. He was first elected Master of the Ancient Society in 1884, and was thus at the time of his death the oldest surviving ex-Master. He was again elected to the office in 1908. The senior past Master is now Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was elected in 1888, and, in all, served five times.

Mr. Rowbotham was one of the representatives of the College Youths on the Central Council during the periods 1903-5 and 1909-11.

Mr. Rowbotham had kept no accurate record of his peals, but they totalled about 100 and included the 11,111 Stedman Caters, rung at All Saints', Fulham, in December, 1882 (then the longest length in the method), and the 'John' peal of London Surprise Major at Rochester Row, London, in 1904.

In addition to his membership of the College Youths, Mr. Rowbotham was one of the oldest members of the Yorkshire Association, and he frequently attended the Snowden Memorial Dinner. He was also a member of the Devon Guild, and of the old St. James' Society, now the London County Association.

The funeral took place in Sheffield last Friday.

PAID RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Payment for ringing is a sore point—especially with ringing bands whose services are given voluntarily.

They aver that neighbouring churches which are able to pay their own ringing bands a fee are thus able to attract the non-paid members of the poorer towers.

The faithful servitors of these poorer churches take the trouble to teach ringing to beginners, only to find that as soon as the beginner has become proficient, he is lured away to the wealthier tower.

Naturally, the faithful ones object to their tower being made a training school for the benefit of the more affluent towers.

I should very much like to see readers' letters on this subject, which, I am sure, is of no little importance to the tranquillity, as well as the efficiency, of neighbouring towers where such a thing exists.

Rotherham.

JAMES McCORMICK.

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one of the glories of Norwich, and of world-wide reputation. The commonsense thing to do would have been to get in touch with the Vicar and have arrangements made for the record to have been one worth taking. If this had been done every assistance would have been given, not by the actual ringing alone, but with advice as to the best place for the actual recording and so on.'

B.B.C.'s EXPLANATION.

To this letter a B.B.C. official (for the Recorded Programmes Executive) replied: 'I am afraid that, as you say, the course that was adopted was certainly calculated to appear discourteous, and we hope you will accept our apologies on this account. It appears that our representative did make some attempt to get in touch with the Vicar, and I understand that he spoke to one of the clergy. But as it was just before the morning service he felt some diffidence in making any further approach and came to the conclusion that as he had to choose between recording the bells then rung and going away without recording at all (he had another appointment elsewhere), he thought it best to make a recording and write subsequently to the Vicar for permission to use it. I do not put this forward as excusing the procedure adopted, but had subsequent application been made to the Vicar all might have been well, as it would then have been pointed out that the recording was not such as to do credit to the bells. Unfortunately, however, owing to a mistake here, no letter was sent to the Vicar, with the results described in your letter. In the circumstances we can only express our regret for what has occurred.'

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft and to the incumbents of St. Michael-at-Coslany, St. Giles' and All Saints' for the use of their bells.

The Rev. H. McMullan moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. T. B. Singleton for his address to the members.

The Archdeacon of Norwich expressed appreciation of his re-election as president, and appealed for younger men to give their services to the church as bellringers. Their number, he said, should be two or three times the total it was at present in the county. The meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the various belfries for further ringing until the evening.

THE LATE CANON H. J. ELSEE.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL.

Large Mourning Crowds at Bolton and Clynnog.

All classes in Bolton united to pay tribute to the late Canon H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's and president of the Lancashire Association, on the occasion of the funeral on Wednesday week. Hundreds failed to gain admission to the church, and a supplementary service was held in St. George's Road Congregational Church.

The body had been placed in St. George's Church on the preceding evening and the funeral service was deeply impressive in its simple dignity. Many clergy of the Manchester Diocese were present, and representatives of the very many organisations of Bolton attended. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) represented the Central Council and also the Ancient Society of College Youths, and other ringers present were the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association; Messrs. W. H. Shaker, hon. secretary, Lancashire Association; W. J. Moss, Stretford; J. Blackburn, Coppull; F. Bradley, Whittle; William Sharples, Brindle; E. Jennings, Broughton; J. T. Bimson, Preston; J. Charnock, Chorley; J. R. Taylor, Penwortham; B. Thorpe, Ashton-under-Lyne; A. Barnes, Reddish; Sergt. Peter Crook and P.C. Donald Brown, of the National Guild of Police Ringers; and members from the local towers.

The opening sentences of the service were read by the Rev. J. F. Southworth, B.D., the present curate, and the Archdeacon of Manchester (Ven. A. Selwyn Bean, M.A.) read the lesson (Rev. 21, v. 1-7). The prayers were said by the Vicar of Bolton (the Rev. W. J. Havlock Davidson, M.A.).

A short appreciation of Canon Elsee was given by the Bishop of Hullme (Dr. Sherwood Jones), who spoke from the chancel step. That was not an occasion for eulogy, he said, and the presence of so many at the service spoke more loudly than any words of the place the Canon held in their hearts.

'At whatever point he touched our lives, and whatever his relationship to us, he was always our friend,' said the Bishop.

Mr. Thomas Booth, Mus.Bac., and Mr. Frank Rushton were at the organ, and they played 'O rest in the Lord' (Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'), 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' (Handel's 'Messiah'), Prelude in E Minor (Chopin), 'Canto Funebre' (J. L. Roedel), 'Then shall the righteous shine' (Mendelssohn), Prelude—Requiescat (West) and 'Blest are the departed' (Spohr).

The principal mourners were Canon Charles Elsee (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Elsee (brother and sister-in-law), Misses G. Elsee and E. Elsee (sisters), Miss M. Smith (housekeeper), Miss M. Hetherington (maid), Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Boud, and the Rev. J. F. Southworth.

Great crowds of sympathisers lined the streets as the cortege left the church to the sound of muffled bells, which had also been rung before the service. The interment took place later in the day at the little village of Clynnog in North Wales.

THE SCENE AT OLYNNOG.

In this little Welsh hamlet, half-way between Caernarvon and Pwllheli, a little crowd of people gathered at the old Church of St. Beuno to pay their last respects to Canon H. J. Elsee. 'Whilst we waited at the gates,' writes a correspondent, 'the bell which the Canon gave to the church in 1924 "in remembrance of Charles and Mary Anne Elsee" was tolled every minute. About 6.45 p.m. the cortege arrived and went straight to the graveside, the coffin borne by relays of parishioners. A short service was held, the Rev. W. G. Jones, Rector of Llanaelhaearn, and the Rev. J. Davies, Rector of Clynnog, officiating. A hymn was sung in Welsh by the congregation, which numbered upwards of 200. After the Blessing, two courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung with 6-7-8 covering by J. H. Midwinter 1-2, C. Gudgeon 3-4, A. E. Pegler, sen. 5-6, A. E. Pegler, jun. 7-8.

'While the mourners were still lingering at the graveside the three bells in the tower were rung by the same ringers. Strange as the music sounded, to us it seemed to fit in with the simplicity of the whole ceremony.

'During the interment the sun, just about to set below the sea, was shining brilliantly, and turning the waves, not 100 yards away, into shimmering gold, whilst behind us were the Welsh mountains with the sharp peaks of Bwlch Mawr and the Rivals capped with snow. Surely nowhere could there be a more lovely resting place for such a man.

'The esteem in which Canon Elsee was held by the people of Clynnog was only too clearly shown. Men and women alike wept unrestrainedly during the service. Their hearts had been won by the kindly acts and the friendliness of this saintly man. C. G.'

TRIBUTE OF THE BELLS.

After Canon Elsee's death on Good Friday, St. George's bells were fully muffled, with exception of the tenor, which was open at the back stroke, for Sunday services, and again Monday and Tuesday evenings. They were rung for the funeral service on Wednesday by mixed bands of visitors, and as the cortege was leaving the church the 'whole pull and staud' was rung by the local company. A few more touches by the visitors followed and then a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by six of the local band, assisted by one from Holy Trinity, Bolton, and another from the Saviour's Church, Bolton.

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RECOGNITION OF RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

PRESENTATION AT TALGARTH.

Dr. J. Gwyn Davies, M.A., J.L.D. (Vicar), recently presented Mr. W. D. Griffiths, captain of the Talgarth, Breconshire, ringers, with a gold watch and chain, subscribed for by members of the church, in recognition of the services he has rendered to the church. Mr. Griffiths has been captain of the ringers for over 30 years and a chorister for about 40 years. He has also been responsible for the upkeep and the repairs of the ropes, bells, etc., and also teaching scores of ringers from time to time.

Mr. Griffiths was the means of getting the bells recast and rehung in 1904. He has not been a great peal ringer, having rung about 50 peals, but he has been a regular Sunday service ringer, attending twice every Sunday, and always taking his place on a practice night for over 40 years.

A STAFFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

STONE BELLS PUT IN ORDER.

Palm Sunday saw the culmination of a very spirited effort by the Stone Church authorities to 'put their house in order.' For a year or two minor defects have made themselves known amongst the bells and, as it was over 40 years since they were last rehung, it was decided to make good the ravages of time and wear and place the matter in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have fully justified the confidence placed in them.

A short service was held in the ringing chamber at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 5th, to hallow the completed work. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Lee, officiated, and was supported by the Rev. J. B. Frith, Rector of Swynnerton. A distinguished gathering, headed by the chairman of the Stone Urban District Council, wearing his chain of office, was present. The service was short but impressive, and on its conclusion the bells were rung for 10.45 matins, those taking part in addition to the local company being the Rev. J. B. Frith, Mr. Thompson (hon. secretary of the North Staffs Association) and Mr. J. P. Fidler (representative of the bellhangers).

It was a happy thought which prompted the authorities to invite Mr. Frith to deliver the sermon on this special occasion. He is a typical 'Ringers' Parson,' and it was gratifying to note that he appears to have recovered from his long and painful illness.

The bells at Stone are a handy ring, even though they run the wrong way round. The tenor is about 12 cwt., and was cast, with five of its companions, by Rudhall in 1710. The peal remained a ring of six until 1890, when Messrs. Taylor and Co. added two trebles to complete the octave.

SPLICED SURPRISE IN MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. T. Coles, in his letter of thanks and sarcasm, says we live and learn. I agree. He, for one, would be better if he didn't propose such ridiculous notions. He has condemned all Spliced peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob except two, and he will have a long way to go to carry his motion if I know anything of the Central Council. In answer to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, I would say, 'Please read my first letter again and digest it.'

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

LATE NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kirtlington (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tower open 2.30. If requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

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The Lancashire Association, Horwich Parish Church, Liverpool Branch and St. George's Church ringers sent floral tributes, all in the form of bells, the one from Horwich being made to swing.

At St. George's Church, Mossley, Lancashire, on Friday, April 17th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to the late president of the Lancashire Association: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Welham 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Radcliffe 5, R. Walker 6, E. Garside 7, J. Clayton 8.

At Preston, Lancs., on Tuesday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the late Canon Elsee: C. Crosthwaite 1, E. Timbrell 2, H. Davies 3, F. Harwood 4, J. T. Bimson 5, E. Jennings 6, E. R. Martin (conductor) 7, P. Dunderdale 8.

A memorial service was held on Sunday evening in St. George's Church, Bolton. The following Sunday service ringers at St. George's rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. M. Young 1, W. Rushton 2, C. Horrocks 3, E. Ford (conductor) 4, C. R. Brown 5, J. E. Owen 6, H. Rushton 7, J. E. Thornton 8.

NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special Meeting, April 25th, meeting at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, by invitation of the Vicar and wardens. Bells available at 2.30, unveiling of peal board at 4.15, service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Will members intending to be present please advise me at once?—George S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing: Cathedral (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3 to 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. each), in Holy Trinity Hall. Service in the Cathedral 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Felstead on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business Meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Ashton, on April 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock.—T. Jackson, Hon. Sec., 100, Blandford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 25th. 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. Paton, Vicar of St. Lawrence, Brentford. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Mary's, Ealing, 3 to 4.45 and 7.15 to 8.30; St. Lawrence, Brentford, 3 to 4; and Christ Church, Ealing, 8 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of the local ringers and friends. Half rail fares allowed.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Keysoe on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Little Staughton bells available after tea. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Staplegrove on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., in the schools after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 25th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea after, at the Ringers' Home from Home. All heartily welcome. A visit to this old-world village in spring is well worth while.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4. Tea, by invitation of St. Paul's Cathedral ringers, at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. The Old Steeple (8) will also be available. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kewstoke on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Helmsley on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Feversham Arms (1s. 6d. per head). Business meeting immediately after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all interested.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon; Horace S. Morley, 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us 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 Horwich Parish on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Doultong on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. Minor enthusiasts should 'brush up' those half-forgotten methods. Please send a p.c. for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Eger-ton, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, followed by business meeting.—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastmeon on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at the George Inn. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Leckford to-morrow, Saturday, April 25th. The bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea by kind invitation at 4.30. If coming, send card to-night, Friday.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secretaries, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m.: St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6). Service, 4.30, at St. John's, followed by tea for ringers at St. John's Hall.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 25th. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall, followed by the general annual business meeting. Coton bells available during afternoon and evening. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—M. Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting. Both tower and handbells available.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Visitors welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Ogbourne St. George (5 bells) on April 25th. All ringing friends welcome.—Walter J. Jennings, 16, Lainey's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton and Daventry Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements.—J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton; W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Bright Young People's Annual, Saturday, April 25th, at Wooburn, Bucks. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. per head. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch will be held at Westerleigh on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SHORT NOTICE.—**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held to-morrow, April 25th, at Market Drayton. Ringing (8 bells) commences 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, SOUTHWARK, S.E.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place during the evening service on Sunday, April 26th, not after the service. Ringing from 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Annual meeting of Metropolitan Police Guild, Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting in vestry at 6 p.m. Ringing until 8.30 p.m.—P.C. Norman S. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., Veranda Lodge, Hyde Park, W.2.

SOUTHWARK, ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.—The re-opening of the bells is included in the bi-centenary celebrations, and will take place during evensong on Sunday, April 26th. Ring of eight, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined Practices.—In accordance with the wishes of the members of the Northern District, the following arrangements for combined practices have been made: Hitchin, Monday, April 27th, 7.30-9; Baldock, Wednesday, May 6th, 7.45-9; Royston, Friday, May 15th, 7.30-9; Knebworth, Friday, May 22nd, 7.30-9. These have been arranged for you, so please support them. Please cut this out, as it will not appear again.—Don. Mears, Hon. Sec.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Wellingore on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, April 29th. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Emmanuel bells after tea. Ringers who intend to be present send names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — A meeting has been arranged at Scottow on May 2nd, when the recently rehung and augmented peal (6) will be at members' disposal from 2.30. Service at 4.15, tea at 4.45. It is hoped all members will make an effort to visit this tower on May 2nd and notify their intention of supporting the meeting.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (at 1s. 3d. per head) to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, April 28th. Please see that your tower is represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Pinner, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Advise me by April 30th, please. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. J. Jones, Rector. Luncheon and annual meeting in Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers open: St. Peter's, Marlborough, and Aldbourne (8 bells), St. Mary's, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Milton, Pewsey, Preshute (6), Chiseldon, Chilton, Saverlake St. Katherine's (5). Ringers intending to be present please inform the secretary by Monday, April 27th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Great Tey. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Buses run from Colchester. Will all those intending to be present at the meeting please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those who want tea must notify the Rev. J. Goodchild, The Vicarage, All Saints', Longstanton, by April 29th, latest. Don't forget, a 'Taylor's' eight. 'Nuff said.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Cowlinge on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Three Tons Inn. Those who require tea please send card to H. Stubbings, Park Cottages.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous.—Arthur Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, Staffs, not later than April 29th.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Heswall (5 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards at the kind invitation of Rev. Canon D. W. Hobson. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Paul's, Cross Stones, Todmorden. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Friends, old and new, will be given a cordial welcome.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Newington, near Folkestone, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5, at Lytton Arms. Important business at this meeting is the election of District Committee, therefore a good representative meeting is essential. Just put your backs to the wheel and do your bit for our association.—Don. Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions now overdue.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday morning, April 29th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ludborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, 13, Marshall's Road, Raunds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Shipbourne.—One of the prettiest spots in Kent. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber. Please do not disappoint him. Important announcement at business meeting. Don't forget, the K.C.A. rely on you. Please notify me for tea by May 5th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. All ringers cordially invited, especially North Staffs and Derby District members. Those wanting tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea at the Victoria. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, by May 7th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Entrance fee 6s. per band, closing date June 13th. Tower open for practice until June 27th, for which please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shapton, near Barnsley. Draw takes place at 2.45 p.m. Voluntary subscriptions to prize fund will be accepted up to June 27th, by Mr. A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

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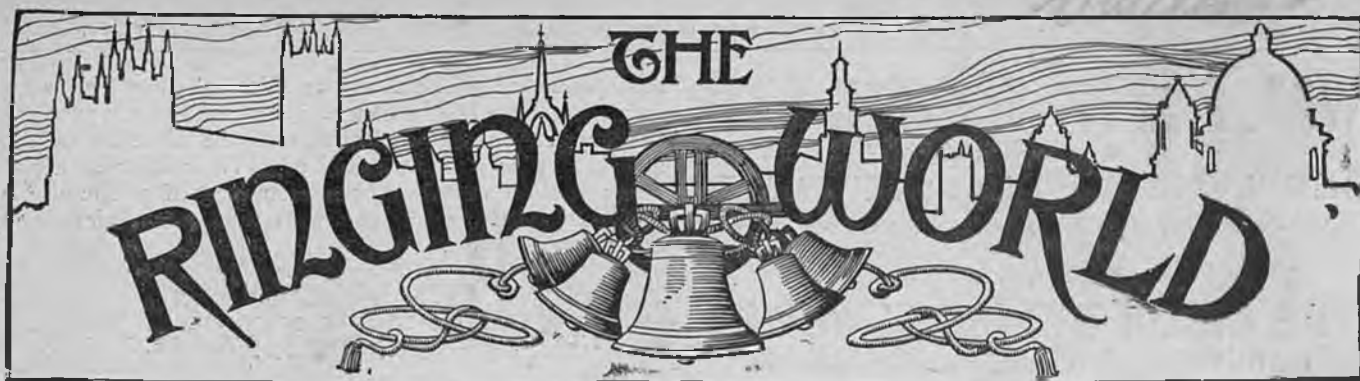
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The leading article which appeared in our issue of March 20th seems to have created some feeling of resentment among members of the Kent County Association, according to the report of the annual meeting which appeared in our last issue. When the article was written it was farthest from our desire to say anything to which exception could be taken, but that it should have resulted otherwise is just one of the risks which writers run if they are ever to express opinions. But from the report of the meeting, 'The Ringing World' was somewhat severely taken to task; not only for the opinions it expressed, but also for having even publicly 'criticised' the affairs of the Kent Association. Our readers will probably recollect that the points raised in our article were, first, the proposal to appoint a ringing master in each district, and questioning the advisability of making the operation of his office conditional upon there being no competent member of the local band present, and secondly, the suggestion that no ringer should be allowed to be an unattached member of the association if he resided in a parish where there is a band which he could join.

The Honorary Secretary of the association told the meeting he could not understand where the Editor got his information. These matters were openly discussed by members of the association in the Lewisham District, therefore they became of public interest both to other members of the Kent Association, and, from the principles involved, to ringers generally. And being matters of public interest, they were open to criticism in the press, although, in our view, our comments were extremely mild criticism, and were directed to questions of principle more than anything else. There was no attack on the association, but we were justified in commenting upon the suggestions if only in order that all the members of the association might know that such proposals had been under discussion. We did not say that the committee had approved of them. We were not concerned with who made them; only with the fact that they had been made, and that it was open to those to whom the proposals appealed to bring them up at the annual meeting. Therefore, there was no breach of etiquette in commenting on the matter.

We were accused of misrepresenting the facts, but it cannot be denied that the proposals were made—although turned down by the committee—and despite the fact that what we said appears to be resented in some quarters, the truth remains that the rules in the final form submitted to the members support our contentions. The

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castigation of 'The Ringing World' therefore seems hardly to have been called for, but we cannot pass over the suggestion that the affairs of the Kent Association should not be publicly criticised. The affairs of a ringing association having been discussed in public are no more exempt from fair comment than the affairs of any other organisation.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK B. YATES Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
CHARLES WEBB 2	ALBERT WALKER 7
ROGER W. DANIELS 3	H. JAMES TURNER 8
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	C. HOWARD STANLEY 9
HENRY H. FEARN 5	JAMES BETTERTON Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled' the tower.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

* F. BOOTE Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 2	WILLIAM GREEN 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	RONALD GOODMAN 8
NORMAN G. LEECH 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
CHAS. WM. COOPER 5	THOMAS H. JUSTICE Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. David C. Shepherd, son of the Ven. A. P. Shepherd, M.A., D.D., Vicar of St. Thomas' and Archdeacon of Dudley.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

E. RALPH MACKRILL Treble	† REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 6
* MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
* FREDERICK DIGBY 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 8
* WILLIAM H. COLES 4	ERNEST BRENT 9
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 5	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Kent Royal in which mother and daughter have taken part together. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
JOHN ROTTER 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

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ORAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MORPHY ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
*MISS M. REDPATH ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal in the method.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and 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 PARKER ... Treble	HAROLD SMITH ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 6
ALBERT HUBBALL ... 3	ARTHUR HINGLEY ... 7
DAVID HINGLEY ... 4	NORMAN BERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HINGLEY.

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

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Treble	STANLEY SHELLOCK ... 5
JOHN H. CHEPSMAN ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 3	FREDERICK MITCHELL ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS A. POTTER ... Treble	*BENJ. T. ALLRED ... 5
*ROBERT ALLRED ... 2	FRED GRUNDY ... 6
*KEITH WELSBY ... 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 7
*ERIC YATES ... 4	*HARRY ALLRED ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman to be rung on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of great respect to the late Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and president of the association.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM PARKER ... Treble	JACK GIBBONS ... 5
HORACE HINGLEY ... 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
DAVID HINGLEY ... 3	BERT HORTON ... 7
ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... 4	NORMAN BERRY ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE H. SENTANCE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMBER ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	FRANK H. RAMSAY ... 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 3	HARRY TYSOE ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FRED LACEY ... Treble	FRANK LORD ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	ERNEST W. BRITAIN ... 6
GEORGE L. A. LUNN ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of SS. Werburgh and Oswald,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 29½ cwt, in C.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	SAMUEL JONES ... 6
*THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* 50th peal together.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
GEO. SPERRING ... 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 6
GEO. R. JONES ... 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... 7
RONALD JONES ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This is the first 'Father and Son' peal to be rung in Wales. The total number of peals rung by the members of this band is 2,000.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Wystan,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES ... 5
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	ALBERT G. F. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented into eight. The ringers wish to convey their heartiest thanks to the Vicar for granting permission to ring and also for his splendid hospitality after the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JOHN G. NASH ... 6
*MISS MABEL A. PROCKSON ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	*WILLIAM D. PROCKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, April 3rd, for the Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. H. Stanley 1, H. H. Fearn 2, C. Webb 3, J. George 4, J. Eaton 5, H. J. Turner 6, G. E. Fearn (conductor) 7, J. Betterton 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.			
CHARLES H. WALKER ... Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 5		
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6		
JIM HURRELL ... 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ... 7		
*WALTER F. TYLER ... 4	JACK DAFTERS ... Tenor		

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. F. TYLER.
* First peal as conductor and first attempt. The conductor had not made a call in Bob Major previous to this peal.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.			
RONALD A. TOFFIN ... Treble	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 5		
WILFRID WILLIAMS ... 2	DANIEL COOPER ... 6		
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... 7		
*FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor		

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 300th peal.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT SLATER ... Treble	RONALD SQUIRES ... 5		
FRANK POPPLEWELL ... 2	HENRY H. SMITH ... 6		
FRANK LINFOOT ... 3	JOE C. MELLOR ... 7		
WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... 4	FRANK RHODES ... Tenor		

Conducted by FRANK RHODES.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Miss Wilson, of Cote Hill, Warley, who, when resident in Elland, was closely associated with St. Mary's.

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

On Tuesday, April 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.			
JOHN LLOYD ... Treble	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 5		
THOMAS HEMMING ... 2	HENRY HUBBALL ... 6		
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	ALFRED DAVIES ... 7		
HAROLD SHUCK ... 4	JOSEPH H. DAVIES ... Tenor		

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells after being recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Hill, a member of the local band.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN CHARNOCK ... Treble	ADAM BLOGG ... 5		
CYRIL CROSSHWAITE ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6		
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7		
FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 4	ALFRED BLOGG ... Tenor		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late president of the association, Canon H. J. Elsee.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On April 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Boote 1, S. Prestidge 2, A. Prestidge, sen., 3, H. Shuck 4, Wm. Green 5, Wm. Davies 6, J. Round (conductor) 7, J. Davies 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	JAMES A. GLASS ... 5		
*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	GEORGE GILBERT ... 6		
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7		
GORDON W. LIMMER ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor		

Composed by F. DENCE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method.

SWINDON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.			
*CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... Treble	SIDNEY PALMER ... 5		
*JACK S. ROBERTS ... 2	*E. JOHN BERRY ... 6		
NEIL ALLNATT ... 3	HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 7		
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor		

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except Messrs. Kynaston and Gardiner. Rung for St. Mark's Day and as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Hatten.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM C. HEDGES ... Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5		
*MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 6		
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	RICHARD A. POST ... 7		
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor		

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

ARTHUR J. HART ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... 5		
*ARTHUR T. LEWRY ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6		
†FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	CHARLES BRASIER ... 7		
WILFRED BOOTH ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor		

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
* Twenty-fifth peal. † First peal in the method.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL ... Treble	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 5		
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 2	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 6		
JACK R. STEED ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7		
FRANK BORLEY ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor		

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Woodard. This was his first peal of Kent Major.

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(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

FRED WELLS Treble	DENNIS GUMM 4
JACK GIDDINGS 2	PERCIVAL HARDING 5
*STANLEY WILTSHIRE 3	FRANK SLATFORD Tenor

Conducted by P. HARDING.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by past and present members of the local band.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER BELCHER Treble	JAMES HAYNES 4
JAMES W. ATKINS 2	FREDERICK G. BAILEY 5
REGINALD PRICE 3	*WILLIAM TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by F. G. BAILEY.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Childwall, Wavertree and College Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNESS Treble	MRS. J. BRAY 4
WALTER AYRE 2	ERNEST W. BRITAIN 5
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. FEIRN.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PURTON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

R. SHAILES Treble	*A. C. EDEN 4
REV. N. S. WILLIS 2	†A. MABBUT 5
E. J. WEBBER 3	*L. BOND Tenor

Conducted by R. SHAILES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. The first peal on the bells by a band of Purton ringers only. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. J. Dunn, a Purton ringer.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, three 720's Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GORDON ELEY Treble	ERNEST CLARK 4
*RUSSELL PARKER 2	HENRY WAIN 5
HARRY BRADLEY 3	HERBERT DEVENISH Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT DEVENISH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with five callings. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

H. WALKER Treble	A. CRAMP 4
G. STUBBS 2	W. STOKES 5
J. W. WALKER 3	F. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by W. STOKES.

First attempt for a peal by all the band. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. G. Gibson and Miss Joan M. Bradley.

BRINDLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

J. POWER Treble	C. R. POWER 4
H. NELSON 2	F. BLACKLIDGE 5
H. BLACKLIDGE 3	W. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKLIDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*HARRY PARDOW Treble	HAROLD SMITH 4
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
HENRY L. LANGLEY 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor by all the band.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BORTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE HILLMAN Treble	CECIL GEORGE 4
*OLIVER HINES 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 5
†FRANK SHARP 3	*SIDNEY S. SCATTERGOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ANTHONY A. BRACKLEY Treble	ALBERT E. BRACKLEY 4
JOHN STICH 2	BESTRAM C. HINES 5
EDWARD W. PALMER 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal.

LEA, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS ADELINE A. STOKES Treble	WALKER TOMLINSON 4
*MISS ESME A. STOKES 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal of Minor, and first 720 of Minor in any method. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Harry Carter, of Branston, and Miss A. S. Aaron, who were married at Knottingley on April 11th.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.—On Monday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 Plain, 480 St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire): P. Banyard 1, S. W. Hoare 2, S. H. Hoare 3, E. K. Hoare 4, H. Hoare (conductor) 5, H. H. Hoare 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 4
ARTHUR W. BIRD 2	FREDERICK WADE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Raymond J. S. Crisp, son of the late Mr. R. S. Crisp, of Kirby Cane Hall, Bungay, to Miss Barbara A. Gooch, daughter of Sir T. V. S. Gooch, Bart., Benacre Hall, Wrentham, which took place at the above church that afternoon.

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BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	*JACK BRAY 5-6
*FRANK LORD 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7-8
WALTER AYRE 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 100th peal together. First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and the Guild.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At MOORCOCKS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK W. BODGEN ... 1-2	GEORGE W. FLEICHER ... 5-6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 3-4	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First attempt for a peal 'in hand.' The conductor's 200th peal. For composition, see C.C. Collection, No. 14.

WALLINGTON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At 5, BANDON RISE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	JOHN SPARROW 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7-8
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9-10	

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pulling.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

PREPARING FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The annual meeting of East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday and was attended by 50 members from Ault Hucknall, Orich, Heath, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Pleasley, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton, Tibshelf and Langwith.

The bells were rung from 2.30 to 4.15, when a service was held in church, an address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Tinsley). After tea in the Parish Room, Mr. Wilson Dobb presided over the business meeting.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mr. W. Dobb (Selston); vice-president, Mr. W. Allin (Sutton-in-Ashfield); Ringing Master, Mr. T. Clarke (East Kirkby); hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Stimpson (Swanwick); hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. England (South Normanton); auditors, Messrs. J. Machin and T. Hand; Executive Committee, Messrs. E. Ashman, C. Rogers, C. J. Partridge and A. Elliott.

In addition to the routine business, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Heanor, and also meetings during the year at Clay Cross, Heath, Horsley, Selston, Ripley and Mansfield Woodhouse.

Seven new members were elected.

The association will celebrate its jubilee next year, and the committee were instructed to prepare a programme for the occasion.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and helpers concluded the meeting, and further ringing took place until 9 p.m., the methods rung varying from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise.

FOR BEGINNERS.

STEDMAN TRIPLES FOR THE YOUNG CONDUCTOR.

Stedman Triples, from the conductor's point of view, is in a category of its own. The principal reason for this is that the coursing order of the bells is being constantly split up by the alternate quick and slow work. This makes it difficult for the beginner to keep track of what all the bells should be doing.

Unless he is specially gifted, he will only be able to acquire the necessary knowledge by practice and observation, and he must not expect to be able to see everything all at once.

If you are ringing a method like Grandsire, you can memorise the coursing orders and transpose them as they change. In Stedman the coursing order only remains among the dodging bells while they are dodging; but one of the first steps you can take towards knowing what others are doing is to follow, in addition to your own bell, the work of what, for want of a better term, we will call your 'opposite number' both in front and behind you. By 'opposite number' we mean not your 'course bell' or 'after bell' as you come through the dodging, but the bells that are going in and out, the same way that you are going. These are the bells that you do not dodge with, except in 4-5 when one is coming out quick and the other going in quick.

The chief advantage of knowing which bells are your 'opposite numbers' comes when you are in 'slow.' If you are going in slow, there is a 'quick' bell between you. The opposite number in front of you, when you get into the slow, does the last half turn with your first whole turn, and you do your first half turn with his last whole turn. Then the 'opposite number' after you takes him out of the slow; that is, begins his first whole turn at back stroke from the other's last whole turn, and you do your last half turn with him, followed by your own last whole turn for which he provides the first half turn.

Thus you have the 'slow' work covered by definite knowledge all the while you are there; the other bells coming in while you are in front, being, of course, always 'quick.' When you dodge in 4-5 (up) the opposite number in front of you is in 7-6 (down); when you are in 6-7 (up) he is in 5-4 (down). Then you change to 7-6 (down) and the opposite number after you appears in 4-5 (up), and you cross him to 5-4 (down) when he goes to 6-7 (up). One further advantage of knowing your 'opposite numbers' is that they do not change their relation with you until they are disturbed by a bob.

Here is another 'tip' which may help you. Every bell you dodge with on your way up—and this applies to all numbers of bells—will go in the same way that you came out, whether it was quick or slow. It, therefore, follows that the bells you pass and do not dodge with will go in the opposite way to which you came out, or, put in another form, will go in the same way that you will go in next time you reach the front.

When bobs are called in pairs in Stedman Triples, such as in the short touches which we gave last week, it should be remembered that if the bobs are at 3-4, 5-6 or 7-8, the bell which has to continue dodging down will go in quick and the bell dodging up will go in slow. That means, too, that the bell that makes the first bob of the pair has to go in quick and the one that makes the second bob has to go in slow. At bobs at 12-13 exactly the reverse is the case. If you have a four-bob set, that is 3-4-5-6 or 5-6-7-8, the bell that makes the first bob also makes the last, having been a 'quick' bell in between.

The beginner may usefully spend time with pencil and paper studying the details of the front work, which, although in 'sixes,' really consists of blocks of twelve changes. By following this suggestion he can, for instance, learn exactly which bell, in relation to the work, should lead at each of the twelve changes, and, as failure to lead is the most prolific cause of trips in Stedman, such knowledge will be of the utmost use when the conductor can speak with certainty.

There are other little points which experience will teach, but we have said enough to show that there are guides which help a bob caller to become a useful if not a brilliant conductor.

All bob callers cannot rise to the same level, but study and industry will do a lot. Stedman, despite what some people may say, is an interesting method, especially for the conductor, and our contention has always been that a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples is worth three hours of anybody's time.

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CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION REAWAKENING.**MEETING AT THORNABY.**

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has not had a meeting for a long time, but that held at Thornaby on Easter Monday proved that the association was not dead, but only sleeping. It awoke fresh and with new vigour when members gathered together from Middlesbrough, Ripon, Ormesby, Richmond, Guisborough, Darlington and Thirsk to enjoy the nice peal of eight at Thornaby. The ringing was good, ranging from Grandsire to Superlative, and several members rang touches in methods new to them.

The meeting which followed dinner was a long and useful one, and showed that all the members present were anxious that the association should resume its good work amongst the towers of the district. A large amount of business was transacted, and from the number of recommendations sent forward for discussion it would appear that the annual meeting to be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday will be a very important one. It is hoped that every tower will send its representative to that meeting.

The bells (kindly placed at the disposal of the association by the Vicar and churchwardens of Thornaby) were kept going throughout the day, and when the members parted to wend their several ways home, they all felt that the Cleveland was once more well in its stride to useful and happy meetings.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On the invitation of the Vicar of South Church (the Rev. Canon A. B. Parry-Evans), a special meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday last.

During the afternoon a peal board, recording a memorial peal to the late King George, which was rung on February 1st, was unveiled by the vice-president of the Eastern District, Mr. R. L. Patterson.

The Vicar welcomed the members to South Church, and, on behalf of the association, Mr. G. S. Taylor and Mr. W. N. Park congratulated the band on their performance, and hoped that the peal would inspire the local men to take more interest in ringing, with a view to ringing a peal without outside assistance, 'First peal by service ringers of this church.'

The company then attended shortened evensong, in this beautiful old church, conducted by the Vicar, and, after an excellent tea in the Parish Rooms, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were brought round, and a very pleasant meeting came to a close.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO FORMER SOUTHERN BRANCH SECRETARY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held on Saturday at Pershore, when about 60 members were present, including visitors from the Western and Northern Branches. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. at the Abbey and St. Andrew's Church, and a short service was held in the Abbey at 5 o'clock, at which the address was given by the Rev. Canon Murray.

Tea, provided by Mrs. Murray, was partaken of at the Women's Institute Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. Canon Murray presiding. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Bretforton, subject to the approval of the Vicar.

Messrs. J. Hall and G. King were elected members of the Annual Dinner Committee. Several performing members were elected to the association.

At the conclusion of the meeting a presentation was made to Mr. J. Hemming, late secretary of the Southern Branch, who had held that office for 25 years. The presentation, which took the form of a grandmother clock with Westminster chimes, was made by the late general secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, who referred to the good work which Mr. Hemming had done for the branch.

Mr. Binyon also said a few words in praise of the late secretary's work.

In replying, Mr. Hemming thanked the members and said what a lot of friends he had made while he had been in office.

After the meeting the members returned to the towers, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Elkstone on Saturday, April 25th. The bad weather did not deter a fair number from turning up at this five-fell tower on the top of the Cotswolds.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson), and the Vicar of Chedworth (the Rev. Noel Hope) gave a very fine address. Tea was partaken of at the Rectory, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. N. Hope, supported by some 20 members.

Several items of interest were discussed, notably the annual outing of the branch to the Cheddar Valley on June 13th.—Ringing was indulged in till about 8 o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two treble bells which will form the principal part of the William Pye Memorial are to be cast at Croydon this afternoon. Will Mr. O. H. Saul, last heard of in Sheffield in August, 1926, or anyone knowing his whereabouts, kindly communicate with Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. will shortly be removing to their foundry at Loughborough the ring of eight from the very fine tower of Holbeach Parish Church, Lincs. One of the bells is cracked and this is to be recast; the others are to be tuned and the whole peal rehung with new fittings in new frame.

The performance of the local band at Cottesmore, Rutland, in ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first peal by all, at the first attempt, is a meritorious achievement, especially as they are self-taught. They gained their knowledge from books and the Beginners' Column of 'The Ringing World,' and we are very pleased to learn that the latter has been of such practical use to them. Mr. H. Walker, who rang the treble to the peal, is 64 years of age. The whole performance is an example to many other bands up and down the country.

The many friends of Mr. E. J. Rowe ('Uncle'), of Stourton, Wilts, will be very sorry to learn that he is laid up with a broken leg, the result of a motor accident which occurred just as he was leaving home on Saturday night. We are told that he looked quite comfortable on Sunday and his smile was reminiscent of the completion of a well-struck touch.

Councillor Arthur Payne, M.B.E., J.P., president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, was elected a member of the Ancient Four-and-Twenty of the parish of St. Mary's Church, Gateshead, at the vestry meeting held on April 21st, in place of the late Sir John Maccay.

BELL CLAPPERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The recent statement in your columns that the iron supplied in these days is unequal to the strain imposed on clappers of bells suggests to my mind a great opportunity for a progressive and important step on the part of the bellfounding industry.

I have for a long time held the view that the real solution of the problem of objection to bells on the part of residents in the neighbourhood of churches lies in the discovery of a more elastic and less aggressive material than iron for the clappers. It is a matter of common knowledge that the blow struck by the iron clapper on bell metal always produces a comparatively harsh sound close at hand, and that to hear bell music at its best one has to listen at some distance from the tower.

It seems to me that what is wanted in order to do full justice to the musical tone of a bell is an amalgam of metals that will strike a modified and more resilient blow on the bell, which will produce a note both of agreeable quality in the immediate vicinity and of at least equal carrying power at a distance.

With all the resources of modern chemistry at their disposal, I suggest that our worthy bellfounders devote their attention seriously to the solution of this problem.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

ACCIDENT TO MR. JAMES GEORGE.

On Thursday of last week, Mr. James George met with an unfortunate accident in his home at 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham. When coming downstairs in the morning, Mr. George, who is 82 years of age and lives alone, slipped from the middle to the bottom of the staircase, and badly injured the bottom of his back on the lowest step. It was some time before he could summon help, as he was at first unconscious. He was badly bruised and shaken, and it will probably be some time before he will be able to ring again. His friends throughout the country will wish him a speedy recovery.

BELL BROADCASTS.

On Sunday next, May 3rd, the bells of St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, will be heard on the air at 7.55 p.m. The band taking part in the broadcast are all regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

The bells (eight) are a modern peal, by Mears and Stainbank in 1928. The tenor is 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

The ringers will be pleased to hear what the reception is like and any other criticism, which should be sent to Mr. F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

Last Sunday evening, listeners on the Regional wave-length heard the bells of St. Laurence's Church, Reading, in Stedman Cinques. There was a commendably brief introduction overlaid by the Announcer.

PILGRIMAGE OF REMEMBRANCE.

Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild made their annual pilgrimage of remembrance to the little village of East Garston, Berks, where the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, lies buried, on Wednesday evening, April 22nd. On the Parish Church bells 720 of Bob Minor was rung by R. T. Hibbert 1, Miss S. Davis 2, R. Warwick 3, O. J. Hibbert 4, E. J. Taylor 5, W. Hibbert (conductor) 6. Afterwards 360 of Stedman Doubles, with Miss M. Field and G. Woodley taking part.

VICTORIA'S GRAND PEAL.

NEW BELLS RECEIVE THEIR NAMES.

Unique Ceremony at Whitechapel Foundry.

A ceremony, unique in bell founding history, took place at Whitechapel on Monday, when a ring of eight bells, modelled upon the peal of Westminster Abbey and destined for Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British

with the most modern type of fittings. They are a peal which will add lustre to the name of Mears and Stainbank.

There was a distinguished gathering for the ceremony, which had been arranged by the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society, of which the Bishop of London is president and Dr. Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, the secretary. The service took place in the erecting shop of the foundry, where the bells hung in their massive frame, complete from braced foundation girders to their stays. A temporary platform had been erected and seats provided on the floor of the shop to accommodate the many visitors who came at the invitation of the society. While the guests were assembling there came from the distance and above the noise of London traffic, the sound of the bells at Whitechapel Parish Church, well rung by a band of employees of the foundry.

SCENE IN THE FOUNDRY.

The clergy and others officially associated with the ceremony assembled at the Parish Church of St. Mary Matfelon, and passed in procession along the Whitechapel Road to the foundry. Headed by the vergier and cross-bearer, there came the choir of St. Margaret's, Westminster, followed by the Master Bell Founder (Mr. A. A. Hughes), the chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society, acting as Commissary of the Bishop of Columbia, Canon Perkins, general secretary of the society, the Rev. E. P. Laycock, formerly Archdeacon of Columbia, and the Rector of Whitechapel. The Bishop of Colchester followed next, and then came the Bishop of London, preceded by his chaplain bearing the crozier, walking in front of those who were to name the bells. The little procession was watched with curious interest as it moved along the busy street to the foundry.

In the erecting shop the principal clergy took their places on the platform, and the ceremony opened with the invocation of the Holy Spirit, pronounced by the chairman of the committee.

Then the sweet voices of the choir were heard in Webb's setting of the hymn, 'Come, thou Holy Spirit, come.' Followed intercessions, recited by Canon Perkins, for worshippers, for the ringers, for those who shall be married, for the sick, for the dying, and for the donors and artificers. Next the 150th Psalm was sung.

A formal statement as to the provision of the bells for the Cathedral was made by the chairman of the committee in the following terms:— 'These bells for which we have now sought the Divine blessing will hang in the north-west tower of the Cathedral Church of Christ in Victoria, British Columbia, which tower will bear in perpetuity the honoured name of the president of our society. The six larger bells, offered in the year of the Silver Jubilee of their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary, are the gift of Mary Geraldine Mozley, in loving memory of her brother, Charles Raymond Nutt, late Captain in the Royal Field Artillery, whose body lies at Somenos, in the Diocese of Columbia. The two smaller bells record the life and work of two honoured inhabitants in the City of Victoria. Before we proceed to the ceremony of naming the bells, let us remember before God those whose names they will bear, and with them our late beloved Sovereign, King George V., and three Bishops of Columbia now at rest, by whose devoted labours the foundations of the Church's work in this distant western land have been well and truly laid.'

There followed then a prayer for the departed who are commemorated by the bells, including George V., King and Emperor, George Hills, William Willcox Perrin and Augustine Scriven, Bishop of Columbia, Charles Raymond Nutt, John Samuel Henry Matson and John Robert Merideth Matson, and a few moments of silence were then observed.

THE NAMING CEREMONY.

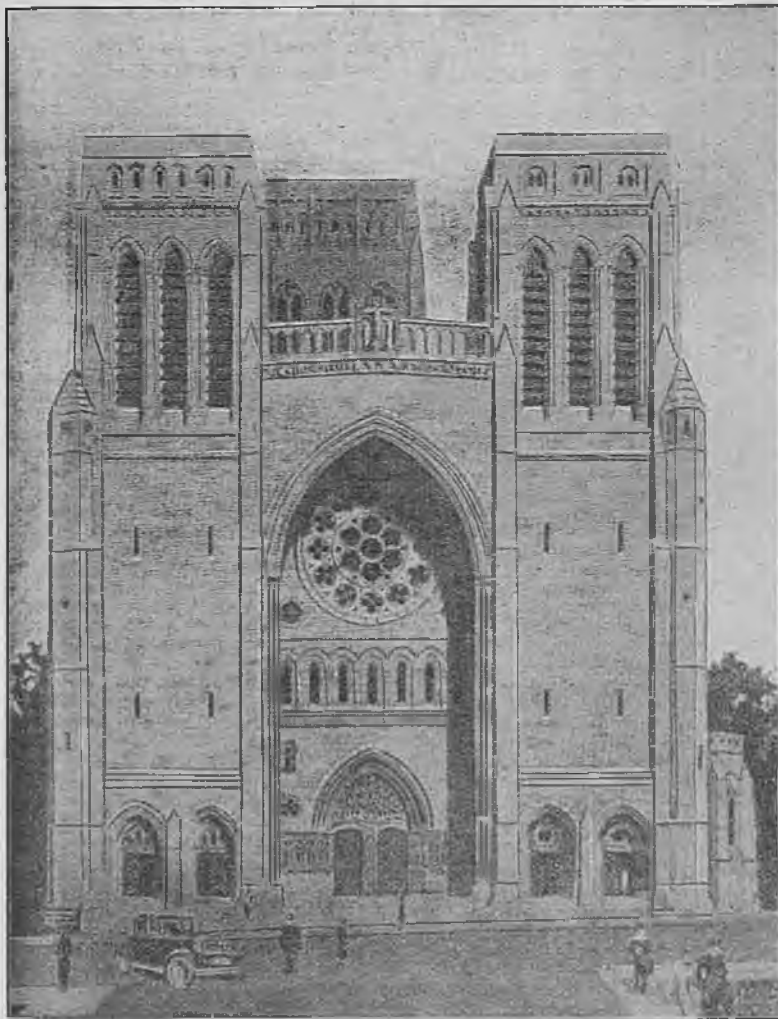
The chairman of the committee afterwards called in turn upon those who were to name the bells, and each, as they stepped forward, received a rope from the

Master Bell Founder. First of all the tenor was named, by the High Commissioner:—

'I, Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada, give to this, the tenor bell, by gracious permission of Her Majesty Queen Mary, the name of "King George V." Christ, Heaven's King, be pleased with this ring.'

The High Commissioner then struck three blows on the bell by pulling on the rope of the chiming hammer.

The seventh bell, by the same permission, was given the name of 'Queen Mary,' by Mr. W. A. McAdam; the sixth was named 'Charles Raymond,' by Mrs. Mary Geraldine Mozley; the fifth, 'Edward of Westminster,' by Archdeacon Storr; the fourth, 'Paul, of London, England,' by Canon Mozley; the third, 'Our Lady, St. Mary,' by Mrs. N. K. Woods, Central President of the Mothers' Union; the second, 'John Samuel Henry Matson,' by Mrs. I. H. Perrin; and the treble,



WEST FRONT OF VICTORIA CATHEDRAL.
As it will appear when completed.

The bells will hang in the north-west tower, which bears the name of the president of the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society. The funds for the building of the tower, which is not quite finished, have been entirely raised by the society's friends in England. The south-west tower (that on the right of the picture) is not yet built.

Columbia, were named in the course of a religious service held in the famous old foundry, and attended by the Lord Bishop of London and other Church dignitaries, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, the High Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada, and Mr. W. A. McAdam, Acting Agent General for the Province of British Columbia.

The history of the Cathedral of the Far West was told by the Bishop of London in his address. His Lordship laid the foundation stone on a visit some years ago, and the building is still in progress. The tower in which the bells are to hang is the most recently completed portion of the building and is named after him, while the bells are the gift of generous donors. The bells are a magnificent ring, worthy of the noble building which they are to adorn, and are hung for ringing

'John Robert Merideth Matson,' by Miss E. M. Tien. Each struck three blows upon the bell named.

The Rev. E. P. Laycock then requested the Bishop of London to bestow his blessing on the bells, and his lordship, having offered prayer, placed his crozier upon one of the bells and recited this benediction: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ, amen. I, Arthur Foley, by Divine permission Bishop of London, and President of the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society, hereby bless these bells and this work to the glory of God and to the honour of His Holy Name.'

Then the beautiful tones of the new bells were heard chimed, in rounds and queens, by Mr. J. Thomas.

The hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' preceded a short and homely address by the Bishop, who recalled the occasion when he laid the foundation stone of the Cathedral in Victoria, and again when he visited it five years ago and found it a living centre of church activity. Up to that time, he said, £80,000 had been spent on the building, and then came a little misunderstanding. He was asked if he would like to have the tower built in his name, and he said, 'Yes,' but when he found they imagined he was going to build it himself, that was quite another story, especially as he had 45 churches to build in London. But, as usual, added the Bishop, it was a woman who found the way out, and Miss Tien and her friends set out to raise the money. Thanks to their efforts the tower was built, and then came the question, where were the bells to come from? Again it was a woman who came to their aid. Mrs. Mozley, with wonderful generosity, had given the six biggest bells, and other donors had completed the peal.

What is the object of this tremendous trouble and expense? asked the Bishop. As he said on that very hot day when he laid the foundation stone, this Cathedral in Victoria was calling back to Liverpool, six thousand miles away. It called back, 'We, too, believe in God, we, too, believe in Christ, we, too, love the Church.' And now that Cathedral would have a tongue with which to say it, the beautiful tongue of the bells which they had just heard; their sound was going out into all lands and the words unto the ends of the world. There was no more beautiful message than that of the bells. The bells they had named that day came from one of the most historic foundries in England, a foundry in which bells now over three hundred years old had been cast. What he loved to think of was that long after we had passed away, these bells they had now heard would still be sending out the message of the Gospel on the shore of the Pacific, across the Continent and the Atlantic to Liverpool Cathedral on the one hand, uniting them in the faith of Jesus Christ, and to Japan, six thousand miles away, in the other direction, telling out to the heathen of that land that the Lord is King. The spot where this Cathedral stood was one of the pivots of the world; they could not place a peal of bells in a more beautiful position. The message that would go out to Japan would say, 'Here is the Christian faith; this is what you want in order to be happy.' And to this country would come the message, 'Here is the Christian faith, we hold it here as you do in the old country.' My prayer to-day, concluded the Bishop, is that the countries on both sides of the Pacific and Atlantic may hear and believe the message of the bells.

The hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple,' was then sung, and the impressive little service, in unusual surroundings, with the age-blackened beams of the building above and all around the implements of the bell founder's craft, came to a close with the Bishop's Blessing and the National Anthem.

THE BELLS.

The bells themselves form a glorious peal, well balanced and perfectly tuned. In size and weight they are a reproduction of the bells of Westminster Abbey, which it was intended they should, as far as possible, copy.

The following is the specification of the bells and the inscriptions:—

- Tenor: H.M. KING GEORGE V.
GOD SAVE THE KING.
Christ, Heaven's King, be pleased with this ring.
Diameter: 4ft. 7in. Weight: 29 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. Note: D flat.
- Seventh: H.M. QUEEN MARY.
GOD BLESS QUEEN MARY.
I hail the festal day.
Diameter: 4ft. 1in. Weight: 20 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. Note: E flat.
- Sixth: CHARLES RAYMOND.
To the Glory of God and in loving remembrance of Charles Raymond Nutt, late Captain, R.F.A., died June 12th, 1914; buried at Somonos, Vancouver Island, these six larger bells were given by his sister, Mary Geraldine Mozley, in the Silver Jubilee year of H.M. King George V., 1935.

- I summon all to pray.
Diameter: 3ft. 8in. Weight: 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. Note: F.
- Fifth: EDWARD OF WESTMINSTER.
Praise the Almighty Father with the sounding bells.
Diameter: 3ft. 5in. Weight: 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. Note: G flat.
- Fourth: PAUL, OF LONDON, ENGLAND.
Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel.
Diameter: 3ft. 1in. Weight: 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. Note: A flat.
- Third: OUR LADY, ST. MARY.
(Beneath this bell is depicted the figure of the Sistine Madonna.)
Glory to God in the Highest.

- M.U.
Diameter: 2ft. 10in. Weight: 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. Note: B flat.
- Second: IN MEMORIAM, JOHN SAMUEL HENRY MATSON.
Jubilate Deo.
Diameter: 2ft. 8in. Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. Note: C.
- Treble: IN MEMORIAM, JOHN ROBERT MERIDETH MATSON.
Cantate Domino.

Diameter: 2ft. 7in. Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. Note: D flat.

The inscription on 'Paul of London' is a translation of that on 'Great Paul of London,' which was cast for St. Paul's Cathedral on November 23rd, 1881. The words were chosen by the Rev. Dr. Liddon. The inscription on 'Edward of Westminster' is a translation of that which appears in Latin on the two Elizabethan bells in Westminster Abbey.

The Abbey bells, as most of our readers are aware, have all of them been founded and maintained by the same firm, though the latter did not always bear the well-known title of 'Mears and Stainbank.' Thus the connection between the Abbey and the great Whitechapel Foundry covers not far short of four centuries, if not longer.

As the company left the shop, Mr. J. Thomas chimed a course of Grandsire Triples on the bells, and this provided for critical ears some idea of the beauty of the tones that the ring possessors. But to everyone their sounds were a source of delight.

After the ceremony the visitors were entertained to tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall, and during the proceedings the Bishop of London, on behalf of the founders, presented to Mrs. Mozley a model of the sixth bell, cast by herself from the same metal as that from which the original was cast. It was suitably mounted and made a very happy memento of the occasion.

The bells will be despatched to Victoria in about three weeks' time. The north-western tower of the Cathedral, in which they will hang, will eventually be about 120ft. high, and there will be a long draught of rope between the bells and the ringers. In Victoria there are two or three ringers eagerly anticipating the arrival of the bells, and it is hoped they will at once be able to form a company to ring them and eventually to practise change ringing. They could not have better bells for the purpose.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held last Saturday at Evershot, and, notwithstanding most unpleasant weather conditions, was quite well attended. Members were present from Beaminster, Rampisham, Lyme Regis, Bradpole, Poole, Wimborne and Evershot.

The Rector, the Rev. W. Gulliford, conducted the service, and in his address emphasised the message of the bells as one of 'Peace, goodwill toward men.' Afterwards he very kindly entertained all to tea in the Village Hall.

The chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. C. Cox) presided over the business meeting. Saturday, July 18th, was selected as the date for the next meeting, at Netherbury. It was also agreed that in the meantime one combined practice should be held at an eight-bell tower and one at a six-bell tower. Mr. S. J. Philbrick was elected as a non-resident life ringing member.

Mention was made that the order had been given for the restoration of the ring of five at Thorncombe, and it was hoped that the ringers there would come back to the Guild after the work was completed.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind welcome and interest, to the organist, and the ladies who were responsible for the catering. He also congratulated the youthful Evershot band on their progress.

Good practice was obtained on the bells during the afternoon and evening, and the variety of methods was noteworthy: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor being rung very creditably.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREATER ENCOURAGEMENT BY CHURCH AUTHORITIES
WANTED.

Beginning of a Benevolent Fund.

About 90 members attended the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Guildford. It had been hoped that the Bishop of the Diocese would attend, but owing to his illness his place was taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Blackburne, who thus made his last public appearance in the diocese as Archdeacon of Surrey. This week he has left to be installed as Dean of Ely.

The Guild service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan), and the Archdeacon, in his address, said that such a service as that ought to serve two purposes—separate consecration and encouragement. It was so easy to become engrossed in a piece of church work and do it quite well, and yet to forget what was the real end and purpose of that enterprise. And there was a particular danger in any form of artistic work in the Church. He thought he would not be far wrong when he said that the more one was awake and alive and appreciative of the beautiful in church work, the greater was the danger that one's whole self would end with that particular form of work. It was because the art they practised was so beautiful that he ventured to call their attention to that particular danger.

A GREAT TRADITION.

There was no need for him to remind them of the history of the art they practised. It was one of the very few surviving typically English village arts. In Surrey they were seeing their beautiful villages more or less scrapped by newcomers who were not of the ordinary village type. He was going to a part of East Anglia where he hoped he would find the typically old English village with its craftsmen who work in iron and wood. Their art was among those surviving craftsmen, and it was in a very honourable company. He hoped they would do all in their power to see that their art was continued. 'You have received the great tradition of change ringing from the past,' added the Archdeacon, 'and I am glad to see in your ranks many young men who are capable of handing that tradition on, and it is good.'

There were many disappointments—of keeping a company together and getting recruits. They might meet with discouragement from people who did not like the sound of bells, and they were not backward in complaining. Don't be disappointed; let this service be a service of encouragement. They had inherited a great past and would carry on.

He thanked the ringers, on behalf of the Church and the diocese, for the work they were doing. Some of them came from villages where it was not possible to ring a peal. To those ringers he would say, 'Take heart.' They were members of a very large and important company and throughout the length and breadth of England there were 34,000 men and women engaged in similar work.

The collection, amounting to £1 12s., was for the Guild Benevolent Fund.

At the business meeting, Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) was in the chair, supported by the Provost (the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary). Welcome visitors included the hon. secretaries of the adjoining associations, Mr. F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth) and Mr. C. H. Kippin (Surrey).

THE REPORT.

In their annual report the committee said the Guild had steadily maintained its work during the past year, but while in its main objects it had shown no falling-off in carrying out the purposes for which it was founded, the committee could not refrain from once more urging upon Church authorities the diocesan character of the Guild and asking that it shall receive from them the backing which that status demands. There were still a number of towers which remained outside the Guild; the committee felt that a warmer encouragement of its objects by incumbents and parochial church councils would lead to a strengthening of the membership. It was hoped that in future this support might be given to the Guild.

The membership of the Guild showed a slight decline on the year, accounted for by a number of minor causes. The ringing members numbered 396, compared with 413 at the end of 1934; and the honorary members 81, compared with 82 in the preceding year. Unlike a number of other ringing associations, which allow their members to be one and, in some cases, two years in arrears before their membership lapses, this Guild adheres strictly to the rule that only those who have paid their subscription by the end of the year under review shall be counted on the roll. The figures which the committee presented were, therefore, an accurate record of the members whose subscriptions were actually paid for last year. The balance in the central fund had been reduced by £8 12s. 9d. owing to special calls upon it. The cash balances in the district funds amount to £42 11s. 8d., compared with £48 2s. 2d. at the end of 1934. The reduction was due principally to the grants made to the Library Fund and to grants made for bell and tower restorations.

A Benevolent Fund was set up during the year, and, thanks to generous donations, stood, at the end of the year, at £10 0s. 9d., which is on deposit at the bank. It is hoped that during the year this amount may be considerably added to by contributions from

ringers themselves. There was now a sum of £4 0s. 6d. in the New Cathedral Bells Fund.

The committee were again glad to report the carrying out of bell restorations at various churches in the diocese. The bells at Ewell, Dorking, Witley and Ockham had been put in order, while at Shalford a scheme is being carried out to recast the existing ring of bells from six to eight. Chiddingfold bells were also to be recast, and restoration was contemplated at Ash. In the carrying out of most of this work the services of the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse) had been invaluable to the Church authorities, who had consulted him, and the diocese is fortunate in having at its disposal such independent expert and practical advice as Major Hesse was able to offer.

TWENTY-TWO 'FIRST PEALS.'

During the year, 29 peals were rung, 27 of them on tower bells and two on handbells. The number of tower bell peals was the same as in the previous year, and the number of handbell peals one more than in 1934. A gratifying feature of the tower bell peals is that they were distributed over 18 towers in the diocese, whereas in the previous year the peals were rung in only 11 towers in the diocese and three outside. No fewer than twelve of the peals were rung in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of H.M. King George V. The committee hope that this extension of occasional peals to other towers may be maintained, so that, at least, one peal, with as many local ringers in it as possible, may be rung in each tower in the Guild every year.

Another very satisfactory feature of the performances was the number of ringers who rang their first peal. No fewer than 22 members took part in a peal for the first time. This again was largely the result of the Silver Jubilee enthusiasm, for 19 first peals were rung in connection with that occasion. Congratulation must be extended to all these ringers and to Mr. C. W. Denyer for the part he played in assisting eleven ringers through their first peals in the Farnham District, and also the Womersley band, who rang a peal entirely with their own members, which provided five first peals and a first as conductor. Another peal of note was a peal of Stedman Triples rung at the Cathedral by officers of the Guild, which has been duly recorded by a tablet in the ringing chamber.

The committee again placed on record their appreciation of the work of the officers, and especially of the district officials, upon whom so much of the success of the Guild depends.

In moving the adoption of the annual report, the Chairman referred to the deaths of Mr. W. J. Viggers (Aldershot), Mr. W. T. Waller (Dorking), who were hon. members, and Mr. P. J. Percy (Chertsey) and Mr. J. Spooner (Shere), ringing members, and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments. He was requested by the Archdeacon to say how extremely sorry their diocesan was that he was unable to be with them; they shared that regret and hoped that he would be speedily restored to health. The Chairman did not regard the support to the Benevolent Fund as satisfactory. They had only four individual donations and two collections were taken at district meetings. He hoped they would work the fund up a little more.

The hon. secretary explained that collecting boxes were being distributed that day to the towers, and he hoped that when the members saw the boxes in the towers they would contribute. The sum of one penny a month from each member would amount to about £20 a year.

The report was adopted, as was also the treasurer's balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £23 12s. 9d., compared with £32 1s. 6d. at the beginning of the year.

FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The following officers were elected: Vice-presidents, Mr. Walter Harrison and the Provost; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasted. Mr. C. Hazelden was re-elected hon. librarian, the Library Committee was also re-elected, and the following were elected after a ballot as representatives on the Central Council: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and A. Harman.

The meeting decided to hold the summer festival at Weybridge, and that the next annual meeting should be held at Guildford.

A motion, proposed by Mr. C. Denyer (Farnham District secretary), that members of the district committees may apply for their expenses when attending committee meetings was carried.

The hon. secretary said he had received a letter from the Vicar of Camberley asking the Guild to give a grant towards the cost of the restoration of the Yorktown bells. The cost of the restoration would be not less than £360.

The Master reported that the bells were being rehung in a new iron frame, and the work was being undertaken by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough. The bells at Shalford were also to be recast, augmented to eight and hung on an iron frame by Messrs. Taylors, the work having been started. The work of recasting Chiddingfold bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank would begin in the middle of next month.

On the proposition of Mr. A. H. Pulling, it was decided to send a subscription of two guineas to Yorktown.

Mr. G. Grover asked what the Guild had contributed to the Pye Memorial.—The hon. secretary replied that so far £1 12s. had been collected. It was decided to make the amount up to £2 2s.

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended are further names of ringers who have been 'lifelong' supporters of 'The Ringing World':—

Mr. F. Belsey, Chatham, Kent.
 Mr. G. Bennett, Osselt, Yorks.
 Mr. J. Brassington, Barthomley, Cheshire.
 Mr. A. J. Chamberlain, Southwell, Notts.
 Mr. E. H. Clarke, Derby.
 Mr. V. Cooper, Elstow, Bedfordshire.
 Mr. C. V. Ebberson, Snettisham, Norfolk.
 Mr. H. Franks, Holloway, London.
 Mr. B. Fullwood, Sedgley, Dudley.
 Mr. G. Freebrey, Derby.
 Mr. C. Freeman, Foleshill, Coventry.
 Mr. W. G. Hiscott, Plymouth.
 Mr. E. C. Lamber, Cosgrave, Bucks.
 Mr. R. G. Lewis, Uttoxeter, Staffs.
 Mr. E. Lindoff, Dublin.
 Mr. E. W. Marsh, Plymouth.
 Mr. A. R. Miles, Mayfield, Sussex.
 Mr. J. Norbury, Macclesfield, Cheshire.
 Mr. F. Nye, Bagshot, Surrey.
 Mr. J. Pugett, Derby.
 Mr. A. J. Pitman, Port Talbot, Glam.
 Mr. C. Prath, Calverley, Yorkshire.
 Mr. G. Preston, Christchurch, Hants.
 Mr. E. S. Ruck, Willesborough, Kent.
 Mr. C. W. Smith, Simpson, Bucks.
 Mr. W. Stenning, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
 Mr. J. Thackray, Armley, Leeds.
 Mr. F. Tingle, Ripon, Yorks.
 Mr. F. W. Woodward, Chalgrove, Oxfordshire.

OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTH PASSES ON.

DEATH OF MR. TOM BENNEY.

The Ancient Society of College Youths have lost another of their old members. On Thursday of last week Mr. Tom Benney died at the age of 84 years.

Mr. Benney was elected to the society on January 21st, 1875, and was thus the senior member, a title which now descends to Mr. J. Martin Routh, of Reading, who was elected on April 1st in the same year.

All through his ringing career Mr. Benney had been connected with St. Dunstan's, Stepney, but for a time, up to about 15 years ago when he returned, he practically dropped out of ringing. In his younger days he rang many peals, including one, the anniversary of which occurred this week, at Edmonton as long ago as the year 1875. Mr. Benney rang a peal to celebrate his 80th birthday. In addition to his long connection with Stepney, Mr. Benney was also an old member of St. Andrew's Guild, Holborn.

The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Lavers 1, R. Roberts (first quarter in the method) 2, J. E. Lilley 3, C. R. Walker 4, C. G. Glass 5, A. Mitchell 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—For evening service at the Parish Church on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Dawes (first quarter of Stedman) 1, A. W. Dix 2, H. L. Long 3, A. Brunton 4, H. G. Oashmore 5, F. H. Crook 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, J. Horton 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Doherty (first quarter in method) 1, G. W. Debenham 2, H. Goodyear 3, H. Mason 4, F. Spicer 5, R. Kerr 6, G. E. Debenham 7, H. V. Frost (composer and conductor) 8.

LATE NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Chicheley, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please send notice for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his address, and to the Provost, the organist and choir of Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, and to the Rector of St. Nicolas' for the use of his bells, was proposed by the chairman.

The Provost thanked Mr. Harrison for presiding, and this concluded the business.

During the afternoon there had been ringing on the eight bells of the Cathedral and on the ten at St. Nicolas' Church.

A LITTLE-KNOWN BELL FOUNDRY.

THE CHANDLERS OF DRAYTON PARSLOW.

On Saturday, April 4th, a meeting of 25 ringers in the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild celebrated an occasion which was worthy of greater attention than is sometimes given to men of the past, who practised a trade of art and skill under many difficulties. There seem also at different times to have been some very hard circumstances which had to be overcome, and we in our time are benefited by the determination and skill of a family whose name is not publicly recorded. Except for one gravestone in the churchyard of their native village, and for the notes of careful research made by historians of campanology, and the name embossed on many bells, 'Chandler,' of Drayton Parslow, is mentioned with small measure of praise which the family deserved. Many of its bells are 'richly sounding of music.'

In 1634 Richard Chandler, who had acquired the trade of bell-founding with the firm of Atton in Buckingham Town, returned to his native village of Drayton Parslow, where he began bell-founding in connection with the smithy which he had inherited from his father. He cast six bells in the four years before his death at the age of 37 years; his son, Anthony, took up his father's trade in 1650, and in 12 years cast 29 bells; his second son, Richard, followed and cast 40 bells in 10 years. Richard, the son of Anthony, cast 21 bells in six years; and after him his brother, George, with others of the family cast 80 bells in 59 years. Another brother, Thomas, succeeded George as head of the 'firm' for three years. The last bell bearing the name Chandler is dated 1726, in which year Edward Hall, who had married a granddaughter of the first founder in this family and had already for some years been one of the firm, took it over in his own name. Between 1726-1755 he cast 13 bells, but for two periods, of three and five years respectively, he cast no bells; from a note of the Rector in the register it may be judged that he met with hard times. His son, William Hall, cast the last bell of this foundry in 1756, after which this business was 'doubtless killed by the competition of the great London foundries.'

Until November, 1935, there were three bells only in Drayton Parslow tower. The Saunce, in addition, was the single one from the local foundry. Now Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have made up an excellent light ring of six. At the dedication a touch of Stedman Doubles was rung, such as the Chandler's would have often heard at the first ringing of their own bells.

The company on April 4th, most of whom came from bellfries in the district, were pleased at hearing some of this history recounted. Even some of the local ringers were surprised to hear that Drayton Parslow had taken such a great part in the ringing world. The bells were hung in six counties, Bucks, Herts, Beds, Northants, Oxford, Cambridge; and two bells in Gloucestershire were no doubt cast by this family.

The village consists of little more than two streets, built on the slope of a hill, running down from the church and rectory, which stand on the edge of the higher ground at the south-western extremity. About the middle of the village is a small smithy, having for its next neighbour the Three Horse Shoes, a hostelry of the humblest description, built soon after 1850. At the back of these tenements is a bit of garden ground and a paddock, the surface much broken by old foundations, which mark the site of the former foundry, worked, together with the smithy, by several generations of the Chandler family. (A. H. Cox: 'The Church Bells of Buckinghamshire'.)

Quoted also by A. H. Cox: 'Rev. T. A. Turner, in a paper published in the Records of Bucks, 1872, page 125, "Bellfoundries in the County of Buckingham," says: "One, John Baldwin, a bedridden village worthy, tells me that he, in early life, succeeded one William Hall, probably a grandson of Edward Hall, above, in the village smithy business, which at that time was, and still is, carried on on the site of the old bell foundry. Baldwin bears testimony, moreover, to having found, whilst digging clay, etc., in the paddock and garden, sundry bits of bell-metal (not preserved); also to having taken over with the business sundry metal castings, also small metal and other moulds (not preserved), and a quantity of sand, all of which William Hall said his grandfather used in the bell foundry business.'"

The site of the foundry is now a green bank, at the end of a garden. A private house and shop stand on the site of the smithy. One visitor, on asking, was kindly allowed by the present owner to stand on the site of the foundry.

And so April 4th, 1936, was the date of the first meeting of ringers in Drayton Parslow, a village which gave much in the history of bells for 220 years, 1635-1756.

At the instigation of the present Rector, the rehanging and addition of four bells was undertaken, and under his encouragement the local company is learning the art of change ringing, assisted with instruction from the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the North Bucks Branch. Here it should be said that among the ringers of this district are several whose ancestors' names are recorded in their church registers as ringers during all the time that the 'Chandler' family were founding bells in Drayton Parslow.

The ringers received hospitality in the Rectory, and many scenes of the past were conjured up in imagination—the Parson teaching the Chandler children their Catechism in the very room where we were, for that part of the Rectory was built about 1680.

John Lord, D.D., the Rector in 1755, regretted that the local foundry had decayed. The present Rector holds a lively interest in the bellfry, and in the future we shall hope to hear of Drayton Parslow change ringers as famous as their foundry of the past.

J. F. A.

NOTICES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kirtlington (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tower open 2.30. If requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Wellingore on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Emmanuel bells after tea. Ringers who intend to be present send names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Please see that your tower is represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Pinner, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. J. Jones, Rector. Luncheon and annual meeting in Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers open: St. Peter's, Marlborough, and Aldbourne (8 bells), St. Mary's, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Milton, Pewsey, Presute (6), Chiseldon, Chilton, Saverlake St. Katherine's (5).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—Arthur Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Don't forget, a 'Taylor's' eight. 'Nuff said.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Great Tey. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Buses run from Colchester. Will all those intending to be present at the meeting please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Cowlinge on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Three Tons Inn. Those who require tea please send card to H. Stubbings, Park Cottages.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Heswall (5 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards at the kind invitation of Rev. Canon D. W. Hobson. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Paul's, Cross Stones, Todmorden. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Friends, old and new, will be given a cordial welcome.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5, at Lytton Arms. Important business at this meeting is the election of District Committee, therefore a good representative meeting is essential. Just put your backs to the wheel and do your bit for our association.—Don. Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions now overdue.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Ottershaw tomorrow (Saturday), May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following. Also committee meeting to consider outing. Towers are asked to send representative as per Rule 10.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for May: Service Ringing, St. Clement Danes', May 3rd, 10 a.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, May 10th, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, May 24th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, 26th, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 7th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Shipbourne.—One of the prettiest spots in Kent. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber. Please do not disappoint him. Important announcement at business meeting. Don't forget, the K.C.A. rely on *you*. Please notify me for tea by May 5th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. All ringers cordially invited, especially North Staffs and Derby District members. Those wanting tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea at the Victoria. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, by May 7th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available: Townstal (6) from 2.30 p.m., St. Petrock's (6) from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Service at Townstal at 4.15. Tea and meeting at Dawe's Café, The Quay, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach me not later than first post Tuesday morning, May 5th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Buckfastleigh.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting to be held at Tidenham on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. No service. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 6th, for arrangement. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who let me know not later than Tuesday, 5th.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, May 9th, commencing at 3 p.m. Members requiring tea please advise me by May 6th.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall, Warrington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All welcome.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gedney Hill on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 5th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 9th. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — Next meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Isleworth. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, South Street, at 5.30. Quarterly business meeting afterwards. Postcards re tea and subscriptions thankfully received.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Everybody welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 9th. Ringing at the Cathedral (12 bells) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Marie's 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Numerous cafés close at hand for tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Colsterworth (bells 6) on Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available for ringing during afternoon and evening. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday previous? —C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Silkstone on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. For tea (1s.) please notify Mr. H. Mann, Fox and Hounds Yard, Silkstone, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, May 6th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Empingham on May 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting will be assured of a good ring on this fine peal of 6. Please notify for tea to S. H. Towell, 17, King's Road, Oakham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coin St. Aldwyn's on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. Please advise for tea by May 5th.—W. H. Hayward, Glemsford, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Stow (6 bells) on Saturday, May 9th. Service, followed by tea, at Cross Keys. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me *without fail* by Tuesday, May 12th. Nearest railway station Stanford-le-Hope. Buses from Grays to Southend pass within easy reach of the church.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The South Norfolk Branch meets at Diss on Saturday, May 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. —Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. in the Mill Brow Café. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than May 14th. Please notify.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Thirsk on May 16th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at the same hotel at 5 p.m., and will all who require tea please inform Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk, by May 14th? General meeting immediately after tea. We have been assured of a most hearty welcome to Thirsk, so please come and help to make the meeting a success.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brampford Speke on May 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.

Bands and visitors attending please notify me by May 10th. —W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANDULPH, near Saltash, Cornwall.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21st. Ring of 6 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Entrance fee 6s. per band, closing date June 13th. Tower open for practice until June 27th, for which please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shapton, near Barnsley. Draw takes place at 2.45 p.m. Voluntary subscriptions to prize fund will be accepted up to June 27th, by Mr. A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

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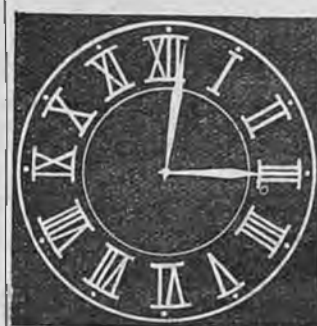
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The first meeting of a newly constituted Council always produces a long agenda, and this is again the case for the forthcoming meeting in London. The routine work at this first meeting of the triennial period is added to by the election of officials and committees, and although the present secretary has done much to save the time of the Council by circulating reports beforehand, it is seldom now that the reports and the accompanying elections are all disposed of until well after lunch. The result is that the subsequent general business has sometimes to be concluded hurriedly and in a dwindling assembly. The Council should welcome, therefore, the proposal that in future the meetings should, where possible, begin earlier in the morning. As we pointed out not long ago, the main obstacle to this change is not so serious as it would have been a few years ago, when the Standing Committee did not meet until little more than an hour before the Council. Now that practice has shown that it is possible for the committee to meet and conduct its business with less hurry on the previous evening, an earlier meeting of the full body ought to be possible, with the consequent relaxation of the pressure at the end of a long day.

The Council is fortunate in its president and hon. secretary, and they will be re-elected for another term of office on Whitsun Tuesday, but the Council have to find a new librarian to fill the vacancy caused by the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. Probably the Standing Committee will have a name to put forward, for this is a post that cannot very well be filled on the spur of the moment. There are men well fitted for the position who would be prepared to give the necessary time, but the number of these who have the storage accommodation available for the library and stock of publications is probably very few. Whoever fills the office of librarian renders a valuable service to the Council and the Exercise, but the filling of the vacancy on this occasion will be accompanied by a sense of sorrow.

There are no fewer than eight committees to be elected, but with one exception, there is unlikely to be any desire for change. The committees are selected for the special aptitude or liking which their members have for the kind

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of work undertaken, and as there is no limit to the membership, of competition for places on these committees there is, of course, none. The one exception to which we have referred is the Standing Committee, which under the rules is limited to twelve elected members with the officials and the conveners of committees ex-officio. Here the constitution of the committee may be called into question. We know in some quarters there is a feeling that there should be a greater proportion of representative members, that is, those elected by the affiliated societies. At present about half the number are hon. members of the Council. It should, however, be pointed out that the members of this committee are not elected because they represent this or that section of the Council. They are elected from the Council as a whole for their capacity to manage its general affairs and to act for it in between meetings. The members of the committee not only include some of the 'elder statesmen' of the Council, but men of considerable business capacity and knowledge of ringing affairs, but it is, of course, open to the Council to elect whom they please. Hitherto the Council can be presumed to have elected the men considered best fitted for the job.

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SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 8
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On Thursday, April 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
FRANK BROWN 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH 9
JOHN E. HOBBS 5	*WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal on ten bells. Mr. F. A. Salter has now 'circled' the tower.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

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FRANK C. NEWMAN 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 5
FREDERICK MORRIS 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	*JAMES W. SPILLETT Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Hammer, Rector's churchwarden for 35 years. Previously he was churchwarden at Newington-next-Sittingbourne for 10 years.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
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PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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ALFRED BARNES 2	JAMES A. MILNER 5
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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM CLOVER 2	RUSSELL CURSON 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	HAROLD QUATRILL 6
ALBERT E. BRACEY 3	CHARLES MOORE 7
WALTER FARROW 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

First peal as conductor.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	CHARLES SHEMMING 5
JAMES ROSE 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
WILLIAM KINSEY 3	GEORGE MORE 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

HARRY HARRINGTON 2	FREDERICK WHITE 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM 6
HERBERT MAREWELL 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
FREDERICK SMEATON 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
First peal in the method as conductor.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS 2	FREDERICK WIGMORE 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 2	JOHN W. T. WRIGHT 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	*FREDERICK REX 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. Fred Wigmore's 50th peal.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM BAVIN 2	ROBERT SMITH 5
MANSFIELD GINN 2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 6
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
FRED C. GINN 4	ROBERT THODAY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Rung with muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Mr. O. I. Robinson, a former captain of the local company.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PAINSWICK, YORKSHIRE, SUPERLATIVE, AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	*EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	*LEONARD STILWELL 6
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
*WILLIAM WELLING 4	*ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in four Surprise Major methods. This peal contained 138 changes of method, and these methods are now rung spliced for the first time. First peal in four spliced Surprise Major methods by the Guild and rung without previous practice.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5
FRED HAYES 2	*R. GORDON CROSS 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*MARIE R. CROSS 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by J. MILLER. Conducted by REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven 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.

*HERBERT W. COLLIER ... Treble	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 5
THOMAS E. DENYER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal.

LONDON.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD AND NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

P.C. JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... Treble	P.C. J. CHARLES DOEL ... 5
CHIEF-INSPE. W. BOTTRILL ... 2	P.S. CYRIL PEASE ... 6
P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 3	P.S. CHARLES WILLMINGTON ... 7
EX-P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 4	EX-P.C. ERNEST BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by Chief-Inspector W. BOTTRILL.

Rung to commemorate the bicentenary of the church, and the restoration of the bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at the cost of the Barron Bell Trust, to whom all thanks are due.

PONTYPRIDE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED SCRIVENS ... Treble	REGINALD WESTCOY ... 5
FREDERICK J. TYER ... 2	FRANK ROWSELL ... 6
JOHN A. EVANS ... 3	JOHN DARCH ... 7
GEORGE KERLEY ... 4	WILLIAM L. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN DARCH.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who has just been promoted to headmaster at one of the local schools.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
THOMAS J. ELTON ... 2	FRANK BROTHERTON ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	JOHN PERRY ... 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... 4	BERT HORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

First peal on the bells, a new ring by Taylor and Co., dedicated on Palm Sunday.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Treble	SIDNEY KEITHLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 2	†JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 6
†FRANK RAYMENT ... 3	WILLIAM FEATHER ... 7
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 4	HARRY DAVISON ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.
* 150th peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding compliment to the daughter of Canon C. C. Marshall, the esteemed president of the Yorkshire Association.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Saturday, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. E. Bailey 1, J. Wheadon 2, Miss J. M. Thompson 3, F. E. Walker 4, H. Rayner 5, J. M. Bailey (Leiston) 6, G. Butcher (conductor) 7, H. Simmons 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	FRANK CLAYTON ... 5
*RONALD SUCKLING ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM S. KEY ... Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ARTHUR HINGLEY ... 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
CHARLES R. COLLINS ... 4	*ARCHIBALD CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. R. Beards, who was inducted to the parish of Wombourne on Wednesday, April 29th.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*GEORGE W. WARNER ... Treble	A. STANLEY WOODARD ... 5
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	*ROBERT MALSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST H. EVEREST ... Treble	JAMES G. POWELL ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	GEORGE KENWARD ... 7
GEORGE MAYLAN ... 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

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

The composition, No. 417, is rung for the first time.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

BARNARD PATMORE ... Treble	†ARTHUR BRADFORD ... 5
*WILLIAM A. BYSOUTH ... 2	†ERNEST J. SPARKES ... 6
*ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
*CHARLES A. BYSOUTH ... 4	ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	WALTER AYRE ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
*REV. B. F. SHEPHERD ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Surprise.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT 1	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 1	JOHN N. LINDON 4
GEORGE H. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM MULCOCK 5
MISS ENID FOSTER 3	ROLAND W. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Much credit is due to Roland W. Edwards for his splendid performance in ringing the tenor after a very brief instruction.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents with seven callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY PURCHASE 1	CLAUDE TARR 4
ALBERT TOTT 2	EDGAR QUICK 5
JOHN SUMMERHAYES 3	ALBERT TURNER Tenor

Conducted by H. PURCHASE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all. The ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Milverton, the others belong to the local band.

YALDING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT 1	ALAN BROMLEY 4
FRANCIS BROMLEY 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM 5
EDWIN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

First Surprise peal on these fine old bells. All the band are service ringers from Horsmonden Parish Church.

WHADDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS 1	REV. A. G. THURLOW 4
WILLIAM WELLING 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
R. GORDON CROSS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Welling. The Rev. O. E. Wigg's 100th peal.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

G. BURCHER 1	E. GLEED 4
C. NEWMAN 2	A. GIBSON 5
W. COLE 3	A. VERNALL Tenor

Conducted by W. COLE.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. SROUTE 1	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
H. JIM RALPH 2	HENRY W. SAUNDERS 5
FRANCIS G. BLAKE 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

Twenty-fifth peal as conductor. Rung, after meeting short for Triples, as a wedding compliment to Mr. S. Ford and Miss N. J. Austin, who were married in the church the same day. The bride was an office colleague of the conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents differently called. Tenor 14 cwt.

* ANDREW C. SINFIELD 1	REGINALD HOUGHTON 4
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 2	SIDNEY J. COOPER 5
* COLIN E. JEFFRIES 3	C. HENRY HARDING Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. The ringer of the treble is the first Maulden ringer to ring a peal.

ODDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

ROBERT H. VIGOR 1	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 4
HAROLD S. BLACKETT 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
* ERIC J. BARRETT 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal on six bells. Rung in honour of St. George's Day. This peal was rung on the front six of the peal of ten (treble 2½ cwt.), and is the fastest peal ever rung on church bells.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. W. M. K. WARREN 1	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD 4
MRS. E. S. POWELL 2	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
REV. F. LL. EDWARDS 3	REV. W. P. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by Rev. E. S. POWELL.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, Chase, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

HERBERT W. ABBOTT 1	SIDNEY G. MUNTON 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER 2	LEONARD G. TOSLAND 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

First peal of Doubles in seven methods by all except the ringer of the third.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 variations). Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY HARRISON Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 4
THOMAS M. JORDAN 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*FRANK MASON 3	*HAROLD C. HAMMERSLEY...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. A 20th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Grandsire and 1,440 each of St. Simon and Plain Bob, 18 callings.

*KEN. G. CARLTON (aged 13) Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
EDWARD S. ROCK 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
ALBERT LANCEFIELD 3	HERBERT G. CARLTON ...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

* First peal and first attempt. All are regular service ringers. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Baker.

ALGARKIRK, LINES.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Thelwall Bob, Lytham Bob, Double Oxford Bob, London Bob, Single Court, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL R. BURRELL Treble	*JOHN A. MUSE 4
*JOHN C. BRITTAIN 2	GEORGE W. BURRELL 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	HARVEY E. BURRELL ...Tenor

Conducted by HARVEY E. BURRELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GRIMWOOD Treble	F. ROPER 4
A. R. WOODWARD 2	E. CRACKNELL 5
F. BORLEY 3	J. STEED... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. ROPER.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY FOX Treble	REGINALD HODGKINSON... .. 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	MANSFIELD GINN... .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*BENJAMIN NORMAN Treble	LAURIE NORFOLK... .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP 5
JACK PARISH 3	MANSFIELD GINN... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

TATTERSHALL, LINES.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich; (2) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Marple Delight; (3) London Bob, Double Oxford, College and St. Clement's; (4) Lytham, Thelwall, Wavertree and Childwall; (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

ARTHUR YOUNG Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL 4
*GEORGE W. BURRELL 2	VERNON TAYLOR 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

There were 67 changes of method. * First peal in 20 methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor in 20 methods.

BUKHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	JACK R. STEED 3
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 4
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor	

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all.

HANDBELL PEAL.

PALMERS GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT 21, STONARD ROAD, N.13.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERNEST C. S. TURNER 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS 3-4	WALTER J. BOWDEN 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First handbell peal of Major.

ANOTHER DEVON RING RESTORED.

MALBOROUGH BELLS TUNED AND REHUNG.

On Thursday evening, April 30th, a well-attended service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Arrowsmith), at the interesting and picturesque Church of All Saints', Malborough, near Kingsbridge, in South Devon, marked the consummation of the parishioners' efforts to restore the six bells.

The Vicar has had previous experience in the matter of restoring bells elsewhere, and the response to his appeal resulted in the necessary funds being forthcoming within two months from the time of his laying the matter before the Parochial Church Council.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, was due to rededicate the bells and to preach, and it was, therefore, a cause of considerable disappointment to all concerned that Mr. Cox was prevented by illness from attending.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. G. Porter, Vicar of Kingsbridge, had kindly undertaken to take over the president's duties, and was specially fitted to perform the ceremony, for his own bells at Kingsbridge were restored some twelve months ago. In his sermon the Rural Dean spoke of the monks who were reputed to have cast the first bells in this country and to have taught the craft to laymen more than 1,200 years ago.

The dedicatory rounds were rung by the local band, composed of Messrs. E. Jarvis, jun. 1, A. Yeoman 2, E. Jarvis, sen. 3, R. Stone 4, J. Edmunds 5, and F. Prowse 6; and after the service the bells were kept going till 9.30 p.m. by visiting bands from East Portlemouth, Aveton Gifford, Galmpton, Buckfastleigh and Newton Abbot.

The bells are a ring of six with an 11 cwt. tenor. They have been rehung with new fittings in a massive two-tier frame of iron castings on steel girders, and No. 2 bell has been recast.

The bells have been accurately tuned, and the improvement brought about called forth many complimentary comments amongst parishioners and visitors.

The work has been ably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and now another ring of bells in South Devon is in first-class ringing order.

Mr. Cyril Johnston was present to represent the bellfounders, and the bellhanger responsible for the erection of the bells, Mr. F. Collins, took part in the ringing.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY APPOINTED.**

At the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at the Co-operative Hall, Ipswich, on April 18th, over 70 members sat down to tea. After tea the president, the Bishop of Dunwich, welcomed the largest meeting of Suffolk ringers that had ever been held.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £33, out of which a double report would have to be paid for, as it had been found better to issue the report in the first half of the year, instead of the latter part as heretofore.

The officers were all re-elected, but Mr. M. Making, of Sproughton, was elected as assistant secretary in order that he might take over the duties, as the Rev. H. Drake gave them up.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Paigrove, and the next annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, if it could be arranged.

The committee was asked to choose a deputation to see what could be done to abate the nuisance of noisy towers. It was pointed out that this could be done nowadays much more cheaply and effectively than in the past, owing to the researches of the B.B.C.

It was agreed that the B.B.C. be thanked for the better broadcasts of change ringing that have lately taken place.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CHERTSEY DISTRICT TO HAVE A SUMMER OUTING.**

A meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Ottershaw, a six-bell tower, beautifully situated, attracted nearly 30 ringers, and some excellent practice was put in. The Vicar conducted the service and gave an inspiring address. He also presided at the tea and meeting which followed, when two new members from Ottershaw (Messrs. T. Hawkins and W. Horn) were elected, and it was decided to appoint an assistant ringing master for the district, as the present Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) finds it difficult to attend some of the meetings, owing to business ties. Mr. W. Simmonds, of Hersham, undertook the duties.

It was decided to institute combined practices once a month, in alternate months at Ottershaw, in the other months at eight-bell towers.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the organist were accorded.

Subsequently, the District Committee met and drew up plans for a combined summer outing, which it was decided should take place on a Saturday afternoon and evening in July, when it is hoped to visit towers in the Thames Valley. Details will be announced later, but the excursion will be open to any ringers and their friends to join.

A collection at the service for the Guild Benevolent Fund amounted to 6s 5d.

A LONDON PEAL RESTORED.**BARRON BELL TRUST BEARS COST.**

The peal of eight bells at the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, was reopened during evensong on Sunday, April 26th. The bells had been retuned and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at the cost of the Barron Bell Trust. After the second lesson had been read by one of the curates, the Rector (the Rev. Ernest Cook) offered several appropriate prayers in rededicating the bells, and prayers for all those who heard the bells, whether from sick beds or as passers-by, and those whose duty it was to ring them.

The opening touch was rung by a band of the Metropolitan Police Guild, under the conductorship of Chief Inspector William Bottrill, the Guild Master. It was regretted that Mr. F. Hopkins, the senior trustee of the Barron Bell Trust, could not attend. An apology for his absence was given by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who, with Mr. John Fidler, represented the bellfounders. The Loughborough firm is to be congratulated on the work they have carried out on the bells. The 'go' leaves nothing to be desired, and the tone of the peal has been greatly improved by their retuning.

The bells were kept going after the service until about 9 p.m., when all ringers present, who included a number of visitors, besides members of the Metropolitan Police Guild, had an opportunity of ringing. The bells form one of the very few complete rings of eight cast by Abraham Rudhall, the well-known Gloucester founder in 1718, and in regular use at the present time:—

Treble.—'A.R. 1718.' 4½ cwt.

Second.—'Peace and good neighbourhood.' 5 cwt.

Third.—'Prosperity to all our benefactors.' 5½ cwt.

Fourth.—'God preserve this church.' 6½ cwt.

Fifth.—'Prosperity to the place.' 7½ cwt.

Sixth.—'Mr. William Budger, churchwarden.' 8½ cwt.

Seventh.—'A. Rudhall, Gloucester Bell Foundry, 1718.' 10½ cwt.

Tenor.—'The living I to church do call, and to the grave, I summon all.' 14 cwt. in F.

The reopening of the bells coincided with the bicentenary of the present church. (The bells are older than the present church, and were rehung in this tower after the old building was pulled down in 1734.) The present church was opened in 1736, and to Dickensians is known as 'Little Dorrit's Church.'

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by members of the Metropolitan and National Police Guilds was rung to celebrate the bicentenary, and will be found in the peal columns.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are about to dismantle the ring of six at Balcombe Church, Sussex, preparatory to rehang them and adding two trebles to complete a ring of eight.

The names of some of the ringers in the peal of Double Norwich at Milton-next-Gravesend on April 15th were given in the wrong order in the report sent to us. They should have been Stanley Shellock 3, Harry Hoskins 4, James Bennett 5.

The ring of six bells of Southill Church, Beds, is to be tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, would like to thank all those who sent congratulatory letters and postcards to Mr. R. T. Hibbert on the broadcast Stedman Cinques on Sunday, April 26th. They assure their fellow-ringers that they always try to give their very best for service ringing.

The new ring of eight bells for Fairwarp, Sussex, are waiting for the completion of the tower: Visitors to the Croydon Foundry last Friday saw them, complete in their frame, in the erecting shop.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Worsley, the report of which was published in our last issue, was John Potter.

OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS.

Tom Benney, Stepney, January 21st, 1873.

J. M. Routh, Tilehurst, April 1st, 1873.

Henry Heuden, Orange, N.S.W., April 28th, 1867.

R. K. Knight, Leytonstone, September 24th, 1866.

During the Australian tour a very interesting letter was delivered to me at Sydney from Mr. Heuden, which I hope the Editor of 'The Ringing World' will find room to publish in the near future. His certificate as an old Collegian is numbered 2,594, and I believe he is still in the land of the living. Mr. Knight, at the time of his death, was probably the oldest member of any London society. After joining the Royal Cumberland Society in 1866, he also joined the St. James' Society on February 20th, 1867—a double record.

W. H. FUSSELL.

A NEW SPLICED PEAL.

FOUR METHODS IN SEVEN-LEAD COURSES.

A new spliced peal arrangement was rung at Old Windsor last week. It is made up of the four methods Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, and provides a peal with seven-lead courses, with a change of method at every lead except at the course end. It was arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver, and has the advantage of being true to any peal of Superlative. The composition used on this occasion was Ernest Pye's 5,152. It involved 138 changes of method.

Mr. Alan Pink and his band will be congratulated upon their success, especially as the peal was rung without previous practice, and it was the first peal in four Surprise methods by six of the band.

The courses are rung: Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Painswick.

SPLICED SURPRISE IN MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Really, Mr. James Hunt should be careful. He describes my resolutions on splicing as 'ridiculous,' and states that I condemned all peals of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob *except two*. It is news to me that the resolutions condemn any peals, but if they do, Mr. Hunt's amendment does not help. I am not aware that any peals of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, containing full courses of either method, have yet been rung, and, therefore, Mr. Hunt's amendment condemns them all, *without any exceptions*.

Mr. Hunt should try to realise what the effect of his own proposals would be, before he uses such words as 'ridiculous' about other people's. It may be of interest to him to know that when those resolutions were being framed, with the object of defining spliced peals, and not of making such peals an impossibility, I sought and obtained the assistance of several of the recognised best men in the Exercise, both on and off the Council. To describe the work of such men as ridiculous is, well—it is ridiculous!

C. T. COLES.

A 720 WANTED.

Sir,—I should be very pleased if Mr. C. T. Coles would kindly oblige me by publishing a 720 of Kent and Oxford Minor by changing method at the lead-end, as I am very anxious to call one and ring one.

'ONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN.'

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday evening, April 20th, at Christ Church, Alsager, 1,512 of Grandsire Triples (portion of Reeves' variation of Holt's Ten-part) was rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Samuel Jepson, vergier and sexton of the church: E. Peake 1, D. R. Whalley (conductor) 2, H. Dixon 3, E. Harper 4, T. Cartwright 5, B. Fernyhough 6, E. Moseley 7, R. Moseley 8.

At Burbage, Leicestershire, on Tuesday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. K. Measures (conductor) 1, J. E. Clough 2, W. J. Clough 3, A. Ballard 4, G. Dudley 5, W. A. Wood 6, W. Cope 7, E. Rivett 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Rev. John Sinker, Provost of Blackburn Cathedral.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

MORE EXTRACTS FROM READERS' LETTERS.

Our readers who have supported 'The Ringing World' from its first number to the present day have so overwhelmed us with their kindly messages of congratulation and encouragement that it is impossible to publish from the many letters we have received all the extracts which we would have liked to print. We must, therefore, content ourselves with just a few.

'I have read every page of "The Ringing World" since the first of the first issue, but I do not consider I deserve any honour for doing so; rather the honour is his who has provided all these readable pages!' This is the kindly appreciation of our services which the Rev. H. Drake has sent us.

'I have read "The Ringing World" from the first issue and look forward to it every Friday morning with the same interest to-day as I did to the first number.' Thus that former famous Lancashire stalwart, Harry Chapman. 'I started taking "The Bell News" in 1884 and have never missed a ringing paper a week since. Without it I should feel lost,' he adds.

And writing of long continued support of ringing papers, Mr. T. E. Slater's letter is extremely interesting and his family's record can, we think, hardly be excelled. 'The late Samuel Slater,' he says, 'took the first copy, dated January 1st, 1871, of "Church Bells," and took that paper until "Bell News" started in 1881. There has been a paper devoted to change ringing coming to this house every week, therefore, since the first week in January, 1871, and even before that Samuel Slater took "Bell's Life," which was 4d. a week, I believe. I and my father have taken over a thousand copies each of two ringing papers, "Bell News" and "The Ringing World," and hope to be able to take another thousand copies.'

We are not sure that we ought to give away this little domestic sidelight, but perhaps we may be forgiven. Mr. J. Pagett, of Derby, says he has taken every copy of the papers issued appertaining to ringing since 1887. 'The Ringing World' reaches him direct through the post every Friday, and he adds, 'It is usually put before me with the following remark: "Here's your favourite paper. There'll be no shifting you now till you have waded through it."'

'I have taken every copy of the paper from the commencement, and although I have travelled in many foreign climes since the paper first appeared, I have never missed a number, even when I have been abroad months on end,' writes Mr. Councillor Paddon Smith, of Birmingham. 'I have taken many opportunities of congratulating you on your front page articles, which are such a wonderful feature and are alone easily worth the price of the paper. It is remarkable to think that except for a very brief period (and thank goodness it was brief), every one of these articles has come from your own pen, and I trust you will never again get so far away from your desk that this experience will have to be repeated.'

'"The Ringing World" is greatly looked forward to in our home. We all enjoy reading it,' writes Mr. Arthur Harding, of South Ealing, who has been a reader from the first copy.

Mr. Henry Ferguson, of Scarborough, has subscribed to the ringing papers since the early eighties, and so has Mr. T. W. Chapman, of Nuneaton.

Here is a further list of others who have been supporters of 'The Ringing World' from the first number:—

Mr. J. Avias, Benhall, Suffolk.
Mr. A. T. Baker, Ilkstone, Derbyshire.
Mr. F. G. Bradley, Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs.
Rev. H. Drake, Ufford, Suffolk.
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Mr. R. G. King, Royston, Herts.
Mr. H. Knight, Wolverhampton.
Mr. C. R. Millway, Dover, Kent.
Mr. L. H. Page, Titchfield, Hants.
Mr. W. C. Parker, Staines.
Mr. F. S. Price, Beeston, Notts.
Mr. G. Radley, Wormley, Herts.
Mr. W. G. Smith, Benhall, Suffolk.
Mr. T. H. Taffender, Streatham, London.
Mr. J. A. Trollope, Ealing, Middlesex.

THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Leek on Saturday, May 2nd, when 42 members and friends sat down to tea. They came from Biddulph, Burton-on-Trent, Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Derby Cathedral, Kingsley, Kidsgrove, Lawton, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Uttoxeter, Sheffield Cathedral, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall and Leek.

The Vicar of Leek (the Rev. K. W. Milward) was present, and extended a very warm welcome to all present. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for the excellent tea they prepared.

The bells were rung in various methods during the day, and it was interesting to see Mr. J. Pagett, of Derby, ring the treble and second to courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

BELLS CAST AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

The William Pye Memorial at Leytonstone Church will be dedicated on Saturday, May 30th, and it is expected that the ceremony, which will be performed by the Bishop of Barking, will be attended by a large and representative gathering of ringers, as the event takes place during the visit of the Central Council to London.

The memorial consists of the addition of two treble bells to the existing ring of six at St. John's Church, and a commemorative tablet to be erected in the church porch.

The bell work is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the two memorial bells were cast at the Croydon Foundry last Friday in the presence of a small gathering of interested people, among them Mrs. William Pye, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pye and Mr. G. R. Pye, the hon. secretaries of the Memorial Fund (Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. E. J. Butler), Mrs. Coles, Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middlesex Association, of which Mr. Pye was Master for so many years), Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer, North and East District of the Middlesex Association), Mr. J. E. Davis (London), Mr. F. W. Collins (Ruislip), Mr. D. Cooper (Croydon), Mr. H. E. Newton (churchwarden of St. John's, Leytonstone), etc.

The visitors were received by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, by whom they were afterwards entertained to tea.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DUNDEE.

The Scottish Association began their proceedings at Dundee on the occasion of the annual meeting on April 25th by ringing for a bride as she left St. Paul's Cathedral after her wedding. The ringers were surprised, on coming down from the tower for the service in the Cathedral, to discover a large crowd gathered round the Cathedral waiting for the bride, who had left an hour previously! The misunderstanding was easy. People who had arrived in town late, hearing the bells and knowing of the wedding, had hurried to the Cathedral to see the couple leave. Of course, when the crowd, now disappointed, learned the truth, it soon disappeared.

The service was taken at very short notice by the Rev. D. Hemming, owing to the illness of the Provost. Mr. Hemming apologised for not having had time to prepare for the service. He welcomed the ringers to Dundee and said a few words regarding ringing as a church work which was heard by everybody over a large area.

The ringers were entertained to tea by the St. Paul's Cathedral ringers at the D.P.M. Cafe. A move was then made to the Old Steeple ringing room, where the business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. B. Sampson, was held. As only routine business was on the agenda, this was soon disposed of, and the steeple bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major under the charge of Mr. W. Heathcote, who deputised for the Master, Mr. W. H. Pickett, who was unable to be present owing to pressure of business.

After the bells had been lowered, the chiming apparatus was hooked up and one of the young St. Mary's Cathedral ringers entertained the people in the vicinity to excerpts from grand opera.

Only three association towers were represented at the meeting and some of the Steeple ringers also attended.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NINETEEN TOWERS REPRESENTED AT NORTHERN MEETING.

An enjoyable meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association took place at Felstead on Saturday week, when the following towers were represented: Felstead, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Halstead, Dunmow, Great Bardfield, Pebmarsh, Maldon, Great Bentley, Sudbury, Braintree, Bocking, Wickham St. Paul's, Great Tey, Broomfield, Little Waltham, Ford End, Newmarket and Chelmsford. Service at the Parish Church was choral and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. C. Pownell). After the service an excellent tea was partaken of in the British Legion Hall, the arrangements for this having been carried out by Mr. W. T. Farrow, who was assisted by several lady helpers. The Vicar presided and 42 sat down to tea.

A business meeting followed, the District Master, Mr. A. A. Saunders, being in the chair. Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. R. F. Wilson, Mr. S. Livermore (Felstead), Mr. R. Portway (Dunmow) and Miss Le Beau (Bocking) were elected members of the association. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wethersfield on June 20th.

On the proposition of Mr. H. E. Hammond, hearty thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address and for presiding at the tea. Thanks were also accorded the choir, organist and other helpers.

The Vicar, in reply said it was their first meeting in the parish since he became Vicar, and it was a great pleasure to him. In four years' time the church would celebrate its 800th anniversary, and he hoped the ringers would visit them on that occasion.

Thanks were passed to Mr. Farrow for arranging the tea, to the lady helpers and to Capt. S. F. Mansfield for the use of the hall.

Handbell ringing was indulged in, the methods being Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters. The ringers subsequently returned to the tower and renewed ringing, the following methods being rung: Bob Minor, Bob Major, Double Norwich Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and London Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. C. T. COLES' 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

The annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Ealing on Saturday, April 25th. Two of the Ealing towers were open for ringing as well as the ring of six at Brentford. It is rumoured that some of the visitors to the latter were lost in the football crowds and eventually found themselves in Griffin Park! It was no easy task getting clear, anyhow. The methods rung during the day covered a wide field, from the simplest to the most intricate—a familiar feature of Middlesex meetings.

Evening was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. Goodchild, curate, in the absence of the Vicar, who was on holiday. The president, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar and Rural Dean of Twickenham, assisted, while the lesson was read by the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope. At the conclusion of the last hymn, a perfect course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by W. G. Wilson 1-2, J. Thomas 3-4, E. C. S. Turner 5-6, and G. W. Fletcher 7-8, the ringers standing at the foot of the chancel steps.

The Rev. W. Paton, Vicar of St. Lawrence's, Brentford, gave an excellent address. Basing his remarks on Psalm 18 v. 18, in the revised version, 'The Lord was my stay,' he referred to the functions of the stay familiar to ringers. How it was used when the bell was at rest. How, if it was broken, a noisy jangle followed. It helped to keep things right and so avoid chaos. The text as applied to Christian lives was singularly apposite in its meanings.

Continuing, the preacher referred to the difficulties of keeping up the strength of a band of ringers. He feared that bellringing called for sacrifices which many modern young men were not prepared to make. An instructor's task was a hard one. But he would say this: If the job was worth doing it was worth doing well. Difficulties sometimes existed in the relations between the Vicar and the ringers. In all church life there must exist a touch of Christian charity. A little love and friendliness between ringers and clergy would go a long way in keeping them together. He appealed to all his hearers to show the love of Christian brethren in their lives. When they reached the end of life they would find the Lord was their stay.

Tea was served in the Good Shepherd Hall, about 70 persons sitting down.

HON. SECRETARY THANKED.

The president took the chair at the subsequent meeting, supported by the principal officers of the association.

Mr. Trollope (vice-president) reminded the meeting that Mr. C. T. Coles, one of the two joint hon. secretaries, completed last autumn 25 years' faithful service in that office. On behalf of members, Mr. Trollope offered hearty congratulations and thanks to Mr. Coles in the following motion: 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild offers its warmest congratulations and thanks to Charles Thomas Coles on completion of 25 years' service as hon. secretary, and expresses the hope that he may have before him many more years of success in ringing and usefulness to this association and to the whole Exercise.' Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), in seconding said he hoped members would make Mr. Coles' next 25 years easier than the last!

The motion was passed with much enthusiasm, and when Mr. Coles replied he was received with applause. He said 25 years was a long time to look forward, but on looking backward it did not appear so long. He referred to some of the problems that he had had to deal with during that period, and said he found ringers reasonable people to deal with generally. When he took office in 1910 there were 620 members. Now there were 876. In conclusion, Mr. Coles reminded members that the association did not exist solely for their pleasure. They must put something into it for it to progress.

Mr. Coles referred to the death of Robert K. Knight a few weeks ago. Born in 1844, Mr. Knight joined the association on its formation in 1897. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

The annual report, which was adopted, opened with a reference to the ringing for the Silver Jubilee of King George V. as the chief event of 1935, and to the part played again by the bells, in expressing the feelings of the people, when early this year they mourned the passing of the Sovereign. Proceeding, the report said:—

ADMIRATION OF A GREAT RINGER.

'The year 1935 saw the passing of William Pye, the greatest ringer of his generation, perhaps the greatest of all time. After several months' illness, during which our hopes ebbed and flowed, he died on March 8th, at the age of 64. It was in December, 1898, that William Pye joined this association, and his great abilities quickly brought him to the front rank. Two years later he headed the list of peal conductors, a position which he occupied almost every succeeding year. In 1910 he was elected Master of the association, which office he held until his death. His influence on ringing, both in this association and elsewhere, cannot be estimated. Numbers of ringers owe to him their first peals, or their first peals in the higher methods, in the conducting of which he was an expert. Indeed, it has been said of William Pye that the harder the method, the easier he made it, and thus it was a pleasure to him to assist his weaker brethren in ringing the more difficult methods.'

We desire to place on record our admiration for this great ringer, who, with all his ability, was a fine example of modesty. Never a boast fell from his lips, and it was difficult even to get him to discuss his own great achievements. It is fitting that a permanent memorial to this man should be erected, and a movement is on foot to place two additional bells in the tower of St. John's Church, Leytonstone, to his memory. This project is receiving support from the Essex Association in particular, and from most of the other ringing organisations throughout the country, so that it can truly be described as a national memorial.'

Dealing with the work of the year, the report said that three honorary and 56 ringing members were elected. Nine members were lost by death, and a considerable number of lapses of membership have to be recorded. Our present total of members is 876, a few in excess of last year.

The peal list showed a very large decrease on the post-war record attained in 1934, only 45 peals, including one on handbells, having been rung last year. It was noticeable, however, that the towers in which peals were rung, 28 in number, were only two less than in 1934, and that nearly the whole of the decrease in peals was due to many fewer being rung at one tower alone.

An analysis of the peals showed that 152 members took part in them, and that 14 rang their first peals. The latter figure was most gratifying. There were 19 conductors, whilst 49 members rang their first peals in a new method, including three of London, four of Spliced Surprise in four methods, five of Spliced Surprise in six methods, two of Cambridge Royal and two of Stedman Cinques. The most notable performance of the year was the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, by a band whose ages averaged only 22 years. This peal was composed and conducted by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who later called the same composition to a peal in six methods at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon. A peal of Belvedere Surprise Major was rung for the first time at St. Mary's, Staines, conducted by Mr. A. R. Pink. Peals rung entirely by local bands included Cambridge Surprise Major at Willesden; Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles at Sunbury; Superlative Surprise Major at Willesden; Kent Treble Bob Major at Heston; and Grandsire Triples at Edmonton.

DEVOTED LABOURS.

'In October,' continued the report, 'Mr. C. T. Coles completed 25 years' continuous service as hon. secretary of the North and East District and joint secretary of the association. It is hardly necessary to say how much we owe to his able and devoted labours—that is surely known to every one of our members—yet there is a danger that we may take his work too much for granted and perhaps some of us may only realise his worth when the time comes for him to hand his task over to another and younger man. May that day be long delayed! Mr. Coles has not only served our association, but he has taken an increasingly prominent and influential part in the life of the Exercise at large, and he is one of the most respected members of the Central Council. We have also to thank Mr. Fred Goodfellow, to whom the success and well-being of the South and West District is mainly due. Let us all resolve to show our gratitude by giving the secretaries our utmost support at meetings, and by the prompt payment of subscriptions.'

The financial statement revealed a balance of £23 12s. 7d. This meant a loss on the year of just over £2, chiefly due to the cost of a larger annual report.

Mr. F. Miller, of St. Mary's, Ealing, was elected a ringing member. All of the officers were re-elected. They are: President, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar and Rural Dean of Twickenham; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. W. Fletcher and J. A. Trollope; Master, Mr. A. W. Coles; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hollier; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow. Mr. E. C. S. Turner was elected auditor. Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher and W. H. Hollier were re-elected Central Council representatives, while Mr. W. G. Wilson was elected to fill the vacant place caused by the retirement of Mr. Pickworth.

The William Pye memorial scheme was dealt with in detail by Mr. Coles. He gave the history of the scheme up to date, including the date of the casting of the bells, and said that they would be opened on May 30th. He thought the money would come in and added that over thirty associations and guilds had so far contributed. He appealed to all members to make an effort to get to Leytonstone on Whit Saturday to pay their respects to that great ringer whose memory they were endeavouring to perpetuate.

BELLS OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET.

Moved by Mr. W. G. Wilson, the following resolution was carried after a short discussion: 'That the association expresses the hope that in the event of the Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street, City, being demolished, steps will be taken to retain as an entity the ring of ten bells at present in the tower and to instal the bells in some other suitable tower, and that the hon. secretary be authorised to forward a copy of this resolution to the appropriate authorities if and when the demolition of the church becomes imminent.'

Mr. Trollope referred to the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World.' He offered the Editor sincere congratulations and thanks. He recalled the short period when he was Editor in the absence of Mr. Goldsmith on the Australian tour. A great many people appeared to buy the

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'FATHER' OF THE TOWER.**MR. WILLIAM WILLSON'S LONG SERVICES COMMEMORATED.**

In the year 1902, a peal of eight bells to commemorate the reign of Queen Victoria was placed in the tower of the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, and Mr. William Willson took them to his heart. Since that date he has clambered and climbed about the girders with an oil can and has stood below and rung in many peals; he has taught many youngsters the art of ringing; in fact, he became 'father' to the belfry in every way. On the death of the donor of the bells, Mr. and Mrs. Willson added two trebles to the peal in his memory. This meant more girders to negotiate.

Now in 1936, 'Father,' realising that, although he really knew his way about, *anno domini* could not be entirely ignored, has decided that the time has come for someone more active to take charge of the climbing operations.

On Easter Sunday evening, the Vicar (Canon H. V. Williams), with the churchwardens, visited the belfry and expressed to Mr. Willson the appreciation everyone felt for the years spent in the care of the bells, belfry and the ringers. He then unveiled a clock, placed in the belfry by all members of the company, as a tribute to Mr. Willson's 34 years as Master and steeplekeeper. As 'Father' did not wish to take the belfry clock home, a framed photograph of it was presented to him for that purpose.

Of course, this does not by any means mean that 'Father' has finished, and everyone hopes to see him taking his rope with the rest for many years to come.

The inscription on the clock mounting reads:—

William Willson.
1902—1936.

This clock commemorates the completion of 34 years as
Master and Steeplekeeper.

Presented by St. John the Divine Society of Ringers.

Canon H. V. Williams, Vicar; A. E. Duckley, J. T. Inchley,
Churchwardens.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Leeds Parish Church was once again the venue of the annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society, held on Saturday week. The bells were rung up as soon as the clock (after striking 3 p.m.) had finished chiming out the hymn tune set for the day. Good use was made of the bells until tea time, and also later, until the business meeting at 7 p.m., when members were present from Armley, Batley, Calverley, Drighlington, Burley, Felkirk, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Lindley, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Sutton, Wakefield and Leeds. Ringing friends attended from Rotherham, London and Cottingham.

No opposition to the officers nominated at the last meeting was forthcoming, and the following were, therefore, declared elected: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, S. Barron and H. Davison; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report showed a total membership of 224, with only 14 members seriously in arrears with subscriptions. Eleven ringing meetings had been held during the year and the attendance had been good. The finances of the society were in a very healthy condition. The Pyc Memorial and the Ringers' Directory had been supported during the year.

The list of towers at which it is hoped to hold meetings during the coming two years was referred to the committee to draw up.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) and seconded by Mr. A. E. West.—Mr. F. Renton replied for the local ringers.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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paper solely to see their name in it! There was nearly always half as much again material as there was room for. The obvious remedy was a larger paper, which the present circulation did not justify. He appealed for an increased circulation, not for the benefit of the owners, but for the good of the Exercise.

Mr. Fletcher referred to the motion respecting 'The Ringing World' on the Central Council agenda. There were some figures he would like to mention. The circulation of the paper was less than 4,000. There were over 870 members in this association alone. There were 51 associations, some with 2,000 members! There was very obviously room for improvement.

The following resolution was carried unanimously: 'This meeting of the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild sincerely regrets that the very fine peal of 12,675 Stedman Cinques rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, 1923, has now been found to be false.'—Mr. Coles, in moving the resolution, said he had never heard better Stedman Cinques.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the various clergy who assisted at the service and permitted their bells to be rung, and to Mrs. Fulwell, Mrs. Goodfellow and Mrs. Hunnisett and friends from Ealing and Hillingdon, who prepared and served a very excellent tea.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD TITLE.**ANNUAL MEETING DECIDES AGAINST CHANGE.**

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, April 25th, and was attended by about fifty members and friends. Towers represented included Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Lillington, Rugby, Monks Kirby and Stoke, while several visitors were welcomed from neighbouring societies.

A variety of methods were rung on the light peal of eight during the afternoon. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, who also gave the address. The Guild's form of service was used, and the hymns, 'The strife is o'er' and 'The King of Love,' were sung.

After tea the business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, the Rev. Davies (president) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon J. L. White (a vice-president), Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master), Mr. Malcolm Melville (hon. secretary and treasurer), and Mr. A. H. Beamish (hon. auditor). An apology for absence was received from Mr. F. W. Percens.

The statement of account, presented by the treasurer, was adopted. The year was begun with a balance in hand of £21 3s. 10d. Subscriptions amounted to £12 5s. 6d., while the expenses were £18 14s. 6d., leaving a balance of £14 14s. 10d.

The secretary's report for 1935 showed that the membership of the Guild had shown no change at all on the previous year. It stood at 281, made up of 130 resident and 151 non-resident members; twelve new members had joined during the year. Peals rung numbered only eight. The conducting was shared among six members, Mr. Jack Smith, of Bedworth, conducting his first peal. Nine members rang their first peal, eight of these belonging to the Bedworth band.

The president was re-elected, and the vice-presidents, with the addition of the Archdeacon-designate of Warwick, re-elected en bloc. The Ringing Master, the hon. general secretary and treasurer and the hon. auditor were all re-elected.

Two nominations were received for the position of Central Council representative for the next three years, and, after a show of hands, Mr. D. H. Argyle was appointed. Mr. Argyle's father was one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council from 1912 until his death in 1931.

Meeting places for the next three meetings were decided upon as follows: May, Brinklow; June, Old Bilton; and July, Southam.

The following new members were elected: Mrs. Pittham, G. Gaskin, S. Baylis, L. Clarke, A. Abbott, all of Monks Kirby, and W. Betley.

'DIOCESAN' PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

'That the name of the Guild be changed to the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers' was proposed by the hon. secretary. He pointed out the overlapping which now existed between the Guild's territory and that of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, which also covered a large part of the county of Warwickshire. He also pleaded for a closer co-operation between ringing organisations in general and church authorities, and suggested that the best way of assuring continued prosperity in the future, when large bodies might clamour for the silencing of church bells, would be by labelling themselves with an ecclesiastical rather than with a secular title.

Mr. Pervin seconded the proposition, and suggested that there was something magical in the word 'diocesan,' and that it would make the parson and people in general 'sit up' when they saw it incorporated in a title.

Canon J. L. White said that the word portrayed far less than one would imagine. It is true, he said, we want the church authorities to back us up more than they are doing at present, but he did not think that any change in name would assure this backing automatically.

Eventually, after a lively debate, a counter proposition, that the name of the Guild stay as it is, was carried by a large majority.

Under the title of any other business, Mr. Pervin asked whether it would be possible to arrange a few combined week-night practices, as it seemed difficult at present to arrange worthwhile practices with members of one tower only. This suggestion met with the general approval of the meeting, and the secretary was instructed to proceed with the arrangement of a few such practices.

Further ringing in the majority of the standard and Surprise methods took place after the meeting until 9 p.m.

THE LATE MR. T. BENNEY.**FIVE PAST MASTERS OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AT FUNERAL.**

The funeral of the old College Youth, Mr. Tom Benney, of Stepney, took place on Thursday of last week at Nunhead Cemetery. Fifteen ringers attended, including five past Masters of the society, Messrs. J. S. Hawkins and W. J. Norton represented St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, and a course of Stedman Triples was rung over the grave by W. Roughton, H. Langdon, H. Pasmore and A. B. Peck. In the evening the bells of St. Andrew's were half-muffled in his memory, the 'whole pull and stand' being rung.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Mills 1, G. W. Tout 2, G. Locke 3, W. A. J. Knight (Milverton) (conductor) 4, F. Locke 5, L. M. Clarke (first 720) 6.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HELPFUL POINTS IN CALLING THURSTANS' PEAL.

Usually a conductor's first effort in calling a peal of Stedman Triples is 'Thurstans' famous 'Four-part,' or some transposition or variation of it. There is no need here to go into the historical side of this composition, although it would be interesting and instructive, but, as the peal is the one generally used, it may be of assistance to young conductors if we indicate some of its characteristics from the bob caller's standpoint.

The description of 'Four-Part' has been given to the peal because it consists of four quarter-peals joined together in pairs, one pair by additional bobs, the other pair by omitted bobs, while the two half-peals thus formed are united by singles.

Let us look at the quarter-peal. This is in five parts, each of three courses, and each of these five parts called thus:—

3-4	7-8			S. H. L. Q.
3-4-5-6	12-13	or	x	x
5-6			x	x
			x	x

The five part ends of this quarter-peal are as follows (6 and 7 are omitted because they 'come home' at the end of each part):—

23145
34251
45312
51423
12534
23145

Begin your study of the peal by memorising the 'standard calling' given above, and these five part ends, observing the transposition by which the latter are produced, and noticing particularly that the cycle of places into which the bells fall is 3rd's, 5th's, 4th's, 2nd's, treble's place, or Out quick, 4-5 (up), 5-4 (down), first half turn, last whole turn.

It is not difficult to learn the position of the 6th at every call in the part, and this should certainly be one of the first things the conductor should memorise, because the sixth, as we have mentioned, 'comes home,' like the 7th, at every part end. For instance, at the four-bob set in the second course of each part the 6th is dodging in 6-7 up, with the 5th's place bell. At the 3-4 in the first course and the 5-6 in the last course the 6th is called out quick and to make the bob. At the other two pairs of bobs the 6th is in the slow; at the 7-8 in the first course it is in the equivalent position of 5-6, and at the 12-13 in the second course at the equivalent position of 6-7. To memorise these facts should be easy.

Here is another interesting feature about the bob making bells. There are, as you will have seen, five sets of bobs in a part. Beginning with the 12-13 in the second course, the bell that makes the first bob of this pair also makes the first bob of the pair at the succeeding calls at 5-6 and 3-4 and the first and last of the bobs in the 3-4-5-6 set. When it has made this last bob it dodges with the bell that is going to take its place when the next 12-13 comes along, and when it does, the bell that had made the first bob in all these previous sets now makes the second bob—that at 13.

There is only one pair of bobs in the part, therefore, where the bell which we are now considering does not make the first bob and that is at the 7-8 in the first course, but when these bobs are called this bell is dodging in 6-7 up, as, later, he will dodge in 5-4 (down) after the four-bob set, with the bell which, when the 12-13 is reached, will succeed him as the maker of the first of the pair. There is one other place where these two bells may be observed together, and that is at the part end itself. The bell that is actually making the first of the pairs of bobs is then in treble's place (doing the last whole turn) and the other bell is in 2nd's place (doing the first half turn), so that as the ropes fall for the part end you will see these two bells in front at back stroke.

The relative positions of the part-end 5th's and 3rd's place bells are also interesting and useful to note. Quite early on you can see if they are working up correctly for these positions, for the bell which is going to be 5th's place bell at the next part end should make the second bob at the four-bob set and the bell that is going to be 3rd's place bell at the part end should make the last of these four bobs, and this last one, as you will have observed earlier, is the one that up to that time had for three courses been making the first bob of all but one of the sets.

Then, after the part end, these 5th and 3rd's place bells dodge behind together, with the 5 going down and 3 going up, at the 3-4 in the first course, at the 12-13 in the second course, and come together again in the same way in 4-5 at the next course end. The 5th's place bell is also a guide to the calling of the 7-8 in the first course. Just in the same way as the 3-4 comes with the 6th 'out quick and making the bob,' so the 7-8 is called with the 5th's place bell 'out quick and make the bob.' And again the 5th is a help in marking our position, for it is the bell dodging in 6-7 with the 6th at the four-bob set and is again dodging down at the 12-13. Moreover, its place at all the course ends of the part may be easily observed, for, in addition to being in 5th's at the part end (afterwards going up behind to the 7th), it is in 5th's again at the first course end of the part, in 4th's, that is, dodging in 5-4 (down), at the second course-end and also at the part-end—and the bell in 4th's at a course-end will always go in slow.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

THE POSTPONED COMMEMORATION LUNCHEON.

The postponed commemoration luncheon of the Cambridge University Guild took place on Tuesday, April 28th, in the Old Combination Room in Trinity College, when a party of 19 sat down under the chairmanship of the vice-president of the society, the Rev. A. C. Blyth. Several members were prevented from attending by duty or sickness, amongst them being the Rev. M. O. Potter, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Bishop H. McE. Price, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, Mr. C. W. Woolley and the Master (Mr. R. D. St. G. Smith), all of whom had written sending their best wishes and regretting their inability to be present.

As guests there were the Rev. H. F. Stewart, D.D. (Dean of Trinity), Mr. R. S. Jones (Keeble, Oxford), representing the University Society, of which he is Master, and Mr. W. C. Smith, representing the Cambridge Youths. Amongst others present were the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, the Rev. R. Copeman, Mr. E. M. Atkins, the Rev. E. Bankes James, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (Suffolk Guild), Dr. F. S. Poole, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Prof. L. W. Taylor and eight undergraduate members.

After the loyal toast by the vice-president, Mr. Blyth proposed 'The Guild.' He referred to the absence through illness of the president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey; to the kindness and generosity of Dr. H. F. Stewart, who lends his rooms for meetings each week; and to the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who first suggested this luncheon. The vice-president also referred to the work of the secretary (Mr. A. N. P. Woodard), to whose activity the prosperity of the Guild was almost entirely due, and he combined his name with that of the Guild in the toast.

Mr. A. N. P. Woodard, after thanking the vice-president for his kind words, next proposed 'The Guests.' He spoke to the work of the Oxford Society, and expressed pleasure at having a representative with them, considering how tiring and uninteresting is the journey from the one university to the other. He also thanked the town representative for his co-operation in allowing various members to join the ringers in their practices at Great St. Mary's.

Letters were read from those members who found it impossible to attend, and the secretary also expressed the Guild's pleasure at having so many with them on that occasion.

Mr. R. S. Jones (Oxford) replied, speaking of his society's achievements and urging the necessity of combining ringing with one's religion, and not enjoying it apart from it.

After lunch a move was made to St. Benet's Church, where both Cambridge and Stedman were rung, and also, during the day, Bob Major on handbells. Mr. Peter Tyrwhitt-Drake kindly entertained eleven members to tea, and a few were able to spend the early part of the evening with the handbells in the secretary's rooms.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.

SERVICE RINGING AND PRACTICE TO BE RESUMED.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Police Guild was held at St. George's Church, Southwark, on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells were set going shortly after 3.30 p.m., the usual variety of methods being rung. After tea the meeting was held in the vestry, the Rector (the Rev. Ernest Cook) occupying the chair.

During the routine business of the meeting the Rector voiced his great appreciation to the Barron Trust for the work they had carried out in restoring the bells, and said he wished to place on record his personal thanks to them, and to the Guild Master, Chief Inspector William Bottrill, for all he had done in being able to get the valuable help of the trust.

At one point in the proceedings the Rector said that he almost expected that a fair number of applications would be received by him for the use of the bells for various purposes, peals, meetings, etc., and he had made up his mind that it would be the best thing if he submitted all applications received by him to Chief Inspector Bottrill for his consideration also. By this he hoped he would not be considered to be adopting a 'dog in the manger' attitude, but he felt that the Master had a much greater knowledge of bells and ringers than he had, and would, therefore, be able to give a much better opinion in such matters.

It was decided to put into operation the proposed rule that the bells be rung for services by the Guild on the second Sunday morning and the fourth Sunday evening in each month, and the Master expressed his earnest hope that all members would do all in their power to fulfil this plan.

All the present officers were re-elected, viz.: Master, Chief Inspector Bottrill; hon. secretary, P.C. Norman S. Bagworth; hon. treasurer, P.S. Schleuter. P.S. Willmington was elected vice-president in place of P.S. Bannister, who was elected to serve on the committee in place of P.S. Miller, and P.C. Gwilliam was elected on the committee in place of P.C. Mead.

Considerable discussion then took place on the subject of practice nights, and after somewhat lengthy deliberation it was decided to revert to Wednesdays, except during Lent and certain weeks in Advent, when mid-week services are likely to be held.

A move was afterwards made to the tower, where the bells were made good use of to standard methods until about 9 p.m., when an enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Shipbourne.—One of the prettiest spots in Kent. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber. Please do not disappoint him. Important announcement at business meeting. Don't forget, the K.C.A. rely on you. —Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea at the Victoria.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available: Townstal (6) from 2.30 p.m., St. Petrock's (6) from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Service at Townstal at 4.15. Tea and meeting at Dawe's Café, The Quay, at 5.15 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Buckfastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — Next meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Isleworth. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, South Street, at 5.30. Quarterly business meeting afterwards. Postcards re tea and subscriptions thankfully received.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gedney Hill on Saturday, May 9th. 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.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Everybody welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 9th. Ringing at the Cathedral (12 bells) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Marie's 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Numerous cafés close at hand for tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Chicheley, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please send notice for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Colsterworth (bells 6) on Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available for ringing during afternoon and evening.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Stow (6 bells) on Saturday, May 9th. Service, followed by tea, at Cross Keys.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting is to be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 9th. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on May 9th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30-8.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Tea 6.15 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Froome, Mordiford, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at St. Luke's, Great Crosby. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea 6d. each. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions due.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The South Norfolk Branch meets at Diss on Saturday, May 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. — Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. in the Mill Brow Café. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than May 14th. *Please notify.*—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Thirsk on May 16th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at the same hotel at 5 p.m., and will all who require tea please inform Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk, by May 14th? General meeting immediately after tea. We have been assured of a most hearty welcome to Thirsk, so please come and help to make the meeting a success.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, May 16th. Good peal of six (tenor 20 cwt.). Please advise for tea if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Red Lion Hotel (Blackwater). All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, May 13th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. Saxton, The Bungalow, Moor Lane, Bolsover, Chesterfield, by Wednesday, May 13th. Subscriptions for 1935-36 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, May 16th. Service in co-operation with the 4 o'clock evensong at the Cathedral. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 8d.) for those who notify Mr. Geo. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. Cathedral bells (12) available from 2 to service time, St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3.30. After the meeting the towers will be open for ringing until 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, May 14th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Fawley on May 16th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Dibden bells after tea. Names for tea by May 13th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Buses from top of Charles Street (near new Police Station). A good attendance requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. John-at-Hackney (Mare Street). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, etc. Trams and buses pass the church. Hackney Station (L.M.S.) nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the St. Albans District will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. Will all who can please attend this meeting to elect the district committee?—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Arrangements being made for tea. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Wednesday, May 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Bells, a nice peal of six, recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec., Over, Cambridge.

LANDULPH, near Saltash, Cornwall.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21st. Ring of 6 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Dover on Saturday, May 23rd. St. Mary's (8) available from 3.15, St. James' (6) after tea. Service 4.30. Meat tea in the Dutch Room, Crypt Cafe, 5.15 (1s. 6d.). Please notify Mr. C. Turner, 116, Clarendon Street, Dover, not later than Thursday, May 21st. See the new channel ferry boats now lying in Wellington Dock, five minutes from cafe.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 37th annual meeting will be held at Polebrooke, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea, kindly let me know by May 18th.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. G. Wootton, Northfields, Witley, before May 20th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone.—The memorial bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. After the service tea will be provided by Canon Brown (Vicar) and the churchwardens to those who send their names to either the undersigned by Tuesday, May 26th. The bells will be available after tea, and arrangements will be made for all present to take part in the ringing. All ringers and friends are invited. Particulars of trains and other means of conveyance will be given later.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Hon. Secs. to Memorial Committee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Tetsworth dedication of bells (6) will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Ringing after tea in Schoolroom, 9d. per person.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Details next week.—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting, which was to have been held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, has been postponed until August Bank Holiday.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec.

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DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, April 19th, for morning service, 1,248 changes Superlative Surprise Major: F. E. Walker 1, J. E. Bailey 2, R. Summerhayes 3, J. Wheadon 4, J. H. Cheesman 5, G. Butcher 6, H. Audsley 7, H. Hovord (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

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The motions which are to come before the Central Council, when they meet at Whitsun, may not occupy as much time as, on the face of them, seems to be threatened. About two of them at least there is not likely to be much division of opinion. There is general agreement, we believe, that it would be well if some authoritative guidance could be given on the subject of the muffling of bells; it will also be a great advantage if the Council have information as to books on ringing matters in the hands of private persons, and whether access to these books for perusal or study can be given. This information will be valuable in a double way. It will enable students of ringing and ringing history to know where they can turn for information, and it should serve as a means of keeping track of books which might otherwise eventually be lost.

To the advantage of beginning the Council meeting earlier in the day, if it is practicable, we have already referred, and to the motion which deals with 'The Ringing World' we must return in a later issue. There remains the vexed question of the definition of a 'spliced' peal. It would be possible to squander no end of time on this subject, and, as it comes first among the motions, to exclude debate on anything else, but we fancy the chief movers in the proposals may be likely to come to agreement and in this way save the time of the Council. The danger of monopolising more than a fair share of the meeting on this topic comes from the putting forward of ill-considered amendments. A compromise, which avoids any actual definition, is that which Mr. Stephen Wood put forward last year, and which seems to have been acted upon by ringers since. By denoting the number of changes of method in a peal it is certainly possible for the average ringer to judge the merit of the performance in this direction, and probably serves the purpose better than the splitting of hairs in the use of words; for it does convey definite information.

But the Council ought not to have sprung upon them amendments requiring this or that special requirement for the use of the term 'spliced.' The original proposal, put forward by Mr. C. T. Coles, was evolved after a great deal of consideration, and even if this is not persisted with, in face of Mr. Wood's amendment, it did contain the considered views of men who had given great thought to the matter, and it has been in print long enough for everyone to comprehend. But it is unfair to the Council to ask them, on the spur of the moment, to consider some definition of a technical nature, which

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At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

*FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... Treble	*SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	WALTER SMITH 6
R. GORDON CROSS 3	†EDMOND MOUNTIER 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JACK FILSELL Treble	*DUDLEY THORPE 5
ERNEST GOWER 2	†HERBERT FISHER 6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 7
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS ... 4	LOUIS W. FAULKNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. HOBDEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HENRY PURCHASE Treble	CLAUDE TARR 5
†CLIFFORD PARKMAN 2	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 0
ALBERT TODT 3	†GEORGE SPARKES 7
WILLIAM CROSS 4	†WILLIAM G. HARTNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TODT.

* First attempt for a peal of Triples and belongs to Chipstable.

† First attempt for a peal and belong to Wiveliscombe. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ROBERT HEAZEL 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
HARRY TURNER 4	JOSEPH MARKS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Furbank.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM WALKER Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE 5
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 2	THOMAS J. FOWLER 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles A. Bennett, chairman of the branch.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE 2	CHARLES R. COLLINS 6
THOMAS G. MARTIN 3	DANIEL T. MATKIN 7
HOWARD HOWELL 4	HERBERT E. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

OLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5
WALTER H. RAXTER... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLY... .. 6
*ALLEN MORGAN 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON.

Conducted by G. E. LARGE.

* First attempt for a peal in a Treble Bob method. A 67th birthday compliment to 'Father,' Mr. William Ranford.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. DENNIS DRIGHTON ... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 6
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

 Composed by REV. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
 Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWLETT ... Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5
JAMES BETTS ... 2	ERNEST WHITING ... 6
WILLIAM FLATT ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

 Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by E. WHITING.

Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th, for the fortieth anniversary of their first peal in the method. The same composition was rung.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 'GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
 Tenor 27 cwt.

HERBERT MCKINNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 5
CHARLES OLLIER ... 2	HAROLD JONES ... 6
ALAN J. BROWN ... 3	WILFRID J. MOSS ... 7
ALFRED FROST ... 4	ROBERT THOMAS ... Tenor

 Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells, which were dedicated in 1885.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18 cwt.

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

 Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	*RUBEN CHARGE ... 5
*FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 2	*CHARLES POTHECARY ... 6
*WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7
*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

 Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.
 * First peal in the method.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
*HENRY RUMENS ... 2	*ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 6
*FRED C. MAYNARD ... 3	*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 7
*JOHN G. NASH ... 4	JACK A. WAUGH ... Tenor

 Composed by JOHN JAGGAR. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
 * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST HALLAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER ... 6
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

 Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.
 * First peal of Forward Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.
 BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

D REES JAMES ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 4
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 5
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... Tenor

 Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
 HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, May 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: Ipswich Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, Norbury Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Thelwall and Childwall Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, Plain and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES A. GLASS ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

 Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 11 methods by all the band and on the bells. L. Stilwell's 200th peal. This peal contained 33 changes of method.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, May 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY C. POWELL ... Treble	BERNARD H. DAVIES ... 4
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 2	*WILLIAM J. JONES ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT, J.P. ... 3	SELWYN L. SPEAKE ... Tenor

 Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.
 * First peal of Doubles. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of E. Bowen, D. J. Moore, Charles Powell and William Pritchard, all of whom were ringers at the above church. The last named was interred on May 2nd, 1936.

WESTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

EDWIN C. BUCK ... Tenor	WALTER D. POOLBY ... 3
PERCY TOMPKINS ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 4
R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor	

 Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.
 First peal on the bells.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

EDWARD W. RICHARDS ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	*GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all, except the ringers of 2 and 6. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

LAURIE NORFOLK ... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 4
*JACK PARISE ... 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON
* First Surprise peal.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNNESS ... Treble	GEORGE L. HALL ... 4
MARTIN WALKER ... 2	GEORGE DOBBS ... 5
*DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Friday, May 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT 17, MANDRAKE ROAD, UPPER Tooting.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3-4	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

FOR BEGINNERS.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

After what we have already said about Thurstan's 'Quarter-peal,' made up of five parts of three courses each, it should take the beginner little time to learn the complete peal.

The first two quarter-peals are united by calling an additional pair of bobs at 7-8 in the third course of the fourth part, which brings up a new part end 43521. Then follow five parts of the 'standard' calling, until, at the third course in the ninth part, another additional pair of bobs is inserted at 7-8, which brings the bells back to the place in the original quarter-peal at which they left it, and the part end is the fourth part end of the quarter-peal given last week.

The part ends which have been inserted, beginning at the fourth part, are:—

43521
32415
21534
15243
54132

The next part end, the 9th, is what comes up as the 4th in the original quarter-peal, viz., 12534, which, you may notice, has been displaced from its proper position by its exact reverse, 43521.

In the second half of the peal the two quarters are united by the omission of a pair of bobs, the 7-8 in the first course of thirteenth and eighteenth parts, which, in effect, splices one quarter-peal into the other, the second omission taking up the changes where the first omission broke away.

The two half-peals are joined together by a single, called in the last course of the tenth part, when the 7th is in 4-5 up, after having been in quick, and just before the bells, if the single were not called, would come round. The single does not affect the 6th, but while the 7th makes fifth's and dodges down, the 4th makes 6th's and dodges in 6-7 up. The result of this is that the actual course end is cut out, and you have the 6th going in quick after the 7th. Bobs are called at 5-6 (when the 7th is doing the half-burns, just as in the last course of each part), and a new part end (the tenth) is produced at the end of the course—25431.

The final single comes at the beginning of the third course in the 20th part. It is called when the 7th is dodging down with the 6th. The 7th makes the single and dodges up and the bells then come round. These odd changes are really the missing ones between the 7th in 4-5 up and 5-4 down at half-way.

Here are the part ends affected by the extras, omits and singles:—

	23145
4th part end, after extras	43521
9th part end, after extras	12534
10th part end, after single and 5-6	25431
13th part end, after omits	41235
18th part end, after omits	14325
20th part end, after single	23145

The course ends given last week and earlier in this article will give you the transposition for ascertaining the part ends, when the standard calling has been used. Get pencil and paper and work out all the 20 part ends. You should memorise as many of them as you can before starting to call the peal, not only to check up on the ringing to see if the bells are right, but to facilitate putting into operation some of those other guides which we set out in the last article.

A guide to the extras and omits, in case you lose count of the parts you have rung, is to be found in the fact that the 5th, as well as the 6th and 7th, is unaffected by them. When you want to call the extras (in the 4th and 9th parts), watch, after the second course end, to see if the 5th is following the 7th and 6th from behind. The 5th is the observation bell's 'opposite number, after,' and is actually working with the 7th in the slow at the extra bobs—in the relative position of 5-6, to the 7-8 of the 7th, in fact.

To know when to omit the bobs in the second half (in the first course of the 13th and 18th parts) remember that the 5th is behind, dodging in 6-7 up, at the preceding pair of bobs (3-4).

After a little study and practice the beginner should be able to see, as he goes along, many of the things we have mentioned. At first, perhaps, he will only be able to realise that such and such a thing is happening, but very soon he should see the positions developing before he reaches them, and then he will find himself gradually able, if trouble occurs, to guide the bells into the right channels. Of course, a knowledge of how all the bobs are to be made does not necessarily mean that all the trips can be corrected, but as a starting point it is invaluable, and after practice the beginner's powers of observation will grow.

When calling a peal make as many 'landmarks' as you can, but it is a mistake to try to overload your memory. It is better to build up your knowledge gradually but permanently than to try and 'crum' your head with a lot of things so imperfectly that at the crucial moment, when the knowledge is required, you cannot recall it.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at East Meon, Hants. Members were present from Blackmoor, Bishopstoke, East Meon, Fareham, Hawkey, North Stoneham, Privett, Petersfield, Portsea, Soberton, Steep, Wickham and, in addition, one unattached and one compounding member from Milland. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon and evening to Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Guild's service was held, at which the Vicar of East Meon (the Rev. C. H. Mylne) officiated and gave a short but inspiring address.

Tea was provided at the George Inn, to which 31 sat down. The business meeting followed, the district chairman (the Rev. F. G. Eyres) presiding.

The company stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late captain of the Alton band, Mr. W. Perry, who died very suddenly several weeks ago.

Three ringing members from Blackmoor (Messrs. E. Amey, G. Hall and W. Amey) were elected.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 25th, to be held at Binsted. An evening meeting was fixed for June 3rd at Blackmoor.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of East Meon for the use of the bells and his address, also to Mr. Harris, who officiated at the organ, and to the caterers.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild always attracts ringers from all over the country, and, despite the fact that there were 43 other meetings advertised for the same day, to say nothing of the cup final, it is pleasing to note that 68 persons sat down to tea and nearly 80 ringers were present at Woodburn during the afternoon and evening from Berks, Bucks, Herts and Middlesex. Ringing included the four Surprise methods, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Hendy, M.A., assisted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild, the choir being augmented by ringers from Cookham, South Harrow and Old Windsor. It is worth recording that everything went to schedule so well that tea was finished by 5.45 p.m. Various items on the handbells helped to fill in the gap, whilst the secretary tried to write his report.

The chair was taken by Sir Charles A. Bennett, supported by Mr. W. H. Fussell (vice-chairman), the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary). The Chairman expressed his great regret at being absent from the two previous annual meetings, but said how pleased he was to be present on this occasion and to see so many of the usual smiling faces. Mr. Fussell evidently having found the secret of perpetual youth. It was also very gratifying to see so many young faces to keep the art in a flourishing condition.

Several new members were elected, accounts passed and reports accepted. The sum of £2 2s. was voted to the W. Eye Memorial Fund.

The officers elected for 1936 were: Chairman, Sir Charles A. Bennett; vice-chairman, Mr. W. H. Fussell; branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch representatives to serve on the General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, M.S.A., J. C. Truss, F. D. Boreham, W. E. Redrup and W. Birmingham.

It was decided to hold the next monthly practice at Amersham.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all those who assisted in making the meeting a success, especially Mrs. Martin and her helpers at the tea table.

It was unanimously decided to take part in the joint meetings to which the branch had been invited by the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association. The secretary was also instructed to write various letters!

Mr. R. T. Hibbert again made a cheerful speech, saying that as long as he could get there, he would come to see his old friends. The tower was again visited until 9 p.m., which came all too soon for most people.

NEWBURY BRANCH MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 25th, when 32 members were present from Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Chieveley, Compton, East Isley, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham, Woolton Hill and Yattendon. One visitor attended from Abingdon. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Ward Brennan), who gave a very inspiring address. Mrs. Holmes was at the organ. Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. W. Blea, 28 sitting down.

The chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided at the business meeting.

The summer meeting was fixed for Thatcham on Saturday, June 20th.

Votes of thanks were accorded with applause to the Rev. J. Ward Brennan for his address and welcome, to Mrs. Holmes for playing the organ, and to Mrs. W. Blea and her helpers for providing the tea.

The tower was again visited and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung.

BELFRY MEMORIAL TO KING GEORGE V.

An interesting event took place at the Liverpool Branch meeting of the Lancashire Association, held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 9th. A tablet was unveiled to the memory of the late King George V. As a memorial, the belfry has been renovated and two beautiful new windows put in.

At the bottom of the belfry steps is a tablet with the inscription, 'To the memory of King George V.'

The Vicar, the Rev. A. P. Miller, in his address, pointed out a pleasing coincidence. The day of the ceremony, i.e., May 9th, was the anniversary of King George's proclamation, May 9th, 1910.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, on Wednesday evening, May 6th, with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Frederick Rich, for many years a sidesman and auditor at Holy Trinity Church, who was interred at Coalbrookdale in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, E. D. Poole (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, R. Evans 3, J. F. D. Pratt 4, W. Saunders 5, A. S. Bayley (conductor) 6, B. L. Jones 7, J. F. Hanley 8.

'THE INCOMPLEAT CAMPANOLOGIST.'

STOURBRIDGE STUDENT WRITES OF HIS FIRST PEAL.

The 'Spring Term' issue of 'The Stourbridge Edwardian,' the magazine of King Edward's School, Stourbridge, contains an interesting article entitled 'The Incompleat Campanologist,' written by H. Walton, Form VI.1.2, who a few months ago rang his first peal. This article is just the kind of thing to interest the type of young men that is wanted in the Exercise, and we hope it may induce other Stourbridge students to take up the art.

Having reproduced from 'The Ringing World' the official record of the peal referred to, rung at Clent, the writer says: 'It calls up memories of a raw and gusty Saturday afternoon, when I set out with my brother, who was also ringing his first peal, to walk a cold wet mile to the Parish Church, where we met six other ringers. It was a quarter to four when the small oaken door, which is plentifully studded with big iron nails, was unlocked, and we climbed the spiral staircase in the tower to the ringing chamber, a small room some twelve paces square, hung with boards recording former peals on the bells, and with eight bell ropes neatly looped to hooks in the walls.'

'As this was the third attempt at this particular peal, the first attempt failing when a broken clapper spoiled two and a half hours of ringing, and the second proving a miserable fiasco, we all knew our positions, and after each ringer had made himself comfortable by divesting himself of coat, collar and tie, and any other articles of apparel he thought fit, the bells were "pulled up."'

After explaining what change ringing is, and what a peal consists of, the writer described the peal in which he took part. 'The time seemed to go slowly, as it was only marked by the directions of the more experienced ringers to others who had gone astray, and by the instructions of the conductor, whose duty it is to see that the bells keep in their proper order throughout.'

'After a time, I began to calculate how far we had gone, and, glancing at the clock, saw that we were progressing steadily. After about an hour and a half I felt that the twelve hundredweights of bell metal on the other end of the rope had grown to twelve tons, and as the minutes dragged past, I was rather concerned, feeling sure that if the weight of the bell continued to increase at the rate of a ton per minute (as it appeared to be doing) it would soon carry my insignificant eight stones up to the roof and back. Fortunately for me, this horrible disaster was averted by the end of the peal. The voices of choirs of angels never gave half as much joy to the rapt listener as the sound of those last few changes did to me. What a wonderful feeling of relief to set the bell and sit down!

'The more experienced ringers showed no signs of fatigue, but the muscular labour of three hours of exercise, which combines the arduous toil of coal-heaving with the subtle tortures of Swedish drill in the gymnasium, needs to be felt to be appreciated. My back appeared to be broken, my legs were certainly paralysed!

'This then was my first peal, and to most people it probably seems a waste of a perfectly good Saturday afternoon. Despite this, ringing exerts a kind of fascination because of its wide appeal. It provides exercise for mind and body, and can be specially recommended as a means of keeping at bay the dreaded "middle-aged spread"; the intricacy and neatness of the calculations involved delight the heart of the mathematician; no one with a sense for the dramatic can fail to be interested by the part ringing plays in the life of the nation—the bells which pealed out joyfully on the occasion of the late King's Silver Jubilee spoke a little later, with muffled voices and slow strokes, of a land in mourning for the Sovereign's death.'

'It takes about a life-time to become a really good ringer, and this is why I am as yet "incompleat," and this article must necessarily be brief. I could fill in space by writing at length about the feats of some of the giants of ringing, but I hesitate to daunt any reader who, moved by my eloquent pen, has decided to take up the art. When next then, dear reader, you hear the sound of the bells, remember that you are enjoying the work of men who are keeping alive English traditions and an essentially English art, to which they have devoted most of their spare time, an art which I hope will never die out. With this I lay down my pen, for if my piscatorially-inclined namesake had the presumption to think he knew all there is to be known about fishing, I know that I can never describe fully all there is to be known about ringing, and, therefore, refer any inquiring mind to the nearest tower where change ringing is practised, there to make his own inquiries.'

WHO IS THE OLDEST CUMBERLAND?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of 'The Ringing World' I was pleased to read a letter from my old friend, 'Bill' Fussell, with regard to the oldest College and Cumberland Youths. Three of the four mentioned I have had the pleasure of ringing with many times, viz., Tom Benney, J. M. Bouth and R. K. Knight.

As an old Cumberland, having been a member since January 14th, 1871, my certificate bearing that date, it would be interesting to know if there are any old Cumberlands living made members between September 24th, 1866, and January 14th, 1871.

Whitstable.

HENRY A. HOPKINS.

METHOD NAMES.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Your articles for Beginners in the issues for March 27th and April 17th touch on a point of interest of which there is varied opinion. I have heard this question asked: When a method is reversed or rung with the use of a different single, can it be considered the same method, or has it the right to be given a different name; should it be described as "such and such a method reversed," or with the use of extremes or different singles?

Some years ago a ringer reversed Stedman Slow Course and gave it the name of 'Chase.' It has since then been recognised as 'Chase' and many peals have been rung in which it has been included under that name. What, then, is there to prevent anyone naming reversed Grandsire—shall we say 'Whiston Doubles,' or reversed New Bob 'Houghton Doubles,' and similarly with any other method reversed, whether on five bells or more?

If the associations and the Central Council say this is not permissible, what is going to happen to all the peals that have been rung which have included 'Chase'? Some people say you cannot give one method two different names. What about St. Clement's Minor; is this not an extension of St. Simon's Doubles? Antelope, April Day and St. Dunstan's are all more or less a variation of Grandsire. London Singles, which, by the way, sounds like London Surprise, is another variation. Primrose is a variation of Cambridge, and so one could go on!

Where, then, does one stand in regard to reversed methods?

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

[As a matter of historical interest, 'Chace' was a method of Doubles known as far back, at any rate, as 1766 and probably earlier. It appears in the fifth edition of Monk's 'Campanalogia Improved,' in which there is no method printed corresponding with Stedman Slow Course.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World'.]

NEW VICAR WELCOMED.

At the Parish Church, Shipley, Yorks, for evening service on Sunday, April 19th, 720 Bob Minor: T. B. Kendal 1, Miss W. Foster 2, Miss M. White 3, E. H. Simpson 4, K. Simpson (first as conductor) 5, H. Stott 6. On Friday evening, April 24th, for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Perritt), 960 changes of Kent Treble Bob: Miss W. Foster 1, G. Titterton 2, T. B. Kendal 3, Kenneth Simpson 4, Miss M. White 5, F. Seager 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8. After service, 336 Bob Major.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**MEETING AT PINNER.**

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association held a very pleasant meeting at the old-world village of Pinner on Saturday, May 2nd.

The meeting was well attended and the eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening without any interruption through local residents complaining of the noise of the bells and a request for the cessation of ringing. This speaks well for the conciliatory attitude taken by the local ringers and church authorities in appreciating the cause of the frequent complaints and doing their best, with evident success, to moderate the sound of the bells near the church.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued until 5 o'clock, when a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. O'Connor, who, in the absence of an incumbent, is temporarily officiating at the church. Mr. O'Connor, although a very sick man, gave the meeting a hearty welcome and also a very instructive address.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), letters of apology were read from the association Ringing Master, Mr. A. W. Coles, also from the hon. secretary, who were unable to be present.

The agenda, which was quickly disposed of, included the election of three of the local ringers as members of the association and the fixing of the place for the next meeting, which will be at Stanmore on June 20th.

The Chairman announced that the Pye Memorial would be opened on May 30th. He remarked that as the tea would be provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, and, owing to the Central Council meeting being held in London at the same time, a large gathering was expected. It would be essential that due notice should be given to the secretary by those who anticipated being present.

The Chairman moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. O'Connor for the service, to Mr. J. S. Hogg for giving permission for the meeting to be held, to Mrs. Potts for her assistance, to Mr. Evans, the local organist, for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. K. J. Guyler for having made all the necessary arrangements, thereby ensuring the success of the meeting.—This was carried with acclamation.

A new peal of handbells was then brought into use, kindly placed at the disposal of the meeting by Mr. Taylor, of Watford, after which the tower bells were kept going until 9 p.m. The ringing was under the able direction of Mr. T. J. Lock, everyone present being well catered for.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are about to dismantle the heavy ring of five at Thorncombe Church, Somerset, preparatory to rehangings them and recasting the tenor.

Mr. George Williams, the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who reached his 79th birthday anniversary on May 7th, celebrated the event on Saturday by completing his thousand peals as conductor. Few ringers have rendered as much service to the Exercise as George Williams, and this makes his wonderful achievement all the more worthy. The peal, which was rung at North Stoneham, where are trebles given by Mr. Williams and the late Mrs. Williams, in celebration of their golden wedding, brought Mr. Williams' total peals to 1,399.

On Thursday, April 30th, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, with bells half-muffled, the traditional 'whole pull and stand' as a mark of respect and esteem to these very old members, at the Church of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge.

To ring seven methods in his first peal is the excellent performance of Mr. G. E. Fowler at Padworth, Berks.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have received the order to rehang the heavy ring of eight of Great Waltham Church, Essex, with new fittings in new frame.

Selby Abbey bells will be broadcast in the 'Ringing Isle' series on the North Regional programme next Sunday evening, May 17th, at 5.15 p.m., preceded by remarks by Canon Solloway (Vicar) at 5.10. An electrical recording is to be made and broadcast on the following evening.

What is the quickest six-score on record on church bells? Recently 120 changes were rung at St. Nicholas' Church, Newton Blossomville, near Turvey, Beds, in 3 mins. 5 secs.

The Summer Festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be held at Chertsey on July 11th.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

We continue to receive the names of ringers who have supported 'The Ringing World' since its first number. There are probably still others from whom we have not heard. If there are we hope they will send their names and addresses at once, as our list must now be closed. Here are other names:—

Mr. E. S. Bailey, Leiston, Suffolk.
Mr. J. M. Bailey, Leiston, Suffolk.
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Canterbury, Kent.
Mr. J. J. Mawby, Irthlingborough, Northants.
Mr. F. E. Parsons, Staveley, Chesterfield.
Mr. C. H. Perry, Bridgend, Glamorganshire.
Mr. J. G. Rumsey, Leiston, Suffolk.
Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Burton-on-Trent.
Mr. J. Taylor, Batheaston, Bath.
Mr. A. Y. Tyler, Irthlingborough, Northants.
Mr. J. T. Ward, Irthlingborough, Northants.
Mr. J. Woodhead, Rawdon, Yorks.
Mr. R. T. Woodley, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Mr. Woodhead is one of the few remaining ringers who rang peals with Jasper Snowdon.

Mr. Woodley, a College Youth for over 50 years, has subscribed to the ringing papers from the days of 'Church Bells.'

HISTORIC SLAVE BELL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' you mention the 'historic slave bell' of St. Michael's, Fort Wellington, B.G.

I wonder if any of your readers could tell me the history of this bell or where to find it? I am a keen collector of the history and stories of old bells and rings, and am always grateful for any information on this fascinating subject.

As I am writing to you, Sir, may I add my sincere thanks with the many who have recently congratulated you on the Silver Jubilee of your journal? Though I have only taken in 'The Ringing World' since starting to ring some four years ago, I look forward to its publication every week with real pleasure. The fact that I can no longer ring does not in any way detract from my interest.

I am also following the notes on 'Broadcasting of bells before Sunday services' with great interest, and always listen-in to the broadcasts when possible.

I do hope the B.B.C. will soon realise how intimately our beautiful bells are connected with the church service in the hearts of most of us.

'HOPE KERSHAW.'

4, Southbourne Gardens,
Bath.

BELLS CELEBRATE HULL'S POLICE CENTENARY.

On Sunday, May 3rd, at Holy Trinity, Hull, prior to a service to commemorate the centenary of the foundation of the City Police, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Hobson 1, D. Sharp 2, G. F. Williams 3, C. Corrick 4, H. C. Bond 5, R. F. Deal (conductor) 6, J. H. Howell 7, E. Wood 8.

FABIAN STEDMAN.**ONCE TREASURER OF THE SCHOLLARS OF CHEAPSIDE.**

Another interesting fact in the life of Fabian Stedman has been brought to light by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, in a search among manuscripts in the British Museum.

The library of All Souls' College at Oxford contains a manuscript giving the rules of the Schollars of Chepe-syde, which was founded on February 2nd, 1603. It has always been assumed that this is the original book belonging to the society, and that the company came to an end some time shortly after the date of the last entry in 1634, but I have found evidence that it is a copy, though a nearly contemporary one.

The original is in the British Museum, among the Sloane MSS., and the society was still in existence as late as 1662.

The book is a small one of about one hundred pages, finely bound and written on vellum. Like most old documents written in cursive script it is very difficult to read, many letters being made in an entirely different way to those at present.

The wording of the rules, so far as I could judge from memory, is exactly the same as in the Oxford MSS., except that there are 37 in this and only 30 in the other. For several years the book is carefully kept, the names of the Generall and the four Wardens being entered annually; afterwards the writing is by another hand and is much more haphazard. There are numerous signatures by new members, and one or two make their mark, which does not mean that they were socially of a low class.

On five occasions a man was elected as Generall and 'fyned' for refusing to serve. On the 28th November, 1631, a touch was rung on the six bells at St. Sepulchre's Church, by a band consisting entirely of men who had held the office of Generall. The treble was rung single-handed, two men were put to each of the second and third, four to each of the fourth and fifth, and five to the tenor. Two more men 'stood by.' What they rang is not stated, but we may conclude from the advance that the art had then made that it was raising and falling with perhaps some plain changes between. This is, I believe, the only record extant of any ringing in the 17th century in which the names of the ringers are given.

The suggestion that the Society of College Youths was a revival of this company is clearly inaccurate. One belonged to Westminster, the other to the City of London, and until the Cheapside Scholars finally broke up in 1662 none of them seems to have joined the other company.

A man named Thomas Bostock, who held office in 1656, went to the College Youths in 1668, and was successively steward (1681) and Master (1686). He is described as an esquire in the younger company's list, a very unusual title there.

In 1662 appear two very interesting names. One is John Jenkins, the composer of the Five Bell Consorte, who joined the College Youths in the same year. The other is Fabian Stedman, who held the office of treasurer. This is the earliest contemporary notice we have of Stedman, and the question arises, how could he have discharged the duties of treasurer to a London society if he were living at Cambridge? I begin to think that he

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OPENING OF THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.**HOW TO GET TO LEYTONSTONE.**

As has already been announced, the William Pye Memorial at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, will be dedicated on Saturday, May 30th. For the convenience of visitors to London who desire to attend the service at St. John's Church, it is pointed out that Leytonstone Station (L. and N.E.R.) is only a few minutes' walk from the church, and there are trains from Liverpool Street at 3.8 and 3.35 p.m. Bus services, Nos. 10 from Victoria, London Bridge, etc., and 96 from Charing Cross, Bank, etc., pass the church. There is also a frequent service of trams from Aldgate.

A REPRESENTATIVE BAND TO RING FIRST TOUCH.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—It is desired to arrange a representative band to ring the first touch on the bells at St. John's, Leytonstone, after the dedication of the memorial bells on May 30th. I shall, therefore, be glad if association officials, Ringing Masters for preference, who intend being present, will advise me as early as possible. Apart from this selected band, arrangements will be made so that all present will be able to ring on the bells. There will be service ringing on Whit Sunday, 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

C. T. COLES, Joint Secretary to Memorial Committee.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**BRANCH MEETING AT DARTMOUTH.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Dartmouth on Saturday, when ringers were present from Exeter, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Collaton and Paignton. Ringing commenced at Townstal Church at about half-past three, and this was followed by a service at the same church, conducted by the Rev. H. K. Flamank (assistant priest), who, in the course of an excellent address, extended a hearty welcome.

The visitors afterwards adjourned to Dawe's Cafe, The Quay, for tea, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman) presiding.

It was reported that the thanks of the branch had been conveyed to the late chairman for his past services.

An apology for absence was received from the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) through indisposition, and the branch resolved to write to him and express their regret.

Certificates were presented by the general secretary to Messrs. W. Parnell and C. Yates, who had qualified to become performing members of Collaton band.

Messrs. J. Kenning and A. Pontin, of Collaton band, were elected associate members of the branch.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting on Saturday, October 17th. Coffinswell with Kingskerswell and Ipplepen were the places proposed. On a vote being taken, Ipplepen was chosen, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also resolved to organise a joint meeting at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, September 19th, if possible.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Revs. A. Shell and W. A. Robertson for the use of their bells, to the Rev. H. K. Flamank for taking the service and for his address, also to the organist for his assistance.

The visitors afterwards wended their way to St. Petrock's Church for further ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

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was really a London man, who accepted a post for a few years under John Field, the University printer, and then returned to London when he was offered a good job in the audit of Excise by John Cooke, who was a College Youth and head of the Exercise in London.

This is, I believe, the oldest manuscript in existence dealing with ringing. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. Trollope's most interesting discovery seems to add to the puzzle of Fabian Stedman's life. It is believed that he was born in or near Cambridge about 1631, and that he was a ringer at St. Benedict's Church.

The following are established dates in his life:—

College Youths visited Cambridge and were presented with his method	1657
Treasurer of Schollars of Cheapside	1662
Joined College Youths; described in Society's name book as of Cambridge	1664
Elected Steward of College Youths	1667
'Tintinnalogia' licensed in London	1667
'Tintinnalogia' printed in London	1668
Wrote to ringers of Leicester	1668
Visited Leicester and described as of Cambridge	1669
Parish Clerk of St. Benedict's	1670
Published 'Campanologia'	1677
Elected Master of College Youths	1682

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

FESTIVAL AT MARLBOROUGH.

Message to H.M. the King.

For the first time for 14 years the Salisbury Diocesan Guild visited Marlborough for its annual festival, which was held on May 2nd. Although the town is situated right on the northern boundary of the great diocese, which includes most of the counties of Wilts and Dorset, over one hundred ringers were present at luncheon in the Town Hall. Earlier the festival service had been held in St. Mary's Church, when the Rector of Marlborough (the Rev. J. Jones) officiated, assisted by the curate (the Rev. J. Gason), while the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) read the lesson.

The Rector preached from the words, 'Workers together with God,' and spoke of the touching effect upon him, when, returning to England after an absence of 16 years, he arrived on an Easter Sunday and heard the church bells ringing. Bells in themselves, continued the preacher, were impassive and unfeeling, but they vibrated to personal joys and sorrows and to national joys and sorrows. Some people, when they heard the bells ringing, had not got the imagination to visualise the men standing beneath the bells, but bellringing was a great piece of church work and it was a work which they in that Guild had contributed towards. The work of the ringers was without question to draw the attention of the people to the worship of God, and ringing, if it was to be successfully carried out, had to be the result of great co-operation.

The Rector went on to refer to the great response which had been made to an appeal for £600 to renovate the bells in a certain parish, showing, he said, how close the bells were to the hearts of the people. He had seen in a copy of 'The Ringing World' that a peal of bells was to be rung in the Cathedral at Hobart, Tasmania. As he had often spoken in that Cathedral he could imagine how beautiful those bells would sound.

CALL FOR BELLS OF PEACE.

What a great call there was to-day for the bells of peace, said the preacher. Bells had been used on the Continent when any great trouble had arisen, but now truly the message of bells must be a message of peace.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold,
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace,
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand,
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

That was the task of the ringers to-day, to 'ring in the Christ that is to be.'

The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. The collection was divided between the memorial funds of the late Bishop of Salisbury and of the late William Pye.

The luncheon and annual business meeting followed at the Court Room of the Town Hall, the Master of the Guild presiding, supported by the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary) and the Rev. J. Jones. Among the apologies for absence was one from Lord Shaftesbury, the president of the Guild.

Following the loyal toast, the Master referred to the losses which the country and the diocese had sustained since the last annual meeting of the Guild. First of all he would like to mention the passing of their beloved King George. They could not help but feel that they had lost a great man who had found his way into the hearts of every one of his people. King George was a man who seemed to understand the feelings of his people. At all times he entered into and took what part he could in helping and showing sympathy for whatever happened among the people of his Empire. And then there came another blow in the death of their Guild patron, the beloved Bishop of Salisbury. He thought that all members of the Guild could remember how the Bishop greeted them when the big ringers' gathering was held at Salisbury. The Bishop's death meant a great loss to the Guild and to the diocese as a whole.

The meeting stood in silence for a brief period.

The statement of accounts, presented by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, showed a balance in hand of £60 2s. 6d., with £25 8s. 1d. on the deposit account. The statement was adopted.

FIRST MASTER OF THE GUILD HONOURED.

The Rev. R. H. Gundry, of Ringwood, was unanimously re-elected Master of the Guild, with the Rev. F. L. Edwards, of Kingston Magna, as hon. secretary, and Mr. F. Green, of Devizes, as assistant hon. secretary. The hon. auditors, the Rev. R. E. G. Newman, of Gillingham, and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, of Kingston Magna, were re-appointed, as were the members of the committee and the Central Council representatives. It was agreed that the Rev. A. D. Hill, who was Master of the Guild for 14 years, 1884 to 1898, should be elected a vice-president. Mr. Hill was elected first Master of the Guild 52 years ago.

On the proposition of the Master, it was unanimously agreed that the following message should be sent to the King: 'The members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers in annual meeting assembled

humbly desire to assure your Majesty of their loyal devotion to your throne and person and pray that for many years to come it may be the privilege of the ringers of this ancient diocese to celebrate your Majesty's birthday with the music of the church bells.'

Congratulatory messages were also sent to the Archdeacon of Dorset on the celebration of his golden wedding, and to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, on the completion of 25 years as Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks to the Rector, organist and choir at St. Mary's for their services was proposed by Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes), and, in reply, the Rector said, 'It has been one of the happiest, homeliest and merriest, in the right and best sense, of all church gatherings I have ever attended, and I attribute that to your chairman and secretary and to yourselves.'

Following the luncheon, ringing was carried on in the various towers until late in the evening.

In addition to the two Marlborough towers, the following belfries (by kind permission of the various incumbents) were available for visiting ringers during the day: Aldbourne, Ramsbury, Ogbourne St. George and Ogbourne St. Andrew, Chiseldon, Mildenhall, Presbury, Pewsey, Milton, Chilton Foliat, Collingbourne Kingston, Collingbourne Ducis, Everleigh, Great Bedwyn, Savernake St. Katherine's and Burghage. Organised bus tours were made to all the towers during the day by different parties.

DORCHESTER BRANCH LOSSES.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Puddletown on Saturday, April 25th, when, considering the inclement weather, the meeting was well attended. It was preceded by practice on the fine peal of six by the various bands. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Helps). Instead of the usual address, the Canon recited from Longfellow's 'Golden Legend,' the passage relating to the bells, and completed it by a quotation from Emerson. Tea followed in the Parish Hall, at which 50 were present. This was in the capable hands of Mrs. Helps and Miss Wood-Homer.

The meeting was presided over by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. A. W. Markby. Among the apologies for absence was one from the guild president, the Earl of Shaftesbury.

The secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) reported that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Abbotbury, and he hoped to arrange some practice meetings during the summer.

The Chairman moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to Canon Helps for all his kindness that day, and especially for the bright service; to the organist; to the ladies for arranging the tea; to Mr. W. J. Brymer for his generosity, and also for giving permission to visit his lovely gardens.—Canon Helps and Miss Wood-Homer replied.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, and the vice-chairman (the Rev. R. P. Farrow) and the Rev. C. A. Phillips also spoke.

The sad losses the branch has sustained during the past few months were referred to by the chairman. In February, the death occurred of the Rev. E. S. Field, Vicar of Buckland Newton, and father of their Ringing Master. He was an honorary member for many years and also gave the branch a very warm welcome to Buckland Newton. With Mrs. Field he always entertained them on every visit. At the end of March they lost Mr. H. Runyard, captain of the Wool ringers since the formation of the band about 28 years ago, a founder of the present branch of the Guild 25 years ago and the Deputy Ringing Master for many years. He was always willing to give assistance to members, also to give the members a warm welcome to Wool. On the previous day (April 24th) they laid to rest Mr. William Bedford, honorary life member of the Guild, a great benefactor to the church at Bere Regis. He gave the extra bell, had the peal renovated and had always kept the bells in good condition. Almost every year the branch received an invitation to Bere Regis and enjoyed his hospitality. He always personally conducted the members over his wonderful and extensive gardens. He was a great friend to the ringers, and the previous quarterly meeting was held at his invitation at Bere Regis. The work of all three, said the Chairman, would live after them.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Several visitors took advantage of the opportunity to visit Ilshington Park and gardens and also the Vicarage gardens. The members made good practice during the afternoon and evening, under the capable leadership of the Ringing Master. Some were piloted through their first touch in the method. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. The following towers were represented: Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, East Lulworth, Puddletown, Stratton, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis, and ringers were present from the Wimborne Branch, Bournemouth, Poole and Shroton.

HOLBORN GUILD'S 100th QUARTER-PEAL.

On Sunday evening, May 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples; J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, E. Brett 3, R. W. Green 4, E. A. Reeve 5, T. Langdon 6, F. G. Cole 7, W. J. Norton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Alford.

This was the 100th quarter-peal rung by the St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.

CLERGY AND RINGING.

DIFFICULTIES OF BECOMING EFFICIENT RINGERS.

To the Editor

Sir,—Your leading article in the issue of April 24th about the inducement of clerical ringers is naturally of great interest to those of us here, who are training for the ministry of the Church, and at the same time trying to gain a knowledge of the rudiments of bell-ringing. We are as anxious as anybody that the great tradition of clerical bellringers, typified by the names you mention, Law James, Davies, Jenkyn and Elsee, should be maintained.

But I should like to suggest that the real function of the clergy with regard to the Exercise is not to produce first-class ringers in small quantities, but rather a large number of men who are interested in ringers and ringing, and who will take the trouble to become friends with their ringers, and to offer them encouragement at all times, and help in maintaining the strength of their bands.

I have no wish to be controversial, but it is, I think, an indisputable fact that the number of first-class clerical ringers alive to-day can be numbered on the fingers of one hand: I also think it is true to say that this has always been the case. The possession of a university education does seem somehow to be a definite hindrance to progress in the art of handling a bell. Why this should be so I am not prepared to say; but from personal experience I can vouch for the fact that it is so.

But the ability to add B.A. or M.A. to their names is not the only, nor even the most serious, disadvantage from which our clergy and prospective clergy suffer in their pursuit of proficiency in the art. Many of them are unable to obtain that most important of all requirements, continuity in their practice of ringing. First of all they go away to school; then for three or four years they spend three terms of eight weeks each year at the university, and their life at a theological college is similarly broken up into periods. A large proportion of their work, too, both as students and as parsons, is done in the evenings, when most ringing practices are held. Saturday afternoon is a favourite time for weddings, jumble sales, Sunday School treats and other festivities of a like nature: these prevent the parson from attending local ringing meetings and from ringing peals.

For these reasons I think it is true to say that the clergy do not have the same opportunity as other ringers for regular practice, without which the attainment of proficiency is extremely difficult, if not impossible.

At this college, for instance, our practices must be snatched in odd half-hours here and there during the week, and frequently they have to be given up altogether when there is some special lecture or meeting to be attended. The bells of the village church are in an unringable condition, so we get no Sunday ringing.

But we have about twenty men out of a total of forty who are interested in the Exercise, and have begun to learn to handle a bell and to find out how methods are composed, and have made a beginning with putting this knowledge into practice on handbells. Of these twenty, some will inevitably find themselves at churches without any bells when they go to a parish. Others will find their time too occupied with other activities to be able to keep up their ringing. Of the remainder, some are naturally only lukewarm adherents, and will tend to fall away altogether. Just a few will persevere, and will become useful ringers.

But even those who have neither the time nor the inclination to become good ringers may gain an insight into the Exercise from the instruction they receive, and a consequent interest in the art, which can be turned to good use by the local ringing associations. Such men will be the more willing to lend their churches for ringing meetings and peal ringing, or to act as district chairmen, than they would have been had they never come in contact with ringing at all. If the rudimentary instruction they receive bears no other fruit, it will have been well worth the labour expended on it. Especially under present-day conditions, the whole Exercise is dependent on the goodwill of the clergy for its very existence, and it is that goodwill which it is our business to foster.

More than that it does not seem possible to ask of the majority of our clergy. A very small number will continue as in the past to become first-class ringers, but with very few exceptions the greatest exponents of the art, whether from the side of peal ringing or of composing, have been laymen, and there is no reason to expect that it will be otherwise in the future.

There is one last thing I should like to say to ringers: how many of you realise what a frightening experience it is for a novice to enter a strange tower for the first time? It is not fair in all cases to blame the parson for his apparent lack of interest in his ringers. If the ringers wish for his interest and friendship, they must take the first step, and must refrain from bewildering the poor man with a lot of technical jargon before he has ever set his foot in the belfry. Ringers have in the past been apt to forget that the average non-ringer does not know the difference between ringing and chiming, or between a peal, a touch and a plain course.

Cuddesdon.

JOHN P. PELLOE.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Blay 1, C. Carrott 2, *A. Reeve 3, *S. Miles 4, J. G. Macdonald 5, J. Cross 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, A. Fry 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RINGING IN BROADCASTS.

Master's Appeal.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on April 25th. Ringing started at the Cathedral (12) and at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) at two o'clock. At 3.15 a special ringers' service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, when the address was given by the president of the Guild (the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell, Dean of Lincoln). Tea was served at the Co-operative Hall, about 85 members and friends being present. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Dean of Lincoln.

The Dean was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. Rupert Richardson Master. The meeting heard with regret that Mr. E. Dawber had been compelled, through serious eye trouble, to relinquish the office of hon. treasurer, and Mr. F. W. Stokes was elected to act as hon. secretary and treasurer.

Three of the representatives on the Central Council were re-elected, namely, the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry, Mr. Rupert Richardson and Mr. G. Chester. Mr. Jack Bray was elected in place of Mr. John Phillips, who, being now non-resident and having been in very indifferent health for some time past, did not seek re-election.

In his report, the Master pointed out that the Guild had created another record as far as peals were concerned, 108 having been rung, as compared with the previous record of 96 in 1934. The Minor section had been particularly gratifying, the peals ranging from Plain Bob to 28 Surprise methods. Seven peals were rung containing 20 or more Minor methods. 'First pealers' numbered 15, against 22 in 1934, but 149 members rang a peal in a fresh method or a greater number of methods. For the 108 peals there were 32 conductors.

The report closed with a reference to broadcast ringing. It said: 'On one or two occasions lately broadcasts of bells have been completely spoilt by ringers attempting to ring something that was beyond them. Please do not let this happen in this diocese. If you are called upon to broadcast, be sure you are fully master of anything you attempt. If you cannot ring changes perfectly, ring rounds. Then you will not disgrace yourselves. Remember when you are broadcasting you have an audience of millions and you should keep whatever you do up to the highest possible standard.'

The meeting considered a proposition put forward by the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch, viz., 'That the compositions of Spliced Minor peals shall be printed in the annual report.' After some discussion an amendment was adopted, providing that such compositions shall be submitted to the hon. secretary in order that they may be considered by the Guild Committee, and such compositions included in the report as may be thought of general or outstanding interest.

Ringling was continued at the various towers after the meeting until nine o'clock.

'SPlicing' OF TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did not intend replying to Mr. C. T. Coles, but as it is uncertain whether I shall be at the Central Council meeting, please grant me small space to put the matter as I see it.

Mr. Coles says all spliced peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob are not spliced but combined. He has also made the statement that they are irregular. Eleven years ago, sir, you published a book on method splicing, and it is still on sale. That book contains 720's of Spliced Kent and Oxford Minor. These 720's have been rung scores of times, although they are not spliced actually at the lead end. In my opinion it is impossible to get a 720 spliced that way. This book and standard of splicing was accepted by the Exercise, and heaps of peals of Major have been rung on the same lines, so also has Spliced Royal. There are three variations of Major, Worcester, Ilkeston and Liversedge. All have the same end in view, viz., to keep the tenors out of the slow, and there are some really beautiful compositions, producing glorious music, which it is impossible to obtain with the tenors in the slow.

Mr. Coles condemns all these. He says that the resolution was carefully thought out by smart men. I don't care who thought them out. Whoever did had not the courage to stand by them.

You, sir, knocked their resolution to smithereens when you published that composition which contained a full course of London. With all their care it didn't take them long to alter their minds.

At Shrewsbury last year I mentioned the word 'laminated,' knowing full well Mr. Coles would take the bait. He did, and supplied the answer. He wrote in 'The Ringing World' that laminated meant thin layers. Mr. Coles and his international band rang a spliced peal in several methods. Of one method they rang 1,440 changes, of another 1,184, then amongst the other methods was one of 160 (five leads and all at the Wrong). The tenors in this rang one lead four times repeated. I contend that that method was not rung.

I withdrew my amendment a few weeks ago. If I am at the meeting in London I am prepared to move two more.

In conclusion, may I say, if you break a bell rope, you splice it. I have seen a rope with six splices. Whether it is one or six they are both spliced. I suggest to Mr. Coles he should call his peals 'super spliced,' because he thinks his spliced peals so superior.

JAMES HUNT.

Taunton.

DEATH OF MR. E. E. DAVIES.**ONE OF 'ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.'**

The death took place at Gloucester on May 4th of Mr. Ernest Edward Davies, an old member of the St. Michael's Juniors' Society, which flourished in the days when the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James were active ringers in the city. Some time ago Mr. Davies met with a mishap and suffered head injuries, from which it is thought he never fully recovered. He visited St. Michael's belfry on Sunday, April 26th, but soon afterwards took to his bed and passed away on Monday of last week.

The funeral service was held at St. Michael's Church, the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Pritchard) officiating. The 23rd Psalm was chanted, and the hymns, 'When I survey the wondrous Cross' and 'Abide with me,' were sung. The interment took place at the cemetery, and after the committal the handbells were rung over the open grave by T. Baldwin, S. E. Romans, J. Williams and W. Harris. Among others who attended the funeral were Messrs. Meadows, L. J. Whiting, T. Condict and ex-Sergt. J. Williams (Newent). The mourners included, in addition to the widow and daughters and other members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Peglar, of Bangor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT LONGSTANTON.**

In beautiful weather, between 40 and 50 ringers and friends attended the meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Longstanton on April 25th. Among those present were Mr. Harry Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hurry, the Rev. R. Copeman, Mr. Hinking (Somersham), many 'brass hats,' local branch and district ringers and two friends from Swaffham, Norfolk. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Goodchild, M.A., who had neither sermon nor address, but a good friendly talk on ringers' work. Miss Goodchild was at the organ. Tea, at the Black Bull, was followed by the business meeting, with the Rev. J. Goodchild in the chair.

The belfry election of one new member was confirmed. Fordham was selected as the place of next meeting.

Mr. L. G. Skeggs called attention to the secretary's advertisement in 'The Ringing World,' in which 'Taylors' were named.

The secretary, in reply, said in his opinion 'Taylors' were the 'Rolls Royce' where bells were concerned, but he added that when the meeting was held at Sutton the bells were advertised as rebung by Bowell.

A very friendly discussion proceeded on the real necessity of supporting 'The Ringing World,' which all realised was a paper that the ringing Exercise could not do without.

Mr. T. R. Dennis gave some interesting items concerning 'The Ringing World,' and the general trend of opinion was that more support should be given the paper so as to get a larger journal and perhaps a cheaper one.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Miss Goodchild brought the meeting to a close.

Ringings during the afternoon and evening was enjoyed by all, methods from Grandsire Triples to London Major being rung.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**POSTCARD SCARCITY IN NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.**

A well-attended meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Scotow on Saturday, May 2nd, when the six bells were heard in a variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise during the afternoon and evening.

Members attended from Aylsham, Buxton, Happisburgh, Northrepps, North Walsham, Norwich, Paston, Wroxham, Wymondham and the local band, while representatives from the East and West Branches were present from Dersingham, Fakenham, Halvergate and Reedham.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Newton Kent, who gave a most impressive address from 'The Golden Legend' to a congregation of over fifty.

Tea was partaken of in the Hall, by kind invitation of Miss Emily Durrant. At the business meeting which followed, the branch chairman (the Rev. H. W. Benson) thanked Miss Durrant for her generosity. Mr. W. C. Duffield proposed and Mr. A. L. Coleman (general hon. secretary) seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. Newton Kent for his address. Mr. Coleman added that he hoped the other branches would be able to include a service in their meetings.—In reply, the Vicar expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ringers present. He hoped it would be possible for the association to visit them again before long, and regretted he had not twelve bells with which to exercise the members.

The next meeting was fixed on September 19th at Salle, provided this date does not clash with the arrangements of the other branches.

The branch secretary (Mr. N. Golden) referred to the apparent scarcity of postcards in the diocese. Eleven members had signified their intention of being present; he had provided for twenty, but over thirty sat down to tea.

N. G.

PITMAN, KENT.—On Saturday, May 9th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): E. Rankes 1, W. E. Pitman 2, R. H. Mails 3, J. Walter 4, F. G. Brett 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6 (tenor 6½ cwt.).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NEW SILENCING DEVICE FOR BELLS.**

A new device for regulating the noise of bells came under trial and discussion at a quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, May 2nd. Some forty members participated in touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise.

Service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. F. Kenyon), who gave a very interesting address based on the familiar phrase from the commandments, 'Six days shalt thou labour.' A collection was made for the association's Benevolent Fund.

Later, tea was served in St. Luke's Hall. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and vice-president of the association, was at the head of the table, supported by Messrs. W. J. Jeffries (trustee), T. Groombridge, sen. (Ringing Master), and the district secretary.

Tea over, three leads of Treble Twelve were rung on handbells by Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, H. Audsley, E. Beer, T. Groombridge, jun., and G. H. Cross.

At the business meeting, the chairman apologised for the absence of the clergy through pressure of other engagements, and announced that the handbells just heard were the gift to St. Luke's bellringers of Mrs. F. Keep, widow of a late member of that band.

Ten ringers were elected members of the association.

After the chairman had read an apology for absence from Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. W. Smith, his co-representative, read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Westerham on Easter Monday. This was adopted, with a vote of thanks to the authors for its preparation.

Eynsford was chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held, if possible, on Saturday, July 25th.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for the service and address, to the lady organist for her services, to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the room for tea and meeting and to the local secretary (Mr. A. Purdom) for the arranging of the tea, and to Mr. E. H. Lewis for presiding.—This was carried enthusiastically.

Mr. Lewis responded. He stated that one of his reasons for attending the meeting was to hear and gather opinions concerning the silencing device fitted to St. Luke's bells by Mr. C. Davis.

Various opinions were proffered and questions asked and answered. It seemed to be agreed that the contrivance was effective, cheap and long lasting and capable of regulation in respect of degree of suppression of noise required.

Further ringing in the tower terminated the meeting, which had drawn members from Beckenham, Bromley, Crayford, Chislehurst, Dartford, Eltham, Erith, Deptford (St. John's), Lee, Gravesend and London.

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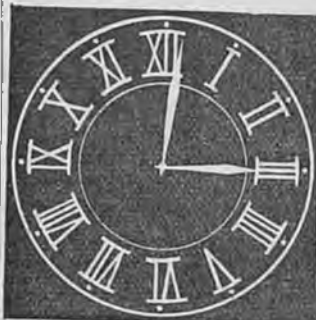
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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Nearest railway station Stanford-le-Hope. Buses from Grays to Southend pass within easy reach of the church.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. in the Mill Brow Cafe.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Thirsk on May 16th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at the same hotel at 5 p.m. General meeting immediately after tea. We have been assured of a most hearty welcome to Thirsk, so please come and help to make the meeting a success.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Red Lion Hotel (Blackwater). All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935-36 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Fawley on May 16th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Dibden bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, May 16th. Service in co-operation with the 4 o'clock evensong at the Cathedral. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 8d.). Cathedral bells (12) available from 2 to service time, St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3.30. After the meeting the towers will be open for ringing until 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Buses from top of Charles Street (near new Police Station). A good attendance requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. John-at-Hackney (Marc Street). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, etc. Trams and buses pass the church. Hackney Station (L.M.S.) nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the St. Albans District will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. Will all who can please attend this meeting to elect the district committee?—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Arrangements being made for tea. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Short notice.—A meeting will be held to-morrow, Saturday, May 16th, at Brinklow, near Rugby. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea in the Church Room at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Wednesday, May 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Bells, a nice peal of six, recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec., Over, Cambridge.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice at St. Magnus', Thames Street, Wednesday, May 20th, 7.30 p.m., Grandsire and Stedman. Bow Sunday ringing postponed to Whit Sunday.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

LANDULPH, near Saltash, Cornwall.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21st. Ring of 6 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Dover on Saturday, May 23rd. St. Mary's (8) available from 3.15, St. James' (6) after tea. Service 4.30. Meat tea in the Dutch Room, Crypt Cafe, 5.15 (1s. 6d.). Please notify Mr. C. Turner, 116, Clarendon Street, Dover, not later than Thursday, May 21st. See the new channel ferry boats now lying in Wellington Dock, five minutes from cafe.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 37th annual meeting will be held at Polebrooke, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea, kindly let me know by May 18th.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. G. Wootton, Northfields, Witley, before May 20th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rawtenstall, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. with tea to follow. Cards for tea, please, to Mr. T. Rollerson, 13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall, before May 21st.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please advise, if tea required, by Tuesday, May 19th, to D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch will be held on May 23rd at Stapleton. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop Stortford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow Bardolph on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, the Rev. J. W. Sturgis-Jones. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at the Cafe Regent at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Please advise me for tea by Wednesday, May 20th. Cheap excursions from Grimsby.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Church House 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, May 20th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Darlington on Saturday, May 23rd. Meet at St. Cuthbert's at 2.30. Committee meeting in Holy Trinity Choir Vestry at 4. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.30. Tea in the Cameron Hotel, Skinnergate, at 5.15. Those intending to be present please notify me before the 20th.—G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by May 21st?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting is arranged to be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Eaton Bray (6) in the evening if desired.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, May 23rd. 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham, near Ely, Cambs, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Crown Inn 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, for tea by 20th. Please come and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 23rd. 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, May 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than May 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd.—Herts.—All roads lead to Aldenham. You cannot miss your place. Tower open 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest station, Radlett or Bushey. Bus to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry and Guilsborough Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Whilton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 23rd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry; Geo. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

JOINT MID-WEEK MEETING.—Hertford County and Essex Associations.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Hitchin on Wednesday, May 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made.—Geo. Dent and Don Mears, Hon. Secs.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone.—The memorial bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. After the service tea will be provided by Canon Brown (Vicar) and the churchwardens to those who send their names to either the undersigned by Tuesday, May 26th. The bells will be available after tea, and arrangements will be made for all present to take part in the ringing. All ringers and friends are invited. Particulars of trains and other means of conveyance are given elsewhere.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Hon. Secs. to Memorial Committee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Tetsworth dedication of bells (6) will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom, 9d. per person. Please notify Vicarage, Tetsworth, Oxford, by May 27th. Ringing after tea.

ST. VEEP, NEAR LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 3 p.m. Ring of six bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1886).—The Jubilee will be celebrated at Hereford on Whit Monday. Ringing at City towers during the day. 2 p.m. Business meeting at St. Peter's Church House. 4.15 p.m., choral evensong at Cathedral; preacher, the Bishop. 5.30 p.m., meat tea at the Town Hall, presided over by the Bishop, price 2s. 6d., but members who apply for tickets beforehand will pay only 1s. Apply by May 28th (without sending money), to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, June 1st. Central Committee meet in the Parish Hall, Market Place, at 10.45 a.m. Service in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, with address by Canon

Smalley Law, D.D., Rector of Thorpe Malsor. Lunch at the George Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Application for lunch tickets (with remittance 2s. 6d.) to be made to the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 26th. This is important. The bells available are: Kettering (10) throughout the day, Rothwell (8), Burton Latimer (8), Weekley (6), and Barton Seagrave (5), after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), and Little Waltham (6). The service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. Canon J. H. Barrow, Vicar of Stansted, followed by the meeting in the Chapter House. Lunch at 1.15 p.m. (approximately) at the Golden Fleece. Will all those requiring lunch kindly notify me by Thursday, May 28th, in order that adequate arrangements can be made?—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.

LADIES' GUILD.—Tenth anniversary of formation of Northern District Ladies' Guild.—Meeting will be held on June 27th at Handsworth, Sheffield (as originally). All ringers and friends welcome. Cards for tea to J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting, which was to have been held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, has been postponed until August Bank Holiday.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. E. C. Gobey wishes his ringing friends to know that he has removed from Ilkeston to Wilmfield House, Trowell, Notts.

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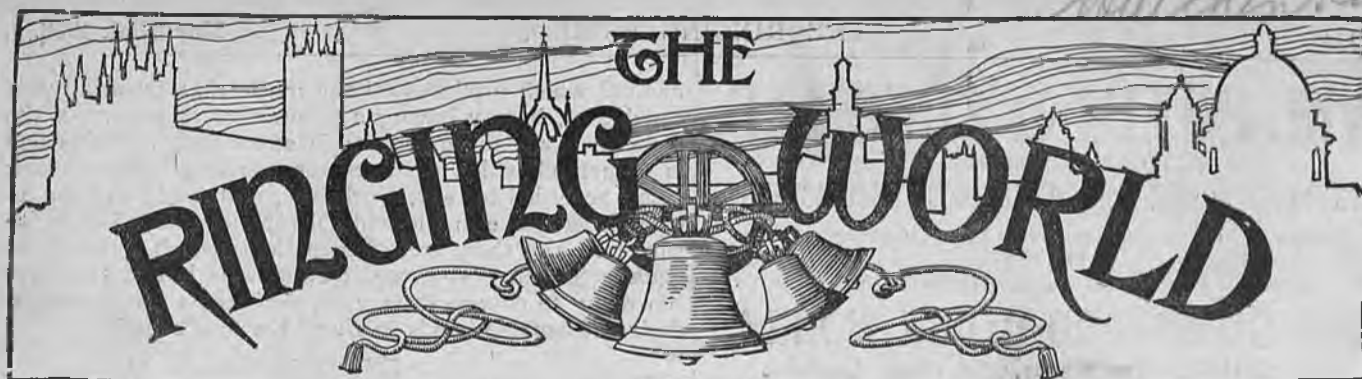
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One of the most interesting points in the report is that emphasised by the committee, that, although there continues to be rung a number of new methods, mostly Surprise—true, they were fewer in 1935 than in 1934—very few, comparatively, are in common use. The old methods still hold the field, and, among the Surprise variety Cambridge is claiming an increased popular ascendancy over Superlative. Apart from Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples—the four 'standard' methods—Cambridge is the only method in which more than a hundred peals were rung. It goes to show that ringers still cling to tradition. The standard methods have come down to us through the centuries—they still provide the major portion of the ringing done in our belfries.

The reasons, of course, are not obscure, but with all the variety which is now at the disposal of the Exercise, it shows the strong conservatism of ringers. There are many more interesting things to ring, for instance, than Plain Bob, and they are available, through the publications of the Central Council, to all who seek them, but year in, year out, Plain Bob more than holds its own. In higher spheres, Cambridge, Superlative and London continue to show the way. Bands in various parts of the country ring new methods, but they seldom ring more than one peal before going on to a fresh method; and yet among these newer things are methods well worth ringing. For instance, we believe that one of the reasons for the loss of popularity of Superlative is the monotony of its work. It is just a quarter of a course turned in four different ways. Now, Painswick Surprise is a

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method which produces all the music that Superlative is capable of, but by having a different arrangement of the work in front, the monotony is swept away. Painswick is a method which deserves the growing practice now being accorded to, say, Yorkshire, and ought to have an established place in the general repertoire of all Surprise ringers. And there are other methods which should have equal attention. The trouble apparently is that there are too many to choose from, and, perhaps, a not unnatural desire of capable bands to ring 'the first ever.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES 7
ALFRED BUCKLEY... .. 2	ARTHUR J. DUTTON 8
DANIEL T. MATRIN 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
HOWARD HOWELL 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

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TEN BELL PEALS

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On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
*REGINALD AMOR... .. 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
CHARLES BUTCHER 3	CHARLES RAISON 8
JAMES BILBY 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 9
JESSE FRANCIS 5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell peal to Adjutant and Mrs. Fensom (Salvation Army), who are leaving the district for Leeds. The Adjutant raised the money for the treble bell in the new peal of twelve, the bell being named 'The Salvation Army bell.'

BRIGETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	EDWARD T. CHARMAN 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 8
KENNETH SNELLING 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
FREDERICK PAGE 5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

E. DENNIS POOLE... .. 7 treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER 6
NORMAN G. LEECH 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	EDWARD V. RODENEURST 8
HARRY HUBBALL 4	HARRY BOSWELL 9
JOHN GOODMAN 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Saunders.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	*GEORGE NAYLOR 6
*HARRY SPRINGETT 2	GEORGE KENWARD 7
†TOM SAUNDERS 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 8
FRANK BRISLEY 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 9
THOMAS E. SONE 5	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Tenor

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Tenor 21 cwt.

*REGINALD H. HEWITT ... Treble	*KENNETH ARTHUR 5
JOHN A. BROWN 2	JOHN ANDERSON 6
*THOMAS W. CROWE 3	FREDERICK SHERATON 7
WILLIAM SHERATON 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRID STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
KENNETH LEWIS 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. WORTH.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JOHN H. GRENBY 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
LESLIE W. STEVENS 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER 4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

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ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*MRS. C. W. EVERETT ... Treble	†GEORGE SWAFFER 5
THOMAS TABRETT 2	PERCY PAGE 6
†JOHN PARSONS 3	WALTER EVERETT 7
FRANK CONLEY 4	DANIEL GODDEN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER EVERETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Vicar and Mrs. Sinclair.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—At St. Peter's Church on Monday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich was rung by the following: G. Page 1, G. Palmer 2, W. Palmer 3, W. Cross 4, F. Lasbury 5, W. Page 6, J. H. Howell 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method for ringer of the 7th, who hails from Hull. It was rung after failing for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

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Tenor 24 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... Treble	PERCY W. WITHAM 5
*MISS F. M. CHILDS 2	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 3	PETER CROOK 7
*WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 4	WILLIAM HOULTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal of Stedman.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	†JAMES E. BAILEY 5
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
†ALFRED G. HILL 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Superlative.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*BENJAMIN COPPIN Treble	ERNEST FURBANK 5
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LOUIS CORDELL 3	*EDWARD J. ROCHESTER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	†BERNARD G. SADDINGTON ... 7
*GEORGE LINES 4	†P.C. ALBERT E. HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* Eightieth peal. † First peal of Stedman and first peal for the Guild. ‡ First peal.

WRAYSURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	*JAMES A. GLASS 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Adapted from J. REEVES'.

Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung to mark the dedication of a new altar and other pieces of church furniture by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, which took place on the Sunday previous, May 10th.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5536 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... ..Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH... .. 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

The composition is now rung for the first time.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8008 CHANGES;
 Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... ..Treble	CHARLES CAMM 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*REGINALD WOODYATT 6
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Percy Thomas. T. W. Lewis has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

CLIFFE AT HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 15 cwt.

STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK...Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLY... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER HAMMOND ... ..Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL... .. 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... ..Tenor

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

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and, it is believed, for the association. Rung at the first attempt.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN ... ..Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
MRS. P. M. MAYNE 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 4	ROLAND BIGGS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung after meeting short for 'Burton,' Mrs. Mayne kindly standing in at the last moment.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... ..Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
WALTER G. PAUL 2	*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WALTER AYRE 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* 250th peal. This is the first peal in the method, which is Berkshire Surprise without 7th's. It was rung without previous practice. A birthday peal for the daughter of the ringers of the 4th.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

HORACE BELCHER ... ..Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
*HARRY W. SIMMONS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First Surprise peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*REV. FRANCIS BURNE ...Treble	CHARLES H. HORTON 5
*ALFRED O. WOOTTON 2	†WILLIAM GILKS 6
*STANLEY JONES 3	†EDWARD SOUTHEY 7
CRCIL EVANS 4	WALTER INWOOD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. HORTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Aldenham.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*RAYMOND H. MAILE ...Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2	PERCY PAGE 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	FREDERICK R. WELLER 7
†FRANK CONLEY 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt for Major. † First peal of Major and first attempt. This is the first peal of Plain Bob on the bells. Mr. W. E. Pitman's 160th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different extents, tenors right way.

OLIVER J. KIDBY ... ..Treble	CECIL H. ALDOUS 4
WALTER E. LAZZELL 2	EDWIN E. SIMPSON 5
ERNEST C. KIMM 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 20 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland and Abbeyville; (2) St. Werburg, Combermere and Vale Royal; (3) College Exercise, Morning Star and Ockley; (4) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (5) Wragby, Braintree and Neasden; (6) Charlwood and St. Albans; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... 4
WILLIE GREEN ... 2	HAROLD CHANT ... 5
†MOSES PERRY ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal of Spliced Minor. † First peal in 20 methods.

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

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE GUNNELL ... Treble	†EDWARD MAUND ... 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	CHARLES YOUNG ... 5
HARRY PRICE ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

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

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY BINGHAM ... Treble	NORL B. THURLEY ... 4
MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
JOSEPH A. LUNN ... 3	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. L. A. LUNN.

First peal of Minor as conductor and quickest peal on the bells.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*DONALD A. LONG ... Treble	†R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 4
*THOMAS W. DE VILLE ... 2	†ARTHUR G. KING ... 5
*STANLEY W. GALL ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal in five Minor methods. First peal on the bells.

BARNBY, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... Treble	JAMES RAITHBY ... 4
RICHARD HARVEY ... 2	*THOMAS VESSEY ... 5
FRANK VERNON ... 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in three methods by all except the conductor and ringer of the 4th. Quickest peal on the bells.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church for morning service on Sunday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples: H. Bull 1, H. Bird 2, F. G. Springham 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, R. Hayden 5, H. M. White 6, E. Ansell 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 48 methods, viz.: (1) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Dunottar Delight; (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (3) Cambridge, Ipawich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (5) Algarkirk Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Oldwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	*HAROLD BARSLEY ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 2	*CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

* 50th peal. There were 161 changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	D. REES JAMES ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	WILLIAM J. PRING ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 8
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
GEORGE POPNELL ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPPARD ... 7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 4	ARTHUR HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

By special request of the Vicar, this peal was rung in honour of the King's Accession.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JAMES H. SHEPPARD ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	FREDERICK LASBURY ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A CHANGE OF DIET.

The report of the Analysis Committee of the Central Council, which tabulates all the peals rung during the year, has a pertinent note on the fact that comparatively few methods are in common use, and an examination of the tables will show that what used to be known as the 'standard' methods—Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire—still hold all the attraction that they have done for generations. It is not because there is not plenty of material available. It is due, for one thing, to the fact that ringers, beginning to learn methods, seem to turn naturally to the old-established things, by which their fathers and grandfathers were taught.

Another reason, probably, is that many ringers are averse to breaking away from the traditional groove, because they imagine there are in their way difficult barriers to overcome. In fact, they do not relish that change of diet, which, in the long run, would be good for them. We hope, in the next few articles, to try and show that these barriers are largely imaginary and that the beginner who has got his foundations well and truly laid can pass on to other things by easy stages, which will greatly increase his interest in the art.

The Central Council last year published a little volume, priced at a shilling, which gives all the worthwhile methods on seven bells, at least, in our opinion, all save one. If a man can ring Grandsire and understand what he is ringing, he can with a little study and practice soon go on to other methods.

Among those with two hunts, that is to say with a bell in the hunt in addition to the treble, like Grandsire, there is Oxford Bob. It has not got a very long history as far as peal ringing is concerned, for the first recorded peal was rung at Horsham, Sussex, only in 1882.

Like Grandsire, it starts with 3rd's place being made as the treble strikes in 2nd's place going up, but the bells behind, instead of parting after a dodge, continue to dodge until the treble separates them; that is, until the bell dodging down strikes over the treble, when that bell has reached 5th's. The reason is that the same two bells dodge together behind (actually a three pull dodge) from the time the bell in the hunt leaves them, until and the treble gets back again. This dodging is created by two bells in 4-5 each making 5th's place, with a dodge between, this dodge, in turn, being caused by the 3rd's place.

A quite easy table can be made up for the five working bells, thus:

- Pass treble in 5-6, 3-pull dodge in 7-6 (down).
- Pass treble in 4-5, 3-pull dodge in 6-7 (up).
- Pass treble in 3-4, make 5th's, dodge 5-4 (down).
- Pass treble in 2-3, dodge 4-5 (up), make 5th's.
- Pass treble in 1-2, make 3rd's, and lead.

Each bell that makes 5th's, of course, returns to lead. The work does not occur in the order given above, but the table shows how the pairs of bells work together.

Between the 6-7 (up) dodging and the 7-6 (down), in ringing the method, the 3rd's place is made and after the 7-6 dodging the two 5th's places come in, first the one with the dodge in front of it and then the one with the dodge after, so that the two actual 5th's places are joined by unbroken plain hunting down and back again.

A bob is made exactly as in Grandsire. The bells dodging behind are not affected, neither is the 3rd's place bell.

Only three bells, therefore, are interfered with, the bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 3rd's and goes into the hunt. The bell coming out of the hunt has a double dodge in 5-4 (down), and, after leading, goes up behind to dodge in 6-7 (up). The remaining bell, which, but for the bob, would have made 5th's and dodged 5-4 (down), has a double dodge in 4-5 (up) and then makes 5th's, before hunting down.

We wonder whether any of our readers can write out the figures of a lead of the method? All the information required for its construction is included in this article. Just try it!

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEDDBURY DISTRICT ENTHUSIASM REVIVING.

The quarterly meeting of the Ledbury District was held at Cradley on Saturday, May 9th, and proved to be a great success. For some time past enthusiasm in this district has been lacking, owing, no doubt, to one or two peals of bells being out of order and the difficulty in getting together in a country district. The six bells at Cradley have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Some 25 ringers, including visitors from Worcester, Upton-on-Severn and Bredonbury, took part in a varied selection of methods, including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. Some excellent striking was noted by many enthusiastic listeners. A service was conducted by the Rev. Preb. Warner, who gave a very encouraging address. Tea was partaken of in the Old School, by the kind hospitality of the Rector, who gave a hearty welcome to members and visitors alike.

Mr. H. Allen, of Colwall, thanked the Rector for his kindness and support given to the Hereford Guild.—Mr. A. Jones, hon. secretary of the district, gave particulars of the annual meeting, to be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, the jubilee festival of the Guild, and impressed upon those present that a special effort should be made to attend the festival and rally round the general secretary, who has done great work for the Guild.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.

HEADQUARTERS.—ANDERTON'S HOTEL, FLEET STREET.

Members and friends are invited to use this hotel as a meeting place. A notice board will be erected in the hall, and usually one member of the undermentioned committee will be present.

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SATURDAY.—For particulars of the arrangements regarding the dedication of the William Pye Memorial Bells, see other notices in 'The Ringing World.'

The bells of St. Magnus', London Bridge, will be available 7-8 p.m.

SUNDAY.—Service ringing—St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes, Strand; and St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, City, all at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Notification as to other towers will be posted at headquarters.

MONDAY.—Ringing—St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 9.30-10.45; St. Bride's, Fleet Street, 11-12; Westminster Abbey, 12.15-1.15; Imperial Institute, 2.30-3.30; St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, 6.30-7.30.

Tour of the Tower of London, 4 o'clock

Standing Committee meeting at 8 o'clock at the Coffee Pot.

TUESDAY.—Standing Committee meeting, 9.45, Council Chamber, Guildhall. Council meeting, 11. Members are asked to be in their places by 10.50.

Ringing after the Council meeting, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30-7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Clement Danes, 7-8; St. Paul's Cathedral, 7.30.

Social at headquarters, 8 o'clock—Mrs. Hughes will give old and new favourites, Mr. R. Richardson will show well-known and other ringers, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith will demonstrate his unique ringing machine.

COMMITTEE.—Mr. A. A. Hughes (chairman), Messrs. E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, G. H. Cross, C. H. Kippin, F. M. Mitchell and T. W. Taffender.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Lincoln on Saturday, May 16th, when a large gathering of members and friends were present from various towers in the branch. The Elloe Deaneries Branch was represented by Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Guild), Mrs. Richardson and Mr. George Ladd.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowt's were available during the afternoon and evening. The ringers joined in the 4 o'clock evensong at the Cathedral, after which between ninety and one hundred members and friends sat down to an excellent tea at the Co-operative Cafe.

The business meeting followed, at which the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry (Northern Branch president) presided.

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1935 were accepted. The former showed that the amount received from subscriptions, etc., was £30 4s. 6d., and the expenditure £39 13s. 10d., leaving a deficit of £9 9s. 4d., which arises from a grant of £10 10s. having been paid towards the bell fund of St. Giles' Church, Lincoln.

Thirty-seven new members (two honorary and 35 performing), said the report, were elected during the year, while 32 (five honorary and 27 performing) have lapsed, the number of members on the register at the end of the year being 328 (16 honorary and 312 performing).

Owing to Mr. Edmund Dawber having very reluctantly tendered his resignation as treasurer, Mr. George Chester was elected as his successor.—The remainder of the officers were re-elected.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 22nd.

The following resolution, passed at a Gainsborough District meeting held the week previous, was brought before the members: 'That it is the opinion of the Gainsborough District that the annual meeting of the branch should be held on the third Saturday in May; if the third Saturday is Whit Saturday, then the fourth Saturday to be substituted.' As an amendment it was proposed and seconded that 'the meeting be held on the fourth Saturday, and should that be Whit Saturday, then the third Saturday to be substituted.' After discussion the amendment was carried.

Votes of thanks to the Cathedral authorities and the incumbents of St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowt's for the use of the bells, the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry for presiding, and the caterers (Mr. George Chester and Mr. J. A. Freeman) for making the necessary arrangements, brought a successful meeting to a close.

MR J. GEORGE IMPROVING.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I desire most sincerely to thank all my ringing friends for their kind letters of sympathy regarding my recent accident. I am thankful to say I am gradually improving, although not yet free from pain.

JAMES GEORGE.

44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

MASONIC HONOUR FOR RINGER.

Hearty congratulations will be extended by the many members of the Masonic craft in the Exercise to W.Bro. Francis S. Wilson, of Wineanton, Somerset, upon the high honour conferred upon him by the Provincial Grand Master of Somerset on Thursday, May 14th, when he was invested with the Collar of the 'Past Rank' of Senior Grand Warden of Somerset.

It is interesting to note that his Masonic career has been in three provinces. He was initiated on October 15th, 1917, in Lodge St. George No. 900, Tewkesbury, in the Province of Gloucestershire. In January, 1920, he joined Montgomerie Lodge No. 1,741, Diss, of which he was installed Master in January, 1926, and was appointed to the rank of Past Grand Deacon in the Province of Norfolk in June, 1929. He thus has the unusual record of receiving Provincial Grand Lodge honours in two provinces.

W.Bro. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Bro. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, were present at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
DOUBTFUL PLEASURES AT HAWLEY.**

While a cricket match was in progress on the village green, the bells of Hawley Church, Hants, on the other side of the road, were ringing on Saturday. Whether they pleased the cricketers is doubtful; the pleasure of the ringers was equally doubtful, for some of the bells badly need attention; the 'circle' of ropes is by no means round, the tenor ringer has to stand in a window recess a couple of feet above the floor level, and the acoustics are bad. Nevertheless, the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild was a happy gathering. Seven of the district towers were represented—Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnborough, Hawley, Seale and Yorktown, and there were welcome visitors from Godalming (represented by the Guildford District Ringing Master), and Hillingdon and Uxbridge, Middlesex. Aldershot contributed a round dozen of the party, and they came by push bikes, tandem, motor bike and Rolls Royce.

The singing, accompanied by the organist, was a feature of the service, at which the Rev. Thomas, Rector of the neighbouring parish of Minley, officiated. The driver of the Rolls supplied the power for the organ.

There was a merry party of about thirty at tea at the George Inn, and the brief business meeting afterwards was quickly disposed of. The 'plate' was passed round the tea table, and 8s. for the Guild's Benevolent Fund resulted.

The enthusiasts then kept the church bells going until after eight o'clock, when the party dispersed in the quiet of a glorious May evening.

TASMANIAN GOVERNOR'S GIFT TO BELFRY.**IN MEMORY OF EVENINGS SPENT WITH RINGERS.**

Sir Ernest Clark, Governor of Tasmania, who received the English tourists at his official residence in November, 1934, and who has since been interested in the Ringers' Society at Holy Trinity Church, has presented them with a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' newest book, 'Legends o' the Bells.'

In forwarding his gift to Mr. A. R. Wilson, the hon. secretary, Sir Ernest Clark wrote: 'I thought that the bellringers of Trinity might like this book. Will you hand it over to them at Easter in memory of the two evenings I spent in your belfry. I have inscribed it on the front page.'

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Wilson sent Sir Ernest a copy of 'A Great Adventure,' which, we learn, found a place on the drawing room table at Government House. As readers of that book will remember, Sir Ernest was photographed with the visiting ringers and the picture finds a place in the volume.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that it is 90 years ago this year that Holy Trinity received its bells, which were cast at the White-chapel Foundry.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with 4.6.8 covering, the last before the dismantling of the bells for restoration, was rung at Yorktown, Surrey, on April 28th, for the wedding of the Rev. G. A. Ford and Miss M. E. Richards, the youngest daughter of Mr. T. W. Richards, churchwarden of St. George's Church, Camberley, and of Mrs. Richards, of Norton, Gordon Road, Camberley. The Rev. G. A. Ford was formerly assistant priest at St. Michael's, Yorktown, and St. George's Churches, and an hon. member of the Guildford Guild. He is now curate-in-charge of St. Peter's Church, Portland.

The quarter was rung by J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, P. Farr 6, F. J. Ewens 7, Edwin Hunt 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles has also been rung to commemorate the 71st birthday of Mr. H. J. Hunt and the birthday of his grandson, V. Wilkinson: H. J. Hunt 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, F. Farr 4, H. Noakes 5, V. Wilkinson 6, F. J. Ewens 7, Edwin Hunt 8.

On Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles Wells, of Dippenhall (a member of the local band of ringers), and Miss Audrey Lawrence, of Farnham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by eight of his brother ringers immediately after the ceremony: J. Beagley 1, J. Read 2, G. Carter 3, G. Upshall 4, H. Kemp 5, J. W. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Excellent progress is being made with the building of the tower at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, which is to contain thirteen bells (eight of them hung for ringing), already cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A newspaper illustration which has just reached us shows the building operations in progress 63ft. above the street level. The official opening, we learn, is to take place in December.

We understand that a well-known London ringer recently had to appear at the Old Bailey. No charge was brought against him, however, but the City and Lands Commission granted his request that the Central Council should be allowed to use the Council Chamber at the Guildhall for the Whitsun meeting.

A celebrated ringer, with 600 or so peals to his credit, whose proud boast it was that he had never broken a stay, 'blotted his copy-book' last week when he 'busted' one in his own tower on practice night. Wild horses will not drag his name from us.

The Redwinter meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association is postponed owing to a very serious case of illness near the church.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are rehangings the six bells in a new frame at Harpford Church, Newton Poppleford, Devon.

Mr. J. E. Ashcroft writes that in our issue of the 15th inst, a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Warburton, Cheshire, is claimed as the first peal on the bells. The Grappenhall band, he informs us, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on these bells on September 12th, 1896.

Two more Worcester rings of six are to be rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, viz., Ombersley and Norton, near Evesham.

Mr. Arthur Saxby extends a hearty welcome to ringing visitors to Margate for outings or otherwise. A quarter-peal can always be arranged.

The London County Association's practice will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on June 2nd, and not on May 26th as previously announced.

In the report of the peal at Padworth, recorded on page 321, the name of the treble ringer should have been given as Edward W. Richardson.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further names of ringers who have subscribed to 'The Ringing World' from its first number up to to-day have reached us:—

Mr. A. Bowell, Ipswich.
Mr. T. R. Flint, Clepstone, Notts.
Mr. R. Grater, Tiverton, Devon.
Mr. H. A. Hopkins, Whitstable, Kent.
Mr. A. H. Martin, Higham Ferrers, Northants.
Mr. A. A. Saxby, Margate, Kent.
Mr. W. Spice, Tunstall, Kent.
Mr. C. Turner, Dover, Kent.
Mr. C. Tyler, Henfield, Sussex.
Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.

Mr. Bowell began his interest in ringing papers by reading his father's copy of 'Church Bells,' when a boy. He took all the copies of 'Bell News' and 'Campanology,' and has all the issues of 'The Ringing World' except about 20, which 'were lent out and never returned.'

Mr. A. H. Martin is another 'fifty year reader' of ringing papers. He began to take 'Bell News' in 1885 and has never missed a ringing paper weekly since.

CLERGY AND RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As an old clerical ringer, I realise the hopefulness of a letter such as that of Mr. J. P. Pelloc. If only the men in the theological colleges would master, at any rate the rudiments of ringing, it would be a good thing for the Church. The old saying is still true, 'We know not with what we must serve the Lord until we be come thither.'

My own experience is that if a vicar is a ringer and rings regularly and teaches his learners himself, not only will there be no trouble in his tower, but he will gather around him a band of men who will be invaluable to the Church in many ways. Handbell practices for boys leaving the choir and others will bring him into touch with those he wants to know and help, and the influence spreads, because it leads to real love and friendship. Men are sometimes shy of the clerical collar, but seldom of the Vicar in his shirt sleeves.

With one thing in the letter I do not agree—we cannot all be great composers or outstanding conductors, but most of us can learn to ring a few methods, to call simple touches and to strike accurately. I do not think we ought to aim at less, or that visits from clergy who cannot do that are of much use in the tower. You can always make time if you want to. All good wishes for those who are learning to ring at Cuddesdon.

I enclose my card, but prefer to sign myself,

'ONE WHO HAS FOUND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE TOWER.'

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1935.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Number Corresponding with Last Column.	ASSOCIATION.	Number of Conductors	MAXIMUS.	CINQUES.	ROYAL.	CATERPIL.	MAJOR.	TRIPLES.	Grand Total of Peals.	Number Corresponding with First Column																														
			Surprise Kent Treble Bob Plain Bob Stedman Grandshire Cambridge Surprise Miscel. Kent Treble Bob Plain Bob St. Clements Bob Stedman Grandshire Erin London Surprise Bristol Cambridge New Cambridge Yorkshire Superlative Norfolk Spiced Sundry New Surprise Meth. Kent Treble Bob Orford Kent & Ox. T.H. Sundry Maj. Meths. Dorset Norwich Plain Bob Sundry Plain Meths. Stedman Grandshire Sundry Methods MINOR DOUBLES HANDBELLS																																					
1	Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	12							18	1																														
2	Bath and Wells	24							58	2																														
3	Bedfordshire	9							19	3																														
4	Cambridge U. Guild	3							3	4																														
5	Chester Diocesan	23							65	5																														
6	Cleveland and N. Yorks	3							3	6																														
7	Devonshire	5							10	7																														
8	Dudley and District	2							6	8																														
9	Durham and Newcastle	7							15	9																														
10	East Derby & Notts.	1							1	10																														
11	Ely Diocesan	9							27	11																														
12	Essex County	40							80	12																														
13	Gloucester & Bristol	11							38	13																														
14	Guilford Diocesan	24							32	14																														
15	Hereford Diocesan	20							50	15																														
16	Hertford County	25							70	16																														
17	Irish Association	1							1	17																														
18	Kent County	64							155	18																														
19	Ladies' Guild	1							1	19																														
20	Lancashire Assoc.	42							95	20																														
21	Lincoln Diocesan	31							107	21																														
22	Llandaff & Monmouth	12							27	22																														
23	London County	9							13	23																														
24	Middlesex County	19							43	24																														
25	Midland Counties	38							90	25																														
26	North Notts.	5							11	26																														
27	North Staffs.	5							12	27																														
28	Norwich Diocesan	28							80	28																														
29	Oxford Diocesan	34							111	29																														
30	Peterboro' Diocesan	18							32	30																														
31	St. Martin's Gld. B'ham.	22							21	31																														
32	Salisbury Guild	28							64	32																														
33	Shropshire Association	5							8	33																														
34	Stafford Archdeaconry	11							24	34																														
35	Soc. Royal Cumberland	7							8	35																														
36	Scottish Association	1							1	36																														
37	Suffolk Guild	34							89	37																														
38	Surrey Association	12							21	38																														
39	Sussex Association	27							77	39																														
40	Swansea and Brecon	6							10	40																														
41	Tarbo Diocesan Guild	7							7	41																														
42	Warwickshire Guild	6							8	42																														
43	Win. & Portsm'th Dio.	15							45	43																														
44	Worcester & Districts	20							66	44																														
45	Yorkshire Assn.	38							88	45																														
46	Unaffiliated Societies	15							19	46																														
47	Non-Association	13							47	47																														
TOTAL			4	4	1	34	1	18	3	12	2	12	1	49	32	1	46	25	102	3	14	60	3	8	7	10	112	22	7	3	90	152	5	157	207	12	381	183	82	1863

NOTES.

a-4 Methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative

b-Carisbrooke Delight

c-Hereward Bob

d-Hereward Bob and Plain Bob

e-Wembley

f-Eryri

g-Lincolnshire

h-Crayford

i-Dartford Little Bob and Little Bob

j-Union & Canterbury Pleasure

k-Oxford Bob

l-4 Methods as (a)

m-6 Methods as (a) with Ealing and Rutland

n-Belvedere

o-Huntingdon

p-Claybrook and Buckingham

q-Forward

r-Chesterfield Bob & Dbl. Oxford

s-2 Methods, Cambridge and Superlative

t-Ashted (2), Painswick and Rutland

u-Beaconsfield and Melbourne

v-Darlaston Bob

w-Cambridge (2), Rochester Superlative

x-Sudfolk

y-Huntingdon, Lincoln and Dnn-wich

z-Superlative

aa-Yorkshire

ab-Court Bob

ac-Kent and Oxford

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							Total	DOUBLES								Total	Grand Total of Peals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Bath and Wells ...	2	1	8	1	—	—	8	5a	20	8	4	4	1	—	—	—	17	37
Bedfordshire ...	8	2	—	1	—	1	4	13	11	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	18
Chester Diocesan ...	2	2	2	7	3	—	3	7b	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28
Cleveland & N. Y.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Devonshire Guild ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Dur. and Newc. ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
E. Derbys. & N'ts.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ely Diocesan ...	8	2	2	3	1	—	4	1c	21	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	22
Essex Association ...	5	2	10	6	2	—	6	—	31	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	36
Glos. & Bristol ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	16	17
Guildford Dio. ...	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	7
Hereford Dio. ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	25	1	1	—	—	—	—	27	29
Hertford County ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	4	5
Kent County ...	18	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	21	5	2	3	1	—	—	—	11	32
Lancashire ...	4	—	2	2	—	—	2	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	11
Lincoln Diocesan ...	10	—	3	1	3	—	24	15d	58	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	5	61
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5
Middlesex County ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Midland Counties ...	11	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	20	7	1	1	—	21	—	—	31	31
North Notts. ...	1	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
North Staffs. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Norwich Diocesan ...	4	1	4	—	—	—	1	3	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	14
Oxford Diocesan ...	6	2	1	—	3	1	12	2e	27	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	31
Peterborough Dio.	3	—	1	—	1	—	2	1f	8	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	4	12
Salisbury Dio. ...	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	5	5	9	2	1	—	—	—	22	27
Shropshire Assoc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	8	8
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suffolk Guild ...	2	—	4	6	5	1	8	—	25	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	27
Surbiton Assoc. ...	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6
Sussex County ...	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	13
Swansea & Brecon	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Truro Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Warwickshire ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Winchr. & P'm'b.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	5
Worcester & Dis.	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	7	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	18
Yorkshire Assoc.	1	1	—	—	—	—	16	2g	20	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	23
Unaffiliated ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Non-Association	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	2h	10	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	12
TOTAL ...	113	20	41	87	19	6	105	35	381	106	37	24	11	2	3	188	584	

(a) One in 15 methods, two in 12, two in 11. (b) One in 42 methods, one in 40, one in 36, one in 17, one in 14, two in 9. (c) One in 8 methods. (d) One in 28 methods, one in 27, two in 26, two in 23, one in 20, one in 18, one in 15, four in 14, one in 12, one in 10. (e) One in 9 methods, one in 8. (f) One in 9 methods. (g) One in 10 methods, one in 9. (h) One in 32 methods, one in 12. (i) One in 12 methods, one in 11. (j) One in 9 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Association.	MAX		CINQUES		ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR		TRIPLES		TOTAL
	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	London & Cambridge	Treble Bob	Double Norwich	Grandsire	Plain Bob	
Anc. Soc. Col. Y. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bath & Wells ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Can. Univ. Gld. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chester Dio. ...	—	—	—	1 2c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Durham & N'cle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ely Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Guildford Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hereford Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hertford Co. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1a
Kent County ...	1	—	—	1d	3	—	—	1	5	—	1	1	8
Lancashire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Lincoln Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Middlesex Co. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Midland Co's. ...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Norwich Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
S. Martins, B'ham	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Unaffiliated Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL ...	1	4	1	3	5	5	2	1	6	2	1	1	8

(a) One method
(b) One in one method
(c) One Oxford and one Kent
(d) One Kent

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE, 1935.

The following report of the Analysis and Records Committee upon the peals rung in 1935 will be submitted to the Central Council at their meeting on Whitsun Tuesday.

There has been a slight increase in the number of peals rung in 1935, as compared with 1934.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1935.		1934.	
	Tower.	Handbells.	Tower.	Handbells.
Maximus ...	9	1	12	—
Cinques ...	35	5	23	6
Royal ...	46	8	61	5
Caters ...	82	7	68	9
Major ...	669	41	724	47
Triples ...	376	12	324	7
Minor ...	381	5	355	7
Doubles ...	183	3	130	6
Total ...	1,781	82	1,697	87

TOWER BELLS.

Peals of Maximus have decreased by 3; Cinques have increased by 12; there are 17 more peals of Stedman, and 5 less of Grandsire Cinques. Royal have decreased by 15—Surprise by 5 and other methods by 10. Caters have increased by 14—Stedman by 9, Grandsire by 4, and there is one peal of Erin. In Major there has been a decrease of 55. Surprise methods have decreased by 54—London 6, Bristol 7, Superlative 9, and others 32. Only 10 new Surprise methods were rung, compared with 22 in 1934. Treble Bob have increased by 9 and Plain Bob by 10, whilst Double Norwich have decreased by 17. Stedman Triples have increased by 4, Grandsire Triples by 44, and other Triples methods by 4. Minor have increased by 26. There is a decrease of 1 in one method and 6 in seven methods, and an increase of 10 in two methods, 8 in three methods, 5 in four methods, 3 in five methods, and 7 in methods over seven. There is an increase in peals of Doubles, viz., 53—21 in one method, 8 in two methods, 18 in three methods, 3 in four methods, 1 in five methods, and 2 in over five.

HANDBELLS.

The number of handbell peals has again decreased, but this year by five only.

ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kent County Association again head the list with 159 peals, a decrease of 4 on last year's total. The Oxford Guild follow with 111, an increase of 14 over last year, and the Lincoln Guild with 107, an increase of 11. These are the only associations with over 100 peals. Twenty-six associations show an increase, the most noticeable being the Salisbury Guild, with an increase of 40, and the Sussex with an increase of 33. Eighteen societies show a decrease, the principal being the Middlesex Association with 49 less, and the Durham and Newcastle and Midland Counties with 21 less each.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

There were no progressive lengths during the year.

NEW METHODS.

- 5,152 Huntingdon Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, January 10th.
5,088 Lincoln Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, February 14th.
5,056 Belvedere Surprise Major, by the Middlesex Association, February 14th.
5,152 Buckingham Surprise Major, by the Midland Counties Association, May 6th, 1935.
5,248 Carisbrooke Delight Major, by the Chester Guild, August 17th.
5,088 Beaconsfield Surprise Major, by the Oxford Guild, August 31st.
5,216 Spliced Ealing, London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise Major, by the Middlesex Association, July 27th.
5,040 Hereward Bob Triples, by the Chester Guild, October 5th.
5,000 St. Clement's Bob Royal, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, October 18th.
5,024 Dunwich Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, October 28th.
5,136 Eryri Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 19th.
5,184 Claybrooke Surprise Major, by the Midland Counties Association, November 23rd.
5,088 Wembley Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 30th.
5,024 Melbourne Surprise Major by the Oxford Guild, December 5th.
5,184 Crayford Surprise Major, by the Kent County Association, December 21st.

HANDBELLS.

- 5,088 Richmond Bob Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 2nd.
5,088 Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 8th.

GENERAL.

The only long length rung during the year was 10,368 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Horringer, for the Suffolk Guild.

Noteworthy performances include peals of Minor in 40 and 42 methods by the Chester Guild, and a peal of Spliced London and (Continued on next page.)

ANOTHER NEW SPLICED MINOR RECORD**YOUNG BAND'S SUCCESS AT ALGARKIRK.**

The splicing of Minor methods goes ahead by leaps and bounds. There are several enthusiastic bands of 'spicers' in the country, and their efforts are aided and abetted by the genius of Mr. A. G. Driver. Last Saturday, at Algarkirk, Lincolnshire, a new record in the

Another thing which adds to the merit of the performance is that four of the band are Sunday service ringers at the church where the peal was rung, and another comes from the neighbouring village of Frampton.

Unity of purpose and a determination to make progress underlies success of this kind, and another factor has been suggested to us by

**ALGARKIRK PARISH CHURCH.**

number of methods included in seven true 720's was raised to 48. It is another great performance by the youthful company, of which Mr. Vernon Taylor has proved himself so capable a leader.

One of the 720's included no fewer than 13 methods, and another had 12 spliced into it. Altogether there were 168 changes of method.

It was the fiftieth peal by two of the band, the rest cannot claim even this number. Indeed, the conductor has rung only 26, while the ringer of the 2nd rang his first peal in seven methods 'inside' only twelve months ago.

a correspondent. It ought hardly to be whispered—for fear of what might happen, but—they are all bachelors!

The bells at Algarkirk were a ring of five until they were augmented to commemorate the late King's Silver Jubilee, and this great performance was the first peal upon them. Our picture shows the church to be a handsome building with a central tower. The bells are rung from the floor of the church, at the entrance to the chancel, and on Sundays, therefore, the ringers perform their duties in full view of the assembling congregation.

ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

(Continued from previous page.)

Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells by the Hertford County Association.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1935 and 1934:—

	1935.	1934.		1935.	1934.
January	... 124	144	July	... 86	71
February	... 160	153	August	... 125	136
March	... 152	120	September	... 158	161
April	... 99	171	October	... 149	150
May	... 257	142	November	... 192	199
June	... 174	122	December	... 187	215

FOOTNOTES.

There is a very substantial increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peals. The total is 643, an increase of 140. Of this total 200 accomplished their first peal on the treble, 107 on the tenor, and 336 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 877, a decrease of 199. Of these 101 are claimed as first peal in a method for the treble ringer in either plain or treble bob hunts, and 776 on an 'inside' bell. Ringers of their first peal 'inside' number 70, away from the tenor 18, Maximus 14, Cinques 7, Royal 25, Caters 25, Major 64, Triples 34, Minor 86, Doubles 41. On twelve bells 18, ten 62, eight 59, six 8, five 13. Surprise (excluding those who rang the treble and claimed first of Surprise) 32, in hand 21, in method in hand 42. New conductors number 82, and conductors in new methods 108.

Other footnotes show that 47 were the first on the bells, 107 the first in the method on the bells, 43 the first since restoration or augmentation.

For the Royal Jubilee 202 peals were rung, Royal birthdays 25, birthdays 240, weddings (including silver, etc.) 126, muffled and half-muffled peals number 67, church festivals and dedications 20, welcome and farewell 50, Empire Day 3.

It would seem from the tables that very few methods are in common use, and with the large amount of material now available in the books published by the Council, we look forward to a greater variety of methods in the future. This would at least be some compensation to those members who have given so much time in preparing these books.

Included in the analysis is a peal of Minor rung at Wistaston for the Chester Guild on July 13th, published in 'The Ringing World,' page 471, and stated to contain three 480's of Little Bob. We are unable to find any intimation from the Guild that this peal is not recognised by them, and we should be glad of the Council's instructions.

We give below the number of peals rung in each of the representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 66,984:—

1881	... ..	158	1919	... ..	1,048
1898	... ..	1,002	1921	... ..	1,632
1905	... ..	1,519	1932	... ..	2,202
1913	... ..	2,358	1934	... ..	1,784
1917 (war year)	... ..	130	1935	... ..	1,863

(Signed)

EDITH K. FLETCHER.

GEORGE R. PYE.

CHAS. DEAN.

G. L. GROVER.

DEDICATION CEREMONY AT WALMER.

On Wednesday evening, May 13th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the Parish Church, Walmer, Kent. A peal board recording a half-muffled peal and portrait of the late Mr. A. J. Matthews, J.P., was dedicated by the Vicar (Canon Tonks).

The peal board was the work of Mr. James Arthur, of Deal, who took part in the peal.

Mr. Matthews was a great admirer of church bells and met all expenses of the recent restoration. Thanks to the generosity of the relatives, his name will always be linked with the Walmer belfry.

THE SPICED PEALS RESOLUTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It seems quite futile to hope that Mr. James Hunt will ever understand that the object of the resolutions introduced by me at the last Council meeting was to define a spliced peal for the future, and not to condemn any that had already been rung. He again states that I condemn the various peals of Spliced Kent and Oxford, and I, therefore, can only conclude that he does not know the meaning of the word he so frequently uses. There is nothing in the resolutions to prevent these peals being rung; the question is whether they shall be called 'spliced' or be given some other definition. I would again remind Mr. Hunt that if his so-called amendment had been carried, all the variations of Major which he eulogised last week, the Ilkeston, Liversedge and Worcester variations, would have been ruled out, for none of these contain full courses of either Kent or Oxford. It is he who would condemn these peals, and not the supporters of my resolutions.

Another matter on which Mr. Hunt is entirely misinformed he again refers to this week. He quotes the case of a peal, in which I took part, in ten Surprise Major methods, and states that there were only 160 changes of one method. This is quite correct, the method in question was Yorkshire, and the M to W lead was rung five times. If one lead only was rung, then all the method would be rung, but I will let that pass. Mr. Hunt's point is that as only five leads were rung, then none of the bells could do all the work of the method. Again this is quite correct. But let us go further. The Law James peal in four methods, which was the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung, and which was the forerunner of all such peals, contains, in its original form as rung at Warnham, 50 courses. In each of these courses there is a lead of Cambridge (or Superlative), M to W, and as the 7th and 8th are fixed bells, it follows that none of the five working bells can ever occupy the places of 7 and 8. Therefore, none of the bells do all the work of the method, and exactly as much of the work of the method (Yorkshire) is rung in the peal referred to by Mr. Hunt as is rung of Cambridge or Superlative in the Rev. H. Law James' peal. Is Mr. Hunt going to rule out this peal? And, if not, why not? Is he prepared to rule out all the best performances of Minor, including the 42-method peal rung at Disley last year? In this peal each of the 720's contained at least one method of which only three leads were rung.

It is, as a matter of fact, impossible to obtain true multi-method peals on any other plan—the more methods in a peal, the more limited is the work of a method—and it is utter foolishness for Mr. Hunt to waste his time framing 'amendments' which, if adopted, would only exclude such peals from the spliced class. His sneers at superior peals, too, are decidedly in bad taste, for whatever he thinks about them, there have been peals of Spliced Minor, Major and, lately, of Royal rung, which will test the abilities of the best, and all these peals contain the same 'defect' that has caused Mr. Hunt so much worry.

As far as the resolutions over my name are concerned, they seek to define a spliced peal, with the object of keeping peals, with a change of method every few leads, in a different class to those with only one or two changes throughout. Mr. Stephen Wood's ingenious idea may meet the case—I do not know until it has been further considered—but it is obvious that any more 'amendments' of the nature proposed by Mr. Hunt at Shrewsbury will only confuse the issue. In any event, amendments should be amendments, and not fresh resolutions, and anything that introduces another matter entirely should be ruled out of order, unless proper notice has been given. C. T. COLES.

Highams Park.

SPICED RINGING.

Dear Sir,—It is pretty clear what is in Mr. Hunt's mind and I believe that other people share more or less his opinions, but I think that, if he will look a little more closely into the matter, he will find that it is based on a fallacy.

When we rang our peal in twelve Spliced Surprise methods we rang some of the methods only between the Middle and the Wrong, therefore it is obvious, as Mr. Hunt says, that everyone in the band could not have rung the whole of those methods. But we never claimed that everyone did; in fact, no one did. What we did claim was that the band as a whole had rung the whole of the methods, and if we had only rung one lead the claim would have been a good one. With the possible exceptions of Duffield and Forward, there never was a peal of Major rung where every man in the band rang the whole of the method. The work of the treble in London Surprise is just as much a part of the method and just as important as the work of the tenor, but the treble man does not do the tenor man's work nor the tenor man the treble man's work.

The other day I went to Staines prepared to do anything I was asked to do in the work of seven methods. At the finish I found that I had not done the work of three leads in at least one of the methods. It just happened so according to the composition. Similarly I might ring the seventh to a peal of Bob Major and never be called upon to make second's or to dodge in 3-4; or the tenor to a peal of Double Norwich and never make near places from the front. But no one would say that a peal of Bob Major or Double Norwich had not been rung. It is the band as a whole that rings the peal, not eight separate individual ringers. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

CALLED BY TELEPHONE.

NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

Calls by the telephone are put through by the million every day—we are not sure if this statistic is quite right, but it is near enough. A different 'call' went over the 'phone to Twyford the other evening, following the preliminary notification after 'Number, please?'

A peal of Double Norwich had been rung at the Parish Church—the first in the method on the bells, by the way—and the ringers afterwards engaged in handbell ringing at the home of Mr. Cross. A friend rang up to enquire how the peal had progressed. He was informed, of course, that it had been 'landed' successfully, and he was then asked to call a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, which he did.

The ringers stood close round the instrument, while someone listened at the receiving end to pass on the calls, as they were made by the distant conductor. The bells, it was said, were heard at the other end of the wire perfectly clearly.

It was an interesting experiment, but it might prove expensive if extensively practised; if, for instance, William Barber in Newcastle called a peal of Stedman Triples rung in London!

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, on Saturday, April 25th. Despite the wet afternoon, about sixty assembled. The bells were made good use of up to the time of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Vicar, who also gave an admirable address. A move was then made to the Institute, where an excellent tea was served and enjoyed to the full.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and his kindly welcome, to the organist for his assistance, to the lady helpers in preparing tea, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker.

Handbells were brought into use to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, after which a return was made to the tower, when a variety of methods were indulged in, including a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The next meeting (the annual) is provisionally arranged to take place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th.

BELLS BROADCAST.

THE RECEPTION FROM ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL.

The ringers of St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, wish to acknowledge the correspondence sent to Mr. F. Skidmore re their broadcast of Stedman Triples on Sunday, May 3rd. The messages came from a very wide field, Doncaster and Sheffield, Yorks; Harwich, Essex; Reading, Berks; Yeovil, Somerset; Buckfastleigh, Devon; Cardiff, Glamorgan; and Stinchcombe, Glos.

The remarks were generally of a congratulatory nature, some thought the 'time too fast,' others what a 'good tenor,' 'wonderful tapping,' 'no knots in it,' and a 'real treat,' so altogether the results were very satisfactory. The reception was all that could be desired, and the announcer did not take up too much time.

One p.c. received looked as if the sender had something out of the ordinary in the way of radio sets. We have come to the conclusion, say the ringers, that it was a 'Wolsley Hornet Two-Ear Set,' fitted with a tele-type apparatus, for we received all the 'sixes' pricked out and the bobs marked. We think the set was somewhere in the region of St. George's Park, Bristol, or 'some draught Worthington.'

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Dover on Saturday, May 23rd. St. Mary's (8) available from 3.15, St. James' (6) after tea. Service 4.30. Meat tea in the Dutch Room, Crypt Cafe, 5.15 (1s. 6d.). See the new channel ferry boats now lying in Wellington Dock, five minutes from cafe.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 37th annual meeting will be held at Polebrooke, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m.—L. S. Clark Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rawtenstall, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. with tea to follow.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop Stortford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at the Cafe Regent at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Cheap excursions from Grimsby.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow Bardolph on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, the Rev. J. W. Sturgis-Jones. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

ALDENHAM.—Herts Association.—Saturday, May 23rd. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 in Village Club. Bells available till 8.30. Nearest stations, Bushey or Radlett. Bus service to church every half-hour.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Church House 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Eaton Bray (6) in the evening if desired.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, May 23rd. 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham, near Ely, Cambs, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Crown Inn 5 p.m. Please come and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wallingford to-morrow, Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Amersham meeting cancelled. Next practice meeting at Stoke Poges, Saturday, May 23rd, 8 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, May 23rd, usual arrangements. A big crowd requested.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged for St. Paul's, Walkden, for Saturday, May 23rd, has been postponed to May 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Darlington on Saturday, May 23rd. Meet at St. Cuthbert's at 2.30. Committee meeting in Holy Trinity Choir Vestry at 4. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.30. Tea in the Cameron Hotel, Skinnergate, at 5.15.—G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Sunday ringing at 5.30 p.m., on May 24th. Monthly practice at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28th. All ringers welcome.

JOINT MID-WEEK MEETING.—Hertford County and Essex Associations.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Hitchin on Wednesday, May 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made.—Geo. Dent and Don Mears, Hon. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined practices.—In view of the support given to these meetings the following arrangements have been made:—Barkway, Thursday, May 28th, 7 to 9 p.m.; St. Ippolyt's, Wednesday, June 3rd, 7 to 9; Great Wymondley, Wednesday, June 10th, 7 to 9; Hitchin, June 22nd, 7.30 to 9. Cut this out as it will not appear again.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone.—The memorial bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. After the service tea will be provided by Canon Brown (Vicar) and the churchwardens to those who send their names to either the undersigned by Tuesday, May 26th. The bells will be available after tea, and arrangements will be made for all present to take part in the ringing. All ringers and friends are invited. Particulars of trains and other means of conveyance are given elsewhere.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Hon. Secs. to Memorial Committee.

ST. VEEP, NEAR LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 3 p.m. Ring of six bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on Saturday, May 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 p.m., with address by the Bishop of Dover. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, May 27th, first post. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wybunbury (six bells) on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Swan Hotel, at 1s. each. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 28th, so that I shall know the number to be catered for?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malinslee, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, May 26th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Tetsworth dedication of bells (6) will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom, 9d. per person. Please notify Vicarage, Tetsworth, Oxford, by May 27th. Ringing after tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at St. Mary's, Balderstone. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Will towers please send a representative and so ensure the success of this meeting?—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nail Street, Milnrow.

LADIES' GUILD.—The date of meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield, to celebrate the tenth anniversary since formation of Northern District is necessarily changed to May 30th. Usual arrangements. All welcome. Cards for tea to J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9.

TUCKINGMILL, NEAR CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, at 3 p.m. the Bishop of Truro will dedicate the two new bells which have been installed by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to a ring of eight.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1886).—The Jubilee will be celebrated at Hereford on Whit Monday. Ringing at City towers during the day. 2 p.m. Business meeting at St. Peter's Church House. 4.15 p.m., choral evensong at Cathedral; preacher, the Bishop. 5.30 p.m., meat tea at the Town Hall, presided over by the Bishop, price 2s. 6d., but members who apply for tickets beforehand will pay only 1s. Apply by May 28th (without sending money), to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, June 1st. Central Committee meet in the Parish Hall, Market Place, at 10.45 a.m. Service in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, with address by Canon Smalley Law, D.D., Rector of Thorpe Malsor. Lunch at the George Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Application for lunch tickets (with remittance 2s. 6d.) to be made to the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 26th. This is important. The bells available are: Kettering (10) throughout the day, Rothwell (8), Burton Latimer (8), Weekley (6), and Barton Seagrave (5), after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service in Parish Church 11.45. Dinner at Forte's Cafe 12.30. Sidmouth (8) and Sidbury (6) bells available.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), and Little Waltham (6). The service will be held in the Cathedral

at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. Canon J. H. Barrow, Vicar of Stansted, followed by the meeting in the Chapter House. Lunch at 1.15 p.m. (approximately) at the Golden Fleece. Will all those requiring lunch kindly notify me by Thursday, May 28th, in order that adequate arrangements can be made?—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk (eight bells, tenor 17 cwt.) on Whit Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. Service at 12.15 p.m. Dinner at the Golden Lion Hotel for those who notify me not later than Thursday, May 28th. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d.—J. Reed, Acting Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Collin's Cafe. It is most essential, owing to the accommodation, that those requiring tea should let me know by Thursday, June 4th, at the latest. All ringers and friends are invited.—J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Hotel at 5.30, followed by a short business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, June 4th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea, 1s. per head, for those who notify me by Tuesday, June 2nd.—Margaret E. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Moreton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., Bishop's Stortford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 o'clock. Gentlemen cordially invited. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 2nd.—Mrs. M. L. Cross and Miss H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

LADIES' GUILD.—Tenth anniversary of formation of Northern District Ladies' Guild.—Meeting will be held on June 27th at Handsworth, Sheffield (as originally). All ringers and friends welcome. Cards for tea to J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting, which was to have been held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, has been postponed until August Bank Holiday.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec.

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DEATH OF MR. P. PRESTON.

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The death took place very suddenly on Tuesday, May 5th, at the age of 62 years, of Mr. P. Preston, of Stone, Staffs. He was a change ringer at St. Michael's Church for 35 years and leader of the tower for 20 years. He retired from leadership some time back, but was made a life member of the association.

He was ringing in the tower on April 5th for the dedication of the bells after their rehangings, and on Sunday, May 3rd, for Mayor's Sunday. His loss to the belfry will be deeply felt by the local band, all of whom he taught to ring.

The interment took place on Saturday, May 9th, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung with the bells half-muffled throughout the afternoon.

On Sunday morning the Rector visited the tower and offered prayers. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was then rung: J. Moulson 1, H. Hodson 2, C. Templeton 3, R. Baker 4, W. Buckley 5, J. Head 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, H. Ogbourne 8.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church on Rogation Sunday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. T. Rogers 1, F. W. Stemp 2, Mrs. C. L. Guy 3, F. A. Burnett 4, L. P. Cook 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, C. H. Shepherd 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by G. T. Rogers and E. R. Warner.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, May 17th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: L. Harris 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss O. Ashbrook 3, F. R. Blewer 4, E. J. King 5, W. D. Grainger 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, H. Gibson 8, T. W. Taffender 9, E. H. Peters 10. Arranged for Mr. H. Gibson, who was on a visit from Scarborough. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters for ringers of treble, third and seventh. The conducting was shared by the ringers of the fifth and ninth.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 7.5.8 covering, the first by all: Harry Danvers 1, Wilfred Slater 2, Len Taylor 3, Syd Merry 4, Harold Taylor (conductor) 5, John Danvers 6, Albert Taylor 7, George Holmes 8.

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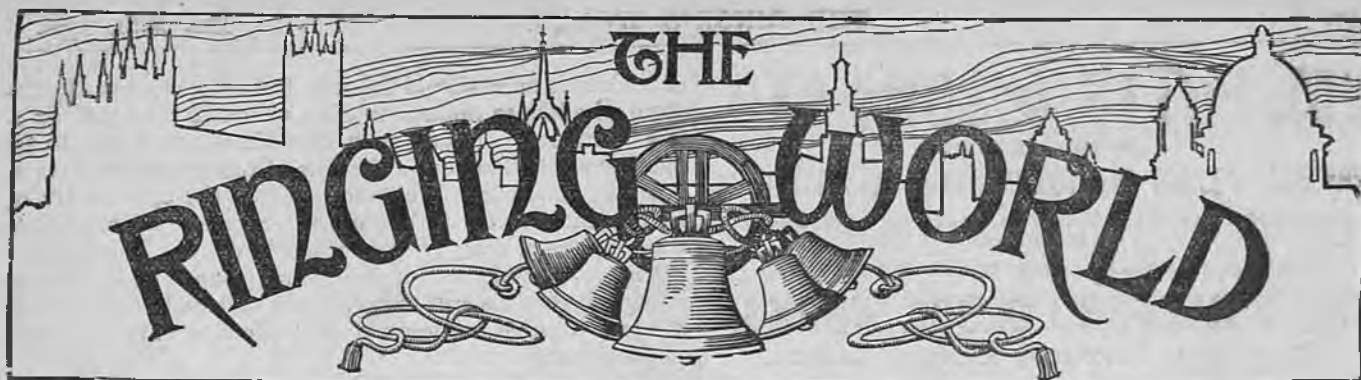
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THE COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Central Council next Tuesday, at London's historic Guildhall, promises to be of great interest, not only on account of the exceptional setting in which it will be held, but because it is a new Council, which will have new blood in it, and it is meeting at a time when the Exercise is more than ever realising the need and value of such a body. The Council has grown from a gathering of ringers, which, in its early days, was looked upon somewhat as the plaything of one man, but which, despite much disparagement in past years, has developed into an organisation of great importance and increasing usefulness.

We have said before, and we think it worth repeating on the eve of the meeting of a new Council, that the whole of the business to which it gives its attention cannot be expected to interest all the members all the time. Some discussions interest one section, and other discussions appeal to another section of different tastes. Indeed, the wider the diversity of topics which come under consideration the more useful the Council can be. If, for instance, scientific questions were eliminated there may be some members who would be delighted—because they are not personally interested in them—but the scientific discussions in the Council in the past have had no small influence in keeping development of the art on proper lines and of very definitely helping it forward. On the other hand a Council which was purely a scientific debating society would soon lose its appeal to the general body of ringers. The scope of the Council's work is such that everyone can find an interest in it in one direction or another, and if there still be any members who find themselves bored by this or that discussion they should bear in mind that the subject, whatever it is, is of interest and probably of value to a considerable section of the Council and the Exercise outside it.

There is one other phase of the organisation of the Council to which we are tempted to refer. In certain quarters there is an undercurrent of opinion that the business of the Council is managed by a small section of its members. It is a view which we have quite frequently heard expressed, yet nothing could be wider of the mark. If ever there was a democratic institution it is the Central Council. The members are elected by their own associations, they come with a free hand, one man's voice is as good as another's—as long as he can express himself intelligently—and the unfettered vote of the majority carries the day. Officialdom, in the sense of 'bossing' the Council, does not exist, and one has only to come into touch with the actual working of the organisation to realise how much those occupying official positions are the servants and not the masters of the Council. This,

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of course, is as it should be, but there are among ringers some who like to think that the Council is managed by a few 'dictators.' In any such body there are bound to be men who will stand out as leaders of thought and of action, but that does not rob any member of the opportunity of leading the Council in another direction—if he has cause good enough and capacity sufficient to do it. The Council has not outlived its usefulness by any means. It has a very important purpose still to serve, and it should be the object of every member to maintain the Council as a worthy head of the ringing Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	HOWARD HOWELL 8
BERT HORTON 3	WILLIAM FISHER 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	HARRY BOSWELL 10
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WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Four Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	JACK A. WAUGH 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 8
HAROLD V. FROST 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 10
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
RICHARD F. DEAL 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Maximus and Surprise.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	* LAWRENCE GREENHOW 6
DANIEL COOPER 2	* JOHN W. EUSTON 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
* HARRY W. SIMMONS 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
EDWARD G. TALBOT 5	WALTER CLAYDEN Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by W. CLAYDON.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Claydon upon their silver wedding anniversary, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Cooper.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ALFRED J. MOY 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	ARTHUR G. KING 7
* R. WILLIAM BARBER 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 8
GEORGE MAYERS 4	HENRY TOOKE 9
† JOHN KENYON 5	HERBERT JARMY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LEEDS SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

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DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5
* NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 2	JAMES E. BAILEY 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed by HERBERT E. ADDSLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN GLUYAS Treble	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS 6
G. HARRY MYERS 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS 4	RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

The first peal of Major on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 150th peal together. † 100th peal. Rung for Empire Day.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. ROMSEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
WALTER RUFFLES 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	THOS. H. CHAPPELL 7
* JOHN FORD 4	JAMES G. ROMSEY Tenor

Composed by Wm. C. ROMSEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Frederick J. Smith, of Ipswich (formerly of Leiston).

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

W. H. HUMBERSTONE Treble	RICHARD F. ROE 5
EDWIN LLOYD 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT 6
KENNETH A. ROE 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER 7
HERBERT W. PERKINS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 5
JACK BAILEY 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
* FREDERICK G. FRETWELL 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First eight-bell peal. Mr. Darby hails from Beddington, Surrey. Rung on the eve of Empire Day and in honour of the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A., Rector of Overseal, being made Canon of Derby Cathedral.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

* JAMES CARROT Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5
JOHN W. CORNFORD 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	* JOHN BLAY 7
* JOHN V. CROSS 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung to mark the anniversary of the long peal of Bristol (15,264), rung in 1912. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. L. Ayre.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 5
FREDERICK PAGE 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH Treble	ALBERT RELFE 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	ALBERT HOAD Tenor

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A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 5
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	*JAMES W. RAITHBY ... 6
EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... 7
*CLIFFORD A. VRSSEY ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells, for the association and by all except the conductor.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	*FRANK BRADLEY ... 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 2	*EDWARD FOSTER ... 6
*WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal of Little Bob Major. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	CECIL RADDOON ... 5
WILFRID J. MOSS ... 2	STANLEY N. HARRISON ... 6
HAROLD JONES ... 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 7
*THOMAS HAIGHTON ... 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the wedding anniversary of the sixth ringers.

SIX BELL PEALS.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*ERIC ALLISON ... Tenor	†JOHN CHURCH ... 4
FRANCIS BEAUMONT ... 2	†PERCY TOMPKINS ... 5
HERBERT SHERMAN ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

JAMES BARBER ... Treble	GEORGE FILBY ... 4
LEWIS J. BATLEY ... 2	DAVID CRACKNELL ... 5
*GEORGE HOWARD ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

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

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ALDINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS G. HOOKER ... Treble	FREDERICK WANSTALL ... 4
WALTER SHERWOOD ... 2	ERNEST J. WANSTALL ... 5
CHARLES SACREE ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

Rung to celebrate the 78th birthday of Mr. J. Wanstall and to mark his retirement after 33 years' service as people's warden. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. G. Hooker, who entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hubert,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

LIONEL H. PINK ... Treble	*WILLIAM M. LIGHT ... 4
J. IVON DAVIS ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 3	*HENRY W. SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in celebration of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Salisbury.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents with different callings.

SYDNEY BAILLESS ... Treble	FRANK BAILLESS ... 4
JOHN H. BAILLESS ... 2	GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 3	C. HENRY WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

Rung to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL VERREY ... Treble	A. RAYMOND TOMES ... 4
*WILLIAM H. BALL ... 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 5
†WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 3	JAMES WM. ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK RIX ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
*SIDNEY FLINT ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
GEORGE A. COOKE ... 3	ROBERT LINGWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' George A. Cooke has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Double Court, 720 of Plain Bob, Double Bob and Oxford Bob, and 720 each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

KENNETH NEWMAN ... Treble	JOHN FRANCIS ... 4
LEWIS BUSH ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	FRED WIGMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

First peal in ten methods by all and for the Ely Association.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's, with all 5-6's at back stroke.
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

* EDWARD J. WALKER Treble	PERCY W. SMITH... .. 4
JACK WALTER 2	CHARLES TURNER... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TERRY 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal on six bells. The first peal of Plain Bob on the bells, the quickest peal on the bells, and the first peal since November 29th, 1913. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 25th peal as conductor.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

HARRY BOYCE Treble	* BENJAMIN WILLIAMS... .. 4
THOMAS R. HENSHER 2	ERNEST STITCH 5
JOHN W. JONES 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon Richard William Jones, B.A., who was inducted Rector of Neath before the peal. Mr. Hensher was on a visit from Finedon.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HORACE GILES Treble	* JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK 4
CHARLES W. SMITH 2	MISS EVELYN STREL 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	CHARLES W. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARK.

* First peal of Minor.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven each of Woodbine, Double Oxford Bob, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

LAURIE NORFOLK Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
FRANCIS G. GLAVES 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP 5
HARRY SHARP 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	GEOFFREY M. MAYER 4
MISS ADELIN A. STOKES ... 2	MOSES BILLINGS 5
WALTER TOMLINSON 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 52 methods: (1) Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Dunottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (2) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise and Waltham, Burslem Delight; (3) Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight and Waterford, Berwyn Treble Bob; (4) Melandra, Castleton, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; (5) Crowland, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (6) Marple, Newdigate, Taxal, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (7) Braintree, Charlwood, Humber, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight.
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

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

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. There were 112 changes of method. Rung on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of the church becoming a separate parish.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 32 methods, viz.: (1) Handley, Milton, Alledale, Westminster; (2) Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Netherseale; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham, Berwick; (4) Chester, Newcastle, Alwicks, Munden; (5) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (6) London, Wells, Onneastre; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY GISHARD Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	* CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDREN ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* 100th peal. First peal in 32 methods for all. First peal in 32 Surprise methods for the Guild and in the county. A birthday peal for the tenor ringer.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

* FRED WELLS Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER 4
† JACK GIDDINGS 2	FRANK A. PENN 5
PERCIVAL HARDING 3	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

RINTFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob (Treble Bob and Plain rung alternately and each called differently).
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN E. TAYLOR... .. Treble	† M. JOE DARVILL 4
* MISS JOAN A. BLACKMAN ... 2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE... .. 5
ALFRED J. RANCE 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal. Rung for eve of Empire Day.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Empire Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Hunt 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Mackrill 3, W. E. Judd 4, H. G. Miles 5, C. H. Dobbie 6, P. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, May 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 9 in G.

*M. B. SEAW (Peterhouse) ...1-2 | REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) ...5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catharines) 3-4 | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES.

Another interesting Triples method is St. Clement's Bob. Like Oxford, which we described last week, it comes from the Minor, with an additional bell in the hunt.

It is always as well to understand something about the construction of a method you want to ring; it gives you a better insight into the ringing of it. In St. Clement's a pair of bells dodge on the front from the time the treble and other hunt bell leave until they return; just as in Oxford you have one pair dodging at the back all the time the hunt bells are away.

To correspond with this dodging—we hesitate to say whether it is cause or effect, and someone would be bound to disagree with us whichever way we put it—three bells (all in natural coursing order, and that is a tip worth knowing by the conductor) make 3rd's and hunt straight back. The whole of the work of the five bells not concerned in the dodging on the front is plain hunting.

The bells start exactly as in Grandsire, with 3rd's place and the bells above dodging. Then the bell that made 3rd's place and the bell that dodged in 4-5 down come together on the front for the three pull dodge, and if the other bells remember that as long as the treble is above them they have to make 3rd's and go back, there is nothing else much to bother about.

The bell that does the three-pull dodge down, on the front, makes 3rd's place when next the treble leads and returns to the front to have the three-pull dodge up. The work of the method can be summed up thus:—

Treble turns you from behind, make 3rd's.

Pass treble 3-4, dodge 6-7 (up), make 3rd's.

Pass treble 4-5, dodge 7-6 (down), make 3rd's.

Pass treble 5-6, dodge 5-4 (down), three-pull dodge down on the front.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 3rd's, and lead, three-pull dodge up on the front.

Pass treble 2-3, dodge 4-5 up, treble then turns you from behind. This is the actual order in which the work occurs in the plain course, in which, of course, the 2nd is in the hunt with the treble.

The bobs are made as in Grandsire, by an extra 3rd's place to change the bell in the hunt. The bell coming out of the hunt double dodges in 5-4 (down), and the other bells also have a double dodge instead of a single one, one dodging place sooner, and taking up the rest of the work in a slightly different order, which it will be worth your while to figure out.

One thing should be noticed and that is that the bells instead of being thrown forward a lead, as in Grandsire and having part of the work cut out, the bells above 4th's in St. Clement's are thrown back and do one lead over again. A bob at the first lead end actually produces 1542567.

If you are looking for a touch for practice you can get a 294, by calling R. (first lead, which brings you immediately to the course end 342567), W., which comes at the second lead in the next course, and Before, which follows two leads later when the 7th is going to make 3rd's from the front. This calling has to be twice repeated. You can get a touch twice the length by calling R. twice, W.B. twice and repeating the whole twice.

As a matter of history we may conclude by recalling that the first peal was rung at Chester in 1911, but very few have been rung since.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

NEW PEAL BY MR. E. C. S. TURNER.

A simplified composition of Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major has been composed by that talented young man, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner. It is a ten-part peal of 5,056 changes.

23456 M W

35642 — 2

42356 2 —

53624 — —

26435 — —

34582 — —

Nine times repeated, omitting the last two courses and the bob at W in the third course of the fifth and tenth parts.

Each course consists of London, Cambridge or Superlative, London, with leads of Bristol inserted where more than one bob is called at M or W in any course.

SPliced MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read your leading article of May 15th, I would point out that the merits of a peal of Spliced Minor cannot be judged by the number of times the methods are changed. There are pairs of Plain methods spliced on the same plan as pairs of Surprise methods; so, of course, in the Plain methods we get twice the number of changes of methods; also, there are four methods (Surprise) spliced in a 720 with 24 changes of method. Two more methods can be added to these in the 720, with half the number of changes of method. There are a few pairs that can be changed at every lead, but no one will say that this is more difficult than to ring six methods in a 720.

H. M. DAY.

Market Deeping.

SPliced PEALS RESOLUTIONS.

Dear Sir,—While in sympathy with Mr. Coles' desire to separate types of so-called 'spliced peals,' my opinion—which really is neither here nor there—inclines to a very broad division. I know that facing two pieces of wood, with glue, is not the same thing as splicing a rope; and that four quarter-peals joined end to end is not the same thing as intertwining the methods. Beyond this I consider it dangerous to go, but am prepared to state that the inclusion of one lone lead would satisfy me that the method had been 'spliced,' provided that the lead was *plained*.

My small son knows that milk is not beer; he may have heard of ale and stout. By experience he will gain knowledge of the various grades in these divisions. With such knowledge he will not need guidance, and until then *he does not particularly care!* Peals of such outstanding merit as the 'Pye' 12-method, the 'Cashmore' handbell, the 'Relfe' 32-method, and others, require no labels for those who can, and do, appreciate what has been done.

I follow the argument, for and against, with interest; but I do object to what may be described as 'fiddling.' Mr. Trollope says that they claimed that the band as a whole had rung the whole of the methods in the twelve Spliced Surprise peal. This is untrue and cannot be claimed with justice, as I suspect Mr. Trollope knows full well.

I have a method (I won't trouble you with figures!) called 'Muddlessex' Surprise Major, of which I am the proud author. It causes a bell to lie four blows behind, and Mr. Trollope knows that he is entirely unable to prove that this method, with fourth-place bobs, was *not* included in that splendid performance!

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch.

MR. HUNT REPLIES.

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of 'The Ringing World' Mr. Coles says he has done nothing except what concerns his resolution. Readers who have followed all his statements on this subject will be able to judge who is right, he or yours truly? I note all that he and Mr. Trollope say, and neither of them can tell me anything fresh about the compositions that they have rung. I say once more the most perfect spliced peal of Major ever rung is Mr. J. W. Parker's Superlative and Cambridge, 2,528 changes of each method. The Rev. Law James' peal I do not object to, but it could be and will be improved on. Its imperfection is the Bristol. It is well known in London that a ringer rang the tenor to the peal and could not ring Bristol, so he looked up the two leads he had to ring. And to this day I do not think he has rung a peal of it.

The Minor men about the country have set an excellent example for any who wish to follow as to how peals should be spliced. They do not ring 1,000 changes of one method and 120 changes of another in their peals. The Staines peal is on the lines that should be followed, an equal number of changes in each method, or near about. And the method can be changed as often as you like. Both Mr. Trollope and Mr. Coles have sneered at me for suggesting that all the method should be rung in a peal. It has come to my knowledge that a four-method Surprise Major composition has been composed in which all the bells do all the work in each method. It only shows what can be done. And whether two methods or 40, it is both spliced; nothing combined, please, but Super Spliced if you like. If Mr. Coles and his friends had drawn up a resolution abolishing the rule that all methods should have Plain Bob lead ends and that leads of methods need not reverse true, it would have been something for the advancement of ringing and have been a credit to them.

JAMES HUNT.

Taunton.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED.

On Saturday, May 16th, a peal board was dedicated at Hathern, Leicestershire, recording the first peal of Bob Minor by two Hathern ringers and the first complete peal to be rung by two local ringers at this church. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Hoole), and ringers came from various towers, including Loughborough, Derby, Anstey, Kingston and Shepshed.

Two years ago the two trebles of the old five were recast and a new treble added at the expense of the Barron Bell Trust.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**RECORD MEETING AT DISS.**

The largest gathering at a Norwich Association branch meeting for many years was seen at Diss on May 16th on the occasion of a general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch. Ringers attended from Alburgh, Dickleburgh, Dersingham, Garboldisham, Hethersett, Newmarket, Norwich, North Walsham, Palgrave, Pulham, Redenhall, Shelfanger, Swaffham, Terrington St. John, Winfarthing, Wroxham, Wymondham and the local band. The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

A shortened form of evening service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Leonard Holt-Wilson), who based his address on Numbers x. 1-10.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall and the business meeting followed. The chairman (Mr. W. L. Duffield) was supported by Mr. N. Golden (branch secretary), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, A. G. Harrison, R. Riches, C. J. More and E. Whiting (members of the committee), the Rev. L. Holt-Wilson (Rector of Diss), the Rev. C. H. Barber (Rector of Winfarthing), Capt. H. W. Ager (Church Army), Mr. C. C. Day, Mus. Bac. (organist), Messrs. G. J. Moss and A. T. Johnson (churchwardens), Mr. H. W. Harrison (clerk) and representatives from Alburgh, Dickleburgh, Palgrave, Pulham, Redenhall, Garboldisham, Shelfanger, Winfarthing and the local band.

It was hoped that a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild could be arranged some time in July.

A number of new members were elected, including a company of seven from Brockdish.

It was solved to draw up a form of service to be used at the association's meetings. The Rev. L. Holt-Wilson was thanked for conducting the service and allowing the bells to be used, while Mr. C. C. Day was also accorded a vote of thanks for his services at the organ.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Tuesday, May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Berwick St. John, Wilts, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. W. Foot: W. Foot 1, F. Burt 2, E. Coward (conductor) 3, R. Foot 4, W. Roberts 5, J. Kiddle 6.

The Rector (the Rev. A. B. Poole), Sir Henry and Lady Crofton and their daughter came to the tower and offered their congratulations to Mr. Foot, afterwards remaining in the belfry during the quarter-peal.

Mr. Foot has been a ringer and a member of the choir at the same church for 65 years. He was present at the first meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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34256817
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45327186
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34257186
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23415678
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23416857
32148675

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13426587
31245678
13254768

13527486

Bob 12357486

5,088

BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456 B 5/4 M H

25463	—	—
34625	x	—
25634	x	—
46325	x	—
53246	x	—
34562	—	—
62534	x	—
56234	—	—
42356	x	—

Repeat twice.

The first peal was rung at Wigston on May 23rd, 1936.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Some misunderstanding seems to have occurred with regard to the use of the bells of St. Magnus', London Bridge, to-morrow, by visitors to the Metropolis for the Central Council meeting. A peal attempt at 4.30 p.m. had previously been sanctioned, so that, if it is successful, it is unlikely to finish much before 8 o'clock. If it is unsuccessful, of course, the bells will be available to other visitors, but we make this announcement to save disappointment to any who may be thinking of going to this church on Saturday evening.

The heavy ring of five at Leamington Hastings Church, Warwickshire, is being rehung with new fittings in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are strengthening the frame and repairing the fittings at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester. This church was the home of the St. Michael's Juniors, made famous by the brothers James, and the band, including Mr. John Austin, which they got around them in the now rather distant years towards the end of last century.

THE CHANDLER FOUNDRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The interesting account of the Chandler Foundry in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' reminds me that four of the five bells in the tower of St. Paul's, Walden, Church, near Hitchin, bear the inscription, 'Chandler made me, 1655.'

The fourth bell was recast by Briant in 1812, and is a full semi-tone too sharp, the local explanation being that a bell from the neighbouring tower of Knebworth was recast at the same time, and they were exchanged on replacement.

A. GILLINGS.
Bolney, Sussex.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Committee Reports.

The following are among the reports to be presented at the meeting of the Central Council next Tuesday—:

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Peals in the methods authorised, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Spliced Surprise, have been collected, typed and copies without the composers' names attached have been sent to each member of the committee for selection.

These selections are gradually coming in, and the book is beginning to take shape.

Mr. J. A. Trollope's article on Variations has been rewritten by that gentleman, and is now on sale.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

During the past year a new edition of the Collection of Minor and Doubles Methods has been prepared and handed to the hon. secretary for publication in accordance with the resolution of the Council.

By rearranging the methods and compositions and by omitting matter which has ceased to be of any great importance since the last edition was issued, it has been possible to reduce the size of the book and consequently the cost, and at the same time to find room for a larger number of 720's of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and a selection of 720's in spliced methods.

A book on the Surprise Major methods has also been prepared and handed to the hon. secretary. It gives 237 methods, 98 peal compositions, an explanation of proof, etc., and a short historical sketch of Surprise ringing. We believe that there is a demand in the Exercise for such a book and that it will find a ready sale.

MR. G. F. WOODHOUSE'S RINGING MACHINES.

WILL NOW RING SPLICED METHODS.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has effected modifications in some of his ringing machines. In Nos. 2 and 4 the screw-in-pegs have been replaced by 'throw over' pegs and the bob keys altered in accordance with suggestions from Mr. A. G. Driver. In No. 5 (now with Mr. Driver at Belvedere), a sliding panel with 'drop in' pegs takes the place of the barrel. In all machines it is possible to splice methods, either by using the bob keys or changing the pegs while the machine is running. I have rung all the spliced 720's published by Mr. A. G. Driver in 'The Ringing World' some time ago. The machines will, therefore, ring, draw diagrams, splice and type out the changes. Nos. 1 and 3 have been scrapped.

BERKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT LAVENHAM.

On Sunday, May 24th, a long talked of visit was made to old-world Lavenham by a few Berkshire ringers. Through the kindness of Mr. S. H. Symonds and his band, several local men were in the tower when the visitors arrived, and 'Go, Stedman Triples,' was called at 10 a.m., the bells coming home at 10.50 after a fine quarter-peal by A. D. Cullum 1, Miss S. Davis 2, W. Andrews 3, W. Jarvis 4, E. J. Taylor 5, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 6, L. Pryke 7, W. Hibbert 8.

The visitors will ever remember their visit to this fine old town, neither will they forget their welcome and the kindness shown them. The church and the bells, the morning service and the Swan, brave old bird, upwards of 400 years old, will remain a happy memory.

ANOTHER RECORD IN MINOR SPLICING.

PEAL IN 52 METHODS.

Yet another wonderful Minor performance has to be recorded this week. In our last issue we reported the setting up of a new record at Algarkirk, Lincs, by the ringing of 48 methods in seven true 720's. Last Saturday, at Marple, members of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang a peal in which no fewer than 52 methods were incorporated. It is, of course, the greatest achievement in splicing that has yet been accomplished, and the ringers will be warmly congratulated upon the performance.

The methods used in the various extents will be found in the record of the peal. Five of the 720's were the same as those used in the 46-method peal rung at Buxton on January 18th, but we give below the two fresh extents (Nos. 2 and 3) which were introduced to add to the number of methods.

Extents Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in the peal were arranged by Mr. K. Lewis, from Mr. A. G. Driver's tables, and the remainder were from Mr. Driver's 42-method peal, except that in No. 4 the three-lead splice was omitted.

No. 2.		No. 3.	
Extent in eight methods, viz.: Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Cambridge, Primrose Surprise, and Waltham, Burslem Delight.		Extent in eight methods, viz.: Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham De- light, and Waterford, Berwyn Treble Bob.	
23456	No. 31 Surfleet S.	23456	No. 8 Berkeley D.
35642	No. 31 Surfleet S.	35642	No. 8 Berkeley D.
42563	No. 30 Hexham S.	42563	No. 7 Kentish D.
26435	No. 22 Waltham D. (4)	26435	No. 16 Waterford T.B.
63254	No. 31 Surfleet S.	63254	No. 8 Berkeley D.
54326	No. 39 Cambridge S.	54326	No. 14 Barham D.
42635	No. 31 Surfleet S.	42635	No. 8 Berkeley D.
35264	No. 30 Hexham S.	35264	No. 7 Kentish D.
56342	No. 22 Waltham D. (4)	56342	No. 16 Waterford T.B.
64235	No. 38 Primrose S.	64235	No. 13 Oswald D.
43652	No. 30 Hexham S.	43652	No. 7 Kentish D.
35426	No. 30 Hexham S.	35426	No. 7 Kentish D.
52364	No. 30 Hexham S.	52364	No. 7 Kentish D.
26543	No. 22 Waltham D. (4)	26543	No. 16 Waterford T.B.
64352	No. 38 Primrose S.	64352	No. 13 Oswald D.
45623	No. 34 Berwick S.	45623	No. 9 Edinburgh D.
52436	No. 34 Berwick S.	52436	No. 9 Edinburgh D.
23564	No. 34 Berwick S.	23564	No. 9 Edinburgh D.
36245	No. 22 Waltham D. (4)	36245	No. 16 Waterford T.B.
64523	No. 38 Primrose S.	64523	No. 13 Oswald D.
42356	No. 35 Beverley S.	42356	No. 10 Pembroke D.
56234	No. 23 Burslem D. (4)	56234	No. 17 Berwyn T.B.
34625	No. 39 Cambridge S.	34625	No. 14 Barham D.
25463	No. 35 Beverley S.	25463	No. 10 Pembroke D.
63542	No. 35 Beverley S.	63542	No. 10 Pembroke D.
34256	No. 39 Cambridge S.	34256	No. 14 Barham D.
56423	No. 23 Burslem D. (4)	56423	No. 17 Berwyn T.B.
23645	No. 35 Beverley S.	23645	No. 10 Pembroke D.
45362	No. 35 Beverley S.	45362	No. 10 Pembroke D.
62534	No. 35 Beverley S.	62534	No. 10 Pembroke D.
23456	No. 35 Beverley S.	23456	No. 10 Pembroke D.

S.—Surprise.
D. (4)—4th's Place Delight.

T.B.—Treble Bob.
D.—3rd's Place Delight.

Altogether, there were in the peal 112 changes of method. The bells at Marple are hung in the tower of the old church, which is not now used for services. The services are held in the new church, which stands next to it.

The bells themselves were cast in 1731 by A. Rudhall and originally hung in the old Parish Church, Stockport. When this church was rebuilt the bells were sold to Marple. Messrs. Taylor and Co. recently rehung the bells, which were reopened early this year.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that we also record this week a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in no fewer than 32 methods (arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver) at Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, when between 30 and 40 met from various towers. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and kept going in various methods until 4.30, when a short service with an address was held in the schools (the church is being cleaned and is closed for several weeks), conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Lee. After tea at the Co-op. Assembly Rooms the vice-president proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, ringers and organist for the arrangements.

A letter of sympathy was read from the president of the Yorkshire Association on the loss of the association's president, and the company stood in silence in remembrance of one who has been their leader for so many years.

After a smoke and a chat, the tower was again visited and the bells kept going until cars, buses and trains separated the company with hopes of meeting again at Kendal in September.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

DEDICATION CEREMONY TO-MORROW.

To-morrow's ceremony at Leytonstone sees the completion of the scheme for providing a memorial to William Pye, one of the greatest ringers of all time.



The Late Mr. William Pye.

The efforts of the Middlesex County Association, of which Mr. Pye was Master, and the Essex Association, in whose area he lived and for which he did so much in helping to raise the standard of ringing, have carried through their efforts in a highly successful manner.

The principal part of the memorial, as our readers are aware, consists of the addition of two trebles to the present six at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, and a suitable tablet in the tower.

The new bells are to be dedicated at a service to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Bishop of Barking, who will receive them from the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) will unveil the tablet. A large and representative gathering of ringers is expected.

EIGHTH LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Amounts previously acknowledged	187	16	0
The Surrey Association	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal	10	0	0
Mr. F. J. Reeve	1	6	0
Mr. Albert Walker	5	0	0
Mr. F. W. Perrens	5	0	0
Mr. A. J. Pitman	5	0	0
The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	2	0	0
Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths	2	0	0
The Ely Diocesan Association	1	1	0
Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.	2	6	0
Mr. W. H. Hewett	5	0	0
Mr. George Martin	5	0	0
The Lincoln Diocesan Guild	2	5	0
Mr. E. E. Holman	2	0	0
The Hertford County Association	1	1	0
The Guildford Diocesan Guild	2	2	0
Mr. Horace Day	2	6	0
Mrs. R. J. Wilkins	2	6	0
The Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch)	2	2	0
St. Michael's, Fobbing, Ringers	12	0	0
Mr. W. Dudley (Prittlewell)	5	0	0
The Worcestershire and Districts Association	1	1	0
St. Mary's, Leyton, Ringers	5	0	0
Canon Brown and Churchwardens, St. John's, Leytonstone	2	2	0
Mr. H. T. Wilson (Prittlewell)	5	0	0
Total	£238	4	0

Acknowledged with sincere thanks,

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Hon. Treasurer.

C. T. COLES, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

E. J. BUTLER, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

Hon. Secretaries.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, May 16th, at the Church of St. John-at-Hackney.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and various methods rung. A short service was conducted by the curate. At the outset of his address he said that he had been told not to speak longer than two minutes. He would do his best to comply with that request, difficult though it was to convey any message in so short a time.

However, it was agreed by the members that both objects were achieved, with happy results.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, at which it was decided to visit St. Mary's, Woodford, for the July meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the curate for the service, and to Mr. Frank Start, of the local band, for making the arrangements, was carried with acclamation.

Further ringing then took place until 9 p.m., the usual variety of methods, from Grandsire Triples to London Major, being rung.

ANOTHER COUNCIL PUBLICATION.

NEW BOOK ON 'VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.'

Another addition to the Central Council publications is now on sale. It is a book on 'Variations and Transposition'—a revised collection of a series of articles, which were specially written for 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. A. Trollope a few years ago.

Many readers will remember that there have, from time to time, been suggestions made for the setting up of a register of compositions, so that an author could, by including his work in such a register, definitely establish his claim to it.

The successful building up of this proposed register was eventually shown to be such a formidable task as to be almost, if not quite, impossible, and by no means the least of the difficulties was that of deciding what was and what was not an original composition.

As a matter of fact, two sets of totally dissimilar figures may be two versions of the same composition; and two sets of figures, exactly alike, apparently, can be different compositions. That is the point to which Mr. Trollope's articles lead us; with this further difficulty in deciding authorship, that, given certain mathematical conditions, there are types of composition which, as it were, produce themselves.

Who, then, is to decide what is original and what is not, and who could be found to search a register so complicated to ascertain an author's right to his productions? That was the great snag to attempting the task suggested.

The whole business of composition has got far beyond the generally accepted conditions of fifty years ago, and there are much subtler points to be taken into account than whether, say, A's peal of Bob Major is the same as B's, with calls at Wrong substituted for calls at Home.

All these matters and a great many more of deep interest, not only to composers and would-be composers, but to anyone who takes an intelligent interest in the art, are discussed in 'Variations and Transposition,' in which the subject is dealt with lucidly and without any more technicalities than are absolutely necessary. It is written, indeed, in a way that makes the subject understood, with a minimum of mental exertion.

The book can be obtained, post free, for 1s. from the Central Council Librarian.

GUILDFORD GUILD AT WITLEY.

Surrey in May has a peculiar fascination, and members and visitors of the Guildford District who assembled at Witley on Saturday enjoyed themselves thoroughly. They came from a wide area. A doctor who learnt to ring at Cranleigh added a Dorset tower to the list in the visitors' book. Portsmouth was well represented, and friends from the Croydon area swelled the party. Local ringers, however, were put to shame by a lady member of the Middlesex Association, who hiked from Guildford without even a companion to tell her fairy stories on the way.

The afternoon and evening was spent according to 'Cocker.' Many found the circle at Witley difficult to manage with the swinging pendulum of the clock occupying the centre of the ringing chamber, but there were enough experts present to ring a good service touch of Stedman and in the evening to indulge their fancy in Superlative.

There were other things, however, to make the visit memorable. The sumptuous tea in the new Village Hall, the cricket match on the Green, the handbell ringing in the bar parlour of the White Hart and the cordiality of the welcome extended by the Vicar (the Rev. P. G. Holden) cannot be lightly passed over.

The Guild service in the beautiful church and the helpful words of the Vicar were greatly appreciated. He left one conundrum with his hearers. Who would you prefer in the belfry? A good ringer who was a bad man or a medium ringer who was a good man?

By the way, Witley have something to remember the district's visit. At the tea table a presentation was made by Mr. George Grover to Gordon Wootton—a collecting box of the Guild Benevolent Fund. Already the box has sufficient inside to jingle.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The May meeting was brought forward one week in order to keep clear of Whitsuntide, and was held at Guiseley on Saturday. Members rang touches ranging from Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob to Surprise methods. Ringers were present from Armley, Batley, Brighouse, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Ilkley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Selby, Shipley, Sherburn and Rothwell.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being in the chair.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. M. Robson, J. Cloughton, J. Arncliffe and D. Lobley, of the Guiseley company.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

The tower for the next meeting is Burley, and, subject to approval, the meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20th, in order to keep clear of the Western Division, Yorkshire Association, meeting, fixed for June 27th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RULES TO BE RECONSIDERED.

A very pleasant general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk on Saturday, May 16th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar and the local company, when about 40 members attended and thoroughly enjoyed their visit to this old market town and its interesting church. The bells, which are a very pleasant and handy ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.), were kept going in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening, but perhaps the most satisfactory point about the meeting was the large number of towers which were represented, as will be shown by the following list, and the long distances which many of those present had travelled. The towers represented were as follows: York Minster, Bradford Cathedral, Sheffield Cathedral, Selby Abbey, Ripon Cathedral, Holy Trinity, Hull; St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley; Aysgarth; St. Marie's, Sheffield; Sherburn-in-Elmet; Thirsk; All Saints' and St. Giles', Pontefract; Christ Church, Armley; Birstwith; Thornaby; Stillington and Pudsey. An excellent tea was provided at the White Lion Hotel, where also were held the committee and general meetings.

The president (Canon C. C. Marshall) was in the chair, and he was supported by the treasurer, the peal secretary, Mr. G. Lewis, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. F. Cryer and other members of the committee.

After the Vicar and the local company had been very sincerely thanked for their invitation and kind welcome, Mr. Stott replied for the local company and apologised for the absence of the Vicar owing to illness in his family.

The President then reported that he had heard from the general secretary (Mr. J. E. Cawser) that he was sorry that he could not be present, and saying that he thought that he ought to resign his office, as owing to pressure of work he was unable to attend to his duties as he felt that he ought. The committee had instructed him to write to Mr. Cawser and ask him to continue in office until the term for which he was elected was completed, when the matter could be again considered.

It was decided to hold the next meeting, on the third Saturday in September, at Escrick, if permission could be obtained, and, failing that, at Heptonstall.

The President also reported that a sub-committee, consisting of the president, the general secretary and treasurer, the peal secretary and Mr. P. J. Johnson, had been appointed to go into the matter of the revision of the rules, and that members were invited to send in any suggestions which they might have.

At the meeting of the General Committee, a resolution of very sincere sympathy was passed in connection with the death of Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, and the president was asked to convey to the Lancashire Association and to the relatives of Canon Elsee their sense of loss which the whole Exercise had sustained by his death and their sincere sympathy.

A most enjoyable day was concluded by more ringing at the Parish Church, and by a run to the last train (by some!) in the evening.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The beautiful weather brought an excellent number of ringers and friends to Brinklow for a meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held there on Saturday, May 16th.

Brinklow is an interesting village, for it is situated on the Roman Fosseway, which passes close to the church. Behind the church is a hill which several of the more energetic members climbed, and from the top of which a good view may be obtained of the country around. An old British camp was situated at this spot and this hill, or tumulus, was used by the Romans for defensive purposes.

During the afternoon a variety of methods were rung on the musical ring of six bells. Tea was taken in the Church Rooms, to which about thirty ringers sat down, representing Stoke, Nuneaton, Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Lillington, Monk's Kirby, Bedworth and the local band.

After tea a return was made to the belfry and the bells were kept going until about 8 p.m. The methods rung during the day included Leudon and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, St. Simon's, Stedman, April Day and Grandsire Doubles.

ASCENSION DAY RINGING.

At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, for evensong on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 minutes: E. M. Atkins (conductor) 1, Miss B. Hart 2, A. Bone (first quarter-peal) 3, Miss B. Shelvey 4, S. Pacey 5, the Rev. B. T. Sheppard 6, C. Nichols 7, H. A. Box (first quarter-peal) 8.

At St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, for Ascension Day service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Casswell 1, K. Makin (first 'inside') 2, L. Parkin 3, J. Cottam 4, J. J. L. Gilbert 5, N. Chaddock (conductor) 6.

At St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, Middlesex, for the Ascension Day evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. H. Gutteridge 1, P. E. Jones 2, Miss E. F. Bedford 3, R. W. Darvill 4, G. N. Blake 5, S. W. Childs (first quarter of Stedman 'inside') 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

At Hitchin, Herts, on Thursday, May 21st, for Ascension Day evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 minutes: D. C. Mears 1, L. Houghton 2, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh 3, T. R. Scott 4, A. E. Symonds 5, L. Bywaters (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, A. Winters (first quarter-peal) 8.

AN OXFORD RINGER.

OF THE EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'On Sunday morning last was found dead in his bed, Mr. Thomas Flaxon, of St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford. He was abroad on Saturday last, and I think I met & spoke to him that day or the day before & he had that very day been ringing at Magd. College. He was a single man and turned of seventy years of age. He was a Taylour by Trade but very indifferent at that business, minding chiefly ringing at wch. he was most excellent being deservedly looked upon as one of the best Ringers in the World. He was a very honest, innocent, harmless man, and one that might be trusted on any account. He was very well beloved but very poor. Some years since he was bit in one of his Legs by a large Dog wch. could never be cured. He was otherwise a very strong lusty man. He was buried last night in St. Peter's-in-the-East Church Yard, almost under Edmund Hall buttery, where his Brother (who died a few years since and had been also an excellent Ringer and was also a Taylor, tho' a Bungler & poor) had been buried before, at wch. time were rung two handsome Peals, one round ringing (as he was carrying to Church) the other Changes (after he was put in the Ground)."

What a perfect little picture this is! We can almost see the old man as he limped along the streets of Oxford two hundred years ago, tall and gaunt of body, shabby in dress, and not overclean in person. We can see his preoccupied air as he moves along till someone stops and speaks to him, and the grimy old face lightens up with the smile which shows that, be the outside what it may, the heart within was pure gold. He belonged to a class of man long since crushed out by modern social and economic conditions, who dared to live their lives according to an ideal and in defiance of economic laws, and were prepared to pay the price.

To a man who judges success in life by financial or social standards, he was an utter failure. To a man who holds with Dr. Samuel Smiles that a person's first duty is to be thrifty, industrious and capable, he was a moral wreck. The world has very little use for dreamers and bunglers, and if, in addition, they happen to be very poor they soon get broken. But there must have been many like Flaxon at Oxford in the 18th century, only in more fortunate circumstances.

If he had been born in a higher social class, or if he had had a patron in early life, so that he could have graduated at the University, and if he had had just sufficient learning to get a college fellowship, then he could have pursued his pet study or hobby for the rest of his life, not without the society of others likeminded with himself, or he could have retired to a college living to spend his days in a quiet and stagnant backwater. Fate ordained otherwise, and he had to live out his philosophy of life under conditions that most showed its weaknesses; but if someone had called him a failure, he would have been justified in pointing out that, while good tailors were many, there were very few men who could be classed among the best ringers in the world.

He was very poor, but he was innocent; and that, we are assured, will bring a man peace at the last. He was

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'CHASE' DOUBLES AND SOME OTHERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—'Chase,' or 'Chace' as it appears in the fifth edition of Monk's 'Campanalogia Improved,' is evidently a different method to the one rung under that name at the present time. 'Chase,' as we know it round here, is definitely Stedman Slow Course reversed.

Will the Editor publish the figures as they appear in 'Campanalogia Improved'?

P. AMOS.

'Chace' given in Monk's fifth edition of 'Campanalogia Improved,' is the following method of Doubles:—

12345

21354

23145

32415

34251

43521

45312

54132

51423

15432

14532

CLEAR DEFINITION NEEDED.

Sir,—The letter by Mr. P. Amos was very interesting and raises a point of some importance to Doubles towers. He mentions 'Chace.' Is it not possible to call a plain lead of Chace a single, and with Grandsire Bob and Plain Leads obtain 16 six-scores? What is the correct name of the method? Surely Grandsire?

An alternative single is given in the C.C. Collection for Grandsire—but as part of the Grandsire method. If any of the other singles are used surely it is still Grandsire?

In the Minor Collection of Methods a very slight variation in work only seems to warrant a change of name, e.g., Double Oxford and Thelwall; London and Lytham; St. Clement's and Childwall; Frodsham and Windermere. In these pairs of methods the only change of work appears to be, e.g., in Double Oxford:—

24	24
42 at the lead becomes, in Thelwall,	24
24	42
42	42

The same variation can be made in Doubles in (9) New Bob, (12) Reading, (16) St. Simon's, and (24) St. Bartholomew. Does the variation become another method? If so, what is the correct name? They probably cease to be true Doubles, but appear to produce true six-scores, which seem capable of giving more interesting ringing than, say, 'Dream,' or any other of the varied Grandsire methods. Is not 'April Day' 'spliced' Plain Bob and Grandsire?

A clear definition of what really constitutes a new method—as regards name, that is—from some reliable authority would be interesting.

J. K. ARMSTRONG.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL BRANCH.

About 25 members met at Haddenham, Cambs, on Wednesday, May 20th, for the mid-week practice. Standard methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise were rung. A welcome visitor was Mr. A. E. Austin, who did so much for Surprise Minor ringing in the Ely Association in the years 1923 to 1929.

At Fordham a good muster gathered, nearly 40 attending during the day. Mr. J. W. Pickett had everything ready. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Prior), and a welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, with his rule, as usual.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Mayfield on Saturday, when members attended from Eastbourne, Heathfield, Brighton (the Good Shepherd), Hailsham, Uckfield, Tunbridge Wells, Rotherfield, and Mr. W. Pickworth, of Hastings, together with members of the local band. The Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Oliver, conducted the service and presided at the tea which followed. At the business meeting, the Master of the association, Mr. H. R. Butcher, occupied the chair.

Mr. A. C. Pankhurst proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells.

The members then returned to the tower and the bells were kept going until 8.30.

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an indifferent tailor, but he was well beloved; and even at this distance of time we feel glad that his fellow-ringers gave him two handsome peals before and after he was put in the ground. They could have done no more if he had been the Vice-Chancellor, or, for that matter, King George himself.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK. HAPPY DAYS IN HEREFORDSHIRE.

This year's clerical ringing week was held, with headquarters at Hereford, from April 20th to 25th, and, as last year, was under the able management of the Rev. E. V. Cox, who, instead of having an accident before coming, as he did last year, succeeded, much to the regret of everyone, in getting tonsillitis, which prevented his arriving before Tuesday, and attacked him again on Friday. However, he is consoled by knowing that he gave us, as last year, a really delightful time, while his training in punctuality is beginning to bear fruit.

The party included the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell (Staverton), the Revs. E. G. Benson (Burghill), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna), R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth), E. Bankes James (Fareham), H. S. T. Richardson (Hereford), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar), C. Elliot Wigg (High Wycombe), R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), W. P. Wright (Eyam). The Rev. C. G. Littlehales (Allensmore) joined the party at times. Most of the visitors stayed at the Mitre Hotel, Hereford, but Mrs. Benson kindly offered some of us hospitality at her pretty new home at Burghill.

Eight of us started the work by meeting at Holme Lacy on Monday afternoon, where we soon got going on the fine old Rudhall eight (all dating from 1709, tenor 18 cwt.). Here we rang Stedman Triples and Bob Major and lowered in peal (we always attempted this as well as rising in peal when practicable). The others arrived at various times later. We had tea at the New Inn, where Mr. C. Edwards, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, met us. He showed us a copy of 'Clavis Campanologia' by William James, 1788, with a fine title page, and signed by the donor, 'The Gift of Jno. Rudhall (Bell-founder) to the Gentlemen Ringers of Fownhope in Herefordshire, 1794'—a most interesting book. After tea we proceeded to St. Mary's, Fownhope, where we rang Cambridge, Kent and lowered in peal. The bells are a fine six (tenor 12 cwt.), rehung by Gillett and Johnston, 1933, on ball bearings, in a metal frame. The old oak frame still exists, several feet above its successor, and the interesting Norman central tower is crowned by a fine wooden spire. At 6.45 p.m. (prompt) we arrived at St. George's, Woolhope, where 'a parson raised Cain on the organ, while six parsons raised the bells in confusion.' Double Court and Bob Minor went better, encouraged by the presence of the Vicar, the Rev. O. Stallard. The tenor here, about 18 cwt., is reputed locally to be 'the finest bell in the West Countree' (!). After such an energetic start, on top of (for most) a long journey, dinner at the Mitre was naturally taken equally promptly. We had a nice little lounge all to ourselves, where we could ring handbells and talk; and even telephone. (What a telephone! You had to turn the handle first one way, then the other; then give the thing a good bang, wait five minutes, let someone else have a try; then the hotel porter would come and say, 'Have you managed to get through, sir?' We wish our local operator would sometimes appear in our own study like this, as we cannot throw eggs at him while he remains in the safety of his own exchange.)

CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE?

On Tuesday we went for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Burghill (tenor 10 cwt.). Previously there had been discussion as to under whose auspices peals should be rung. There didn't seem to be one association to which we all belonged. It seemed obvious that we ought to join the Hereford Guild, but only three were already members, so how could three elect the other five? The matter was solved by the three electing one more, then the four members elected the other four. Is this constitutional, or is it the way they do elections in Germany? Anyhow, it didn't matter for that day, as we didn't get the peal. It went well for 20 minutes, when the 3rd rope broke. As this is E. G. B.'s own tower, we nearly decided to tie him to one of the fine yew trees in his churchyard with his broken rope and leave him there. However, kinder counsels prevailed, and after some Kent and Double Norwich and lunch at the Mitre, we went on to Wellington, and rang London and Bob Minor on a very fine six (tenor about 19 cwt.), in a big tower, where there is an old Sanctus bell in the bell chamber.

Then we went on to Marden (St. Mary, originally St. Ethelbert, six bells), where we nearly froze in a draughty ringing chamber. Here we rang London and Cambridge Minor, and inspected the well in the church, where St. Ethelbert was buried, before his translation to Hereford Cathedral. We also listened to a long and ancient legend about how the Devil hid one of the bells in a field near the churchyard; a small handbell found near this place years ago proves the truth of the story. This was told us by the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Rowlands). If you don't believe it, go and see the bell in Hereford Museum. There is also a small bell on the church floor and a sanctus bell above the chancel arch. After tea at the Volunteer Inn, we went to Sutton St. Nicholas (six bells), where we rang Kent and Cambridge. After dinner, we rang at St. Nicholas', Hereford (Cambridge, London, Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles). This is H. S. T.'s church, so naturally the Vicar of Burghill was somewhat consoled at seeing a rope break here, too. We noticed 'HarkaThrilling' and 'SunSinking-Fast' chalked up beside the chiming apparatus. We hope they keep the leads open better than this when they chime the tunes.

On Wednesday, six members went for a peal of Minor at Bredwardine (St. Andrew, tenor 7½ cwt.). They had no more success than the others, who went for Cambridge Major at St. Mary's, Clifford (tenor

12 cwt.). This was lost after 50 minutes' good ringing owing to a bob being missed. After some Double Norwich and Superlative, we all rejoined, and had lunch at the Wye Hotel, Hay. Snow was all around us in this district and on the mountains nearby. After lunch we went to the famous church of Abbey Dore. The nave of this building has gone, the choir and transept remain, owing to the generosity of John Scudamore, who restored them in 1633. He may have built the present tower, which contains six bells, by Rudhall, tenor 9 cwt. Here we rang Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The next tower was Allensmore, where we found that E. G. B. had got left behind. However, we rang Bob Minor (tenor 11 cwt.), and went to dinner at the Mitre, where he turned up safely. Afterwards we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Bob Major and Royal, on the grand ten at Hereford Cathedral (tenor 40 cwt.), and had a game of hide and seek round the beams in the ringing chamber.

On Thursday, we had another attempt for Cambridge Major at St. Peter's, Lugwardine. This went west after 50 minutes, and after some Little Bob and Stedman, the eight disappointed ones went on to Holmer (six, tenor 15 cwt.) to hear the last 720's of a peal of Bob Minor (the only peal rung on the tour). After lunch we went to Peterchurch, a fine church, mostly Norman, where we rang London and Plain Bob (six bells, tenor 10 cwt., all by Rudhall). At Madley (six bells) we rang St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent; then had tea with the Vicar (the Rev. G. V. Sumner). This is a grand church, like a small cathedral, with some lovely old glass and a fine crypt.

INTERESTING VISITS.

At Eaton Bishop we were met by the Rector (the Right Rev. Bishop Iliff), who showed us round, and afterwards we rang London, etc., on another Rudhall six (tenor 12 cwt.). Following dinner at the Mitre, we rang Bob Major, Kent, Cambridge and Stedman on the fine eight (tenor 18 cwt.) at All Saints', Hereford, and finished a pleasant evening with Grandsire Caters on the handbells.

We went for Bob Major again at Burghill on Friday. This went west after an hour, while at the same time an attempt for Minor at Allensmore produced nothing but two 720's of Cambridge and some Oxford. One or two spent the rest of the morning inspecting the very fine chain library at Hereford Cathedral. After lunch at the Swan Hotel, Ross, we much enjoyed Grandsire, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge on the very fine Rudhall eight (tenor 25 cwt.) at St. Mary's, Ross. This is a grand tower, with a spire 209ft. high, rebuilt in 1721 by John Kyrle, the 'Man of Ross,' who also gave the tenor. In the church are tombs to various members of the Rudhall family, connections of the bellfounders; also the famous 'living tree.'

Much Marcle (St. Mary) was the next tower visited; this is an interesting church with several fine tombs. The graceful central tower contains six bells (tenor 14 cwt.), on which we rang Cambridge, St. Clement's and Stedman. The next place visited, Ledbury, has a very fine church; its almost cathedral-like west front is Norman, with large additions of the decorated period; the nave has traces of its original Norman pillars, but was heightened at the same time as the west front was altered; the fine chancel still retains its Norman arches and clerestory windows. The finest feature of all is the lovely decorated chapel on the north side of the chancel. This is richly decorated with the 'Ball Flower' so much in use at the time it was built. The very grand tower and beautifully proportioned spire are quite detached from the church; the ringing chamber is very large, the ropes rather far apart, and there is a long draught of rope. We rang Kent and Stedman here (eight bells, tenor 24 cwt.).

After tea at Vincer's Cafe, we went to the last tower of the week, St. James', Colwall. On the eight here (tenor 11 cwt.) we rang Kent, Double Norwich and Stedman. There is an old Rudhall sanctus bell in the ringing chamber, inscribed 'God send peace, Amen, 1709.'

Although we have not succeeded in deluging the columns of 'The Ringing World' with peal records, yet we did have a most enjoyable week. This was, of course, to be expected, as last year proved to us what a delightful week the Rev. E. V. Cox could arrange. We do wish to thank him very much, also all the incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells; those, and their wives, who invited us to tea; all the steeplekeepers, foremen and ringers who helped us in various places; and the management of the Mitre Hotel, Hereford, who contributed to the success of the week by putting us up in comfort.

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FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—For evening service on May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Francis (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Tyler (conductor) 2, E. Brown (first in the method 'inside') 3, W. Morey 4, C. A. Barnes 5, F. Parsons 6, F. Cruttenden 7, G. Payne 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—At St. Thomas' Church, for morning service, on May 10th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Kilby (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Patrick (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 2, J. Clarke 3, L. Willis 4, R. Jelly 5, G. Deacon 6, O. Marshall (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, F. Wilford 8. Rung as a compliment on the first birthday of Mr. G. Deacon's son.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Wednesday, April 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Price 1, F. Price 2, R. Chesters 3, W. P. Deane 4, W. J. Chester 5, T. Hurd (conductor) 6, A. Hickman 7, W. Weatherby 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 7.

OVER THE COTSWOLDS.**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS VISIT GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

Despite the cold weather, a most enjoyable excursion was held by the Irthlingborough ringers on Easter Monday. Starting just before 7 a.m. with wives and friends, Northamptonshire was soon left behind for Warwick. A most lovely view of Warwick Castle was obtained on crossing the River Avon. Evesham, the first stop for ringing, was reached after passing through Stratford-on-Avon. After an inspection of the two parish churches of Evesham, the Bell Tower was ascended, where Mr. Hemming, jun., had all in readiness for ringing. This fine peal of ten bells, with tenor 31 cwt., was very much enjoyed, and included in the ringing done was a plain course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. The bells in this tower serve both churches, which are only separated by the small churchyards and a footpath. Services are held in both at the same time, and it was pleasing to learn that each has very good congregations. Many pleasant hours could be spent in this lovely spot, but after an hour's ringing the visitors went on to Tewkesbury. The lovely Vale of Evesham was just showing the first signs of forthcoming blossoms, and a visit later, when all the acres of fruit trees are in bloom, must be glorious.

Tewkesbury Abbey proved another place where hours are needed for the full appreciation of its beauty. Here the party were met by Mr. Devereux, who led them to the massive tower, and after a good climb they found themselves in the belfry. While some were ringing others climbed to the top and enjoyed the view. Others, again, stayed below and enjoyed the wonders inside the Abbey. Rounds were rung on the peal of twelve, and the best change ringing that could be done was a good course of Bristol Surprise Major. The sound of the bells attracted a visitor from Chester, who left his friends and found others, ringing with them a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. After lunch the journey was continued to Cheltenham. At the Parish Church they found the veteran, Mr. W. T. Pates, waiting for them. Rounds were rung on the very handy ring of twelve with tenor of 22½ cwt., but after one course of Stedman Caters the visitors contented themselves with the back eight, finishing a good day with a course of London Surprise Major. The homeward journey was by way of Stow-on-Wold and Banbury, a most lovely ride with glimpses of tiny hamlets and winding streams.

Thanks are especially due to Mr. Hemming, of Evesham, Mr. Devereux, Tewkesbury, and Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, for their kindness, while the various church authorities' permission to ring was much appreciated. A. B.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for evening service on Empire Day, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Shaw (conductor) 1, J. Cowley 2, J. W. Hall 3, G. Saint 4, W. Bagley 5, S. Cadwallender 6.

MARGATE.—On Sunday, May 10th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: R. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, E. Spickett (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, A. Dadds 4, J. Waghorn 5, J. Fifield 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the founder of the company, Mr. Arthur Saxby.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—At St. Etheldreda's Church, on Sunday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples before the afternoon service: J. T. Kentish (conductor) 1, L. Lawrence 2, D. Ellingham 3, S. V. Cull 4, H. Nobbs 5, A. R. Lawrence 6, A. Lawrence 7, L. Cull 8. Rung in commemoration of the jubilee of the local 'Excelsior' Lodge of Oddfellows.

NOTICES.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone.—The memorial bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. The bells will be available after tea, and arrangements will be made for all present to take part in the ringing. All ringers and their friends are invited.—C. T. Coles 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Hon. Secs. to Memorial Committee.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged for St. Paul's, Walkden, for Saturday, May 23rd, has been postponed to May 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ST. VEEP, NEAR LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 3 p.m. Ring of six bells re-hung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on Saturday, May 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malinslee, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available 3.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Tetsworth dedication of bells (6) will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom, 9d. per person. Ringing after tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at St. Mary's, Balderstone. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Will towers please send a representative and so ensure the success of this meeting?—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Burwash to-morrow, Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

TUCKINGMILL, NEAR CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Truro will dedicate the two new bells which have been installed by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to a ring of eight.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1886).—The Jubilee will be celebrated at Hereford on Whit Monday. Ringing at City towers during the day. 2 p.m. Business meeting at St. Peter's Church House. 4.15 p.m., choral evensong at Cathedral; preacher, the Bishop. 5.30 p.m., meat tea at the Town Hall, presided over by the Bishop, price 2s. 6d., but members who apply for tickets beforehand will pay only 1s.—Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, June 1st. Central Committee meet in the Parish Hall, Market Place, at 10.45 a.m. Service in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, with address by Canon Smalley Law, D.D., Rector of Thorpe Malsor. Lunch at the George Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. The bells available are: Kettering (10) throughout the day, Rothwell (8), Burton Latimer (8), Weekley (6), and Barton Seagrave (5), after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service in Parish Church 11.45. Dinner at Forte's Cafe 12.30. Sidmouth (8) and Sidbury (6) bells available.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), and Little Waltham (6). The service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. Canon J. H. Barrow, Vicar of Stansted, followed by the meeting in the Chapter House. Lunch at 1.15 p.m. (approximately) at the Golden Fleece.—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk (eight bells, tenor 17 cwt.) on Whit Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. Service at 12.15 p.m.—J. Reed, Acting Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A by-practice meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd June, at Blackmoor. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on June 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, St. Michael's on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Collin's Cafe. It is most essential, owing to the accommodation, that those requiring tea should let me know by Thursday, June 4th, at the latest. All ringers and friends are invited.—J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Hotel at 5.30, followed by a short business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, June 4th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea, 1s. per head, for those who notify me by Tuesday, June 2nd.—Margaret E. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Moreton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., Bishop's Stortford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 o'clock. Gentlemen cordially invited. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 2nd.—Mrs. M. L. Cross and Miss H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—By the kind invitation of the Rev. E. L. Warren the next quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton, Dudley, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by June 2nd. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frodsham on June 6th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than June 3rd, if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcoft, P.O., Grappenhall.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. A meeting will be held at Wallington (near Baldock) on Saturday, June 6th. The peal of six will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Thursday previous. I really mean it this time! Learners will be welcomed, and every assistance given to them. Book the date and don't be late.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Wargrave, Berks, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea for those who inform me by Tuesday, June 2nd. Visitors welcome.—W. J. Paice, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4. Tea at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Kings Langley, Saturday, June 6th, 1936. The usual arrangements for service and tea. Members are asked to give this meeting full support as the District Committee, etc., will be elected. Numbers for tea by the Thursday previous.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bidston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Halsall, on Saturday, June 6th. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Please send names to Mr. W. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Liverpool.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Heath on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, to those who notify me by Wednesday, June 3rd.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Walsby on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by June 3rd prompt.—G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, at Ewell, Surrey. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5, tea 6. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by Monday, June 8th.—E. K. Fletcher, F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District (Romney Marsh Guild).—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meetings after. It is very important that at least one from each tower in union in the district shall attend this meeting. Half travelling expenses will be paid. Please notify me of your intention to be present by June 10th, in order that tea arrangements may be made.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Palgrave, (8) on June 13th. Tea at the School at 4.30, free for all sending word before June 9th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hethersett.—The memorial peal tablet to the late G. H. Moore, will be unveiled on Sunday, June, 14th. Ringing 2.30—3.0. Service at 3. Further ringing from 3.40—4.30. All members heartily welcome. It is hoped a large number will attend the service.—N. Golden, Norwich.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Yorkshire Association at Penistone (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Dore bells not available.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

LADIES' GUILD.—Tenth anniversary of formation of Northern District Ladies' Guild.—Meeting will be held on June 27th at Handsworth, Sheffield (as originally). All ringers and friends welcome. Cards for tea to J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting, which was to have been held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, has been postponed until August Bank Holiday.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. E. T. P. Field has moved to Rideouts, Stoke Wake, Blandford. Buckland Newton Tower Secretary is now Mr. M. E. Blessley.

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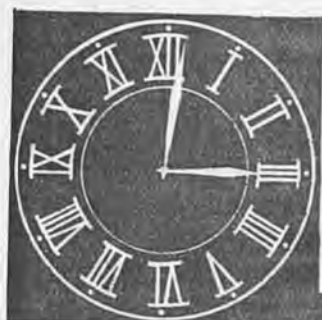
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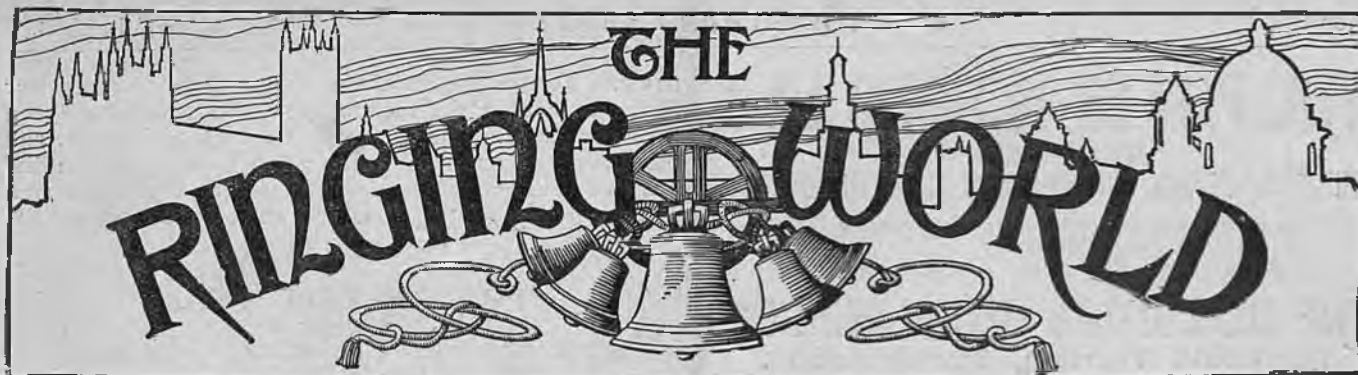
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At one of the most representative gatherings of ringers seen at a bell opening since the Stedman tercentenary celebrations at Cambridge in 1931, the memorial to the late Mr. William Pye was dedicated at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, on Saturday. Ringers gathered from many parts of the country to do honour to one who is acknowledged to have been the greatest exponent of the art in his own or any preceding generation. No other ringer achieved the great feats which he accomplished, and very few, even with his opportunities, could ever have done so. William Pye had ambition as well as skill, and he combined them in a way that leaves him, as far as it is possible to judge, in a position unchallenged as the most outstanding figure of all time in the Exercise.

The provision of a suitable memorial to him was not altogether an easy task, and the joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations are to be congratulated upon the successful outcome of their efforts. The response to the appeal was, however, generous and widespread and a remarkable tribute to the universal honour in which William Pye was held. He was one of the most retiring of men; he never boasted of his achievements; and yet he impressed himself upon all those with whom he came into contact and upon the imagination of hundreds who never rang with him. Associations, towers and individuals throughout the British Isles subscribed, and when the memorial was dedicated the cost had been practically secured. The memorial is in the parish in which Mr. Pye lived for 30 years, and at the church where he constantly rendered assistance. It was a happy solution of the problem of site, inseparable from the fact that in his ringing career Mr. Pye's chief interest had been in the neighbouring county of Middlesex, where he had for more than a quarter of a century been Master of the Association, and taken a great part in building up the fortunes and prestige of the organisation, but where he had been associated with no individual tower.

There is something very fitting in perpetuating the memory of outstanding ringers, in the way that William Pye has now been honoured. Famous men in the past history of the Exercise have come upon the scene, taken their part in building up the art, and made their exits, and of many of them we do not even know their resting place. For their share in the development of ringing they, too, deserved a memorial, that succeeding generations might have been reminded of what they contributed to the art, but they often left behind them only a

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name. Fortunately in these days there is a greater desire to honour the memory of those who have given their time and talents to raising the status of the art and the Exercise, and the appreciation shown of the life work of William Pye is a well deserved tribute to a man of outstanding skill, genius and achievement.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt. 12 lb.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 8
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 10
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 11
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 6	JACK A. WAUGH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

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* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... Treble	JOHN P. FIDLER ... 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	FRANK E. DAREY ... 7
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 8
JOHN GRUNDY ... 4	*HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 9
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 5	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* 100th peal. Arranged for F. E. Darby.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED YORKSHIRE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE
ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... Treble	*C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	*JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	*HORACE BELCHER ... 8
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. This peal contains 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge, the former being rung to the Wrong and the latter from the Wrong to the Home. First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal by the society and the first in two methods in London.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HARRY HOSKINS ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
JOHN G. NASH ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	*CYRIL E. LAXON ... 8
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	JAMES HUNT ... 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SR. ... 5	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

* 150th peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
FRANK B. JEAL ... 2	*ARTHUR G. WILLET ... 6
*RONALD A. TUFFIN ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... Treble	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
LIONEL PARKIN ... 2	GEORGE S. LEE ... 6
HAROLD CHANT ... 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. TUCKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung for Empire Day. First peal as conductor.

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On Sunday, May 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

*SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 6
†FREDERICK RIX ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. V. EBBERSON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 5
*C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 2	†ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	†HARRY KILBY ... 7
†JAMES H. RIDING ... 4	†THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

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

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VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 2	WILLIAM J. BIDNELL ... 6
GORDON WEBB ... 3	CHARLES TURNER ... 7
CHARLES F. SWAN ... 4	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... Tenor

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At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF SANDRINCHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 2 qr. 27 lb.

THOMAS J. FOWLER ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	ALAN R. PINE ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINE.

The first peal in the method.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. FARR ... Treble	GEORGE W. SIMPSON ... 5
JOHN T. BROWN ... 2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... 6
GEORGE W. MILLS ... 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
RICHARD SMITH ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. G. AMES.

* 100th peal. Sixty-seventh peal together by ringers of treble and tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on his 100th birthday.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	TOM SAUNDERS ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
FREDERICK MORRIS ... 4	JAMES W. SPILLET ... Tenor

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A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.

T. HENRY WRIGHT Treble	T. KELHAM DEACON 5
*WILLIAM NEWTON 2	*C. RICHARD BELTON 6
C. HENRY WEBB 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*WILLIAM A. WOOD 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART. Conducted by E. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells. Specially rung to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Belton, parents of the 6th ringer.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
HARRY BOSWELL 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 4	WILLIAM H. LOWE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

First peal on eight as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, a new ring by Taylor and Co., dedicated on Palm Sunday.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN ARBON Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
ALBERT E. WHITING 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
*HARRY R. ROPER 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

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

* First peal of London and hails from Ipswich.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN BOCKENHAM Treble	WALLACE COUSINS' 5
*ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM BOCKENHAM 6
†GEORGE W. JOHNSON 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
FRED WIGMORE 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* 160th peal. † First peal and first attempt.

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On Sunday, May 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure and ten six-scores of Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORMAN A. ONER Treble	†WILLIAM HIGGINS 4
*CECIL C. WRIGHT 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT 5
CYRIL S. WEST 3	*ALLAN W. BRITTSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. The tenor ringer is a member of the local band and the first Hawkley ringer ever to accomplish a peal.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 16, 1936, 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 11 cwt.

*CHARLES H. TOMPKINS ... Treble	GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... 4
†GEORGE T. COUSINS 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 5
GEORGE H. BAILEY 3	†GEORGE H. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMON.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Lightfoot; (2) Ipswich; (3) Netherseale; (4) Bourne; (5) London and Wells; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANCIS J. TOMPKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PODDIFOOT ... 4
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AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal in nine Surprise methods by all the band and in the county.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 3280 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's, nine 240's of Pitman's and eight of Morris'. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS VAUGHAN ... Treble	ERIC R. WEBB 4
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS 2	†ALBERT E. JONES 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	FREDERICK G. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JONES.

* First peal on the treble since June, 1914. † 25th peal for the Guild.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NOEL B. THURLEY ... Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN 4
HARRY MORGAN 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band, rung at first attempt. Believed to be the first in the method rung in the branch. First Surprise peal on the bells. None of the band, except the conductor, had previously rung a 720 in the method.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALEXANDER EVANS ... Treble	*THOMAS F. KING 3
*MRS. A. EVANS 2	SAMUEL HECTOR 4
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by A. EVANS.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal on the bells.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*LEWIS A. AMOS Treble	FREDERICK A. RYE 4
CHARLES TURNER 2	†EDWARD J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM A. TERRY 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor with an 'inside' bell and first attempt for a 720 'inside.' Rung as a 99th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent, the oldest bellringer in the world.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, second observation, three callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LAURIE NORFOLK Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 4
JACK PARISH 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP 5
FRANCIS C. GLEAVES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First attempt to ring Norwich by ringer of 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gleaves kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, AND BRISTOL 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 2,688 London, 1,956 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 111 changes of method. This is the first peal in four Surprise methods rung on handbells. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

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One bell makes 5th's place, leads and makes 5th's place again, as in Oxford, but with the dodging cut out. This breaks up the long dodge behind, and the ordinary work in 6-7 is just single dodging. The bell that comes up behind after the bell in the hunt, dodges down. The bells that dodges with it, dodges both up and down, and the third bell dodges up with this latter. It cannot dodge down because the treble comes up to prevent it. All the rest is plain hunting. We ought, perhaps, to point out that at the start all the bells begin to hunt, the 'odd' bells up and the 'even' bells down.

This is the order in which the cycle of work occurs:—

- Pass the treble in 1-2, make 5th's and lead.
- Pass the treble in 3-4, make 5th's and lead.
- Pass the treble in 5-6, dodge 7-6 (down).
- Pass the treble in 4-5, dodge 6-7 (up) 7-6 (down).
- Pass the treble in 2-3, dodge 6-7 (up).

The bob is a 'Grandsire' bob; that is to say, the bell in the hunt with the treble is changed, by the making of a 3rd's place by the bell passing the treble in 2-3, causing the hunt bell to dodge (but only a single dodge) in 5-4 (down). The dodge is made with the bell that would have done its second 5th's, but the dodge cuts out the place, and this bell, having dodged with the one coming out of the hunt, goes on to dodge in 6-7 (up).

For short touches you can call any bell In and Out at 2, three times, or before Before and Wrong three times; and you can make up different lengths by putting them together in much the same way as we showed, in a former article, that touches of Grandsire Triples can be made up by the use of courses with the observation bell called 'In and Out' and 'Before and Wrong.' But your courses will be of a different length. Grandsire courses thus called are of four leads each. Court Bob are of five leads each.

Here is a quarter-peal (taken from the Central Council's 'Collection of Triples Methods,' in which you will find not only a variety of methods, but also touches and peals of each): Call the 7th Before and Home; Before and twice Home; Wrong and three times Home (twice repeated).

The first recorded peal of Court Bob Triples was rung at Warnham, Sussex, in 1886.

BARWELL RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On May 27th, 1886, at Peckleton, Leicestershire, the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Belton took place. This year, therefore, sees their golden wedding anniversary. Migrating to the nearby village of Barwell in 1890, Mr. Belton entered the service of the Rector, a position he has faithfully held ever since. He joined the Midland Counties Association over 44 years ago, and it was fitting that for this golden wedding anniversary the hon. secretary should conduct a special peal composed by a former president. After the peal the ringers were entertained by the 'bridegroom,' and both he and Mrs. Belton received the hearty congratulations and good wishes of each and every one.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At St. Katherine's Church, on Sunday evening, May 24th, an 'Empirical' quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor by the following: *R. Andrews 1, C. Killick 2, *G. Welch 3, H. B. Wells 4, A. Cheaseley 5, J. Batters (conductor) 6. * First quarter-peal in the method.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LARGE GATHERING AT SHIPBOURNE.**

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Shipbourne on Saturday, May 9th, when 50 members came to this lovely spot in answer to the secretary's appeal, not to disappoint the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Schreiber). They represented the following towers: Shipbourne, East Peckham, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Brasted, Hawk-hurst, Leigh, Tonbridge, Chiddingstone, Bromley Common, Rotherfield, Gravesend, Egerton, Godstone and Sturry. The gentleman who makes a hobby of measuring tenor bells was also present. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were almost as representative as the ringers, many ringing their first touch in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Little Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The association service was conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the district secretary, Mr. A. E. Richardson. The Vicar took for his text Micah, vii. 3, 'That they may do evil with both hands earnestly.' He said that the opposite applied to ringers, who did good with both hands earnestly.

With the Rev. F. L. Schreiber as host, the tea was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. W. Latter and the hon. secretary.

The Chairman expressed congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. P. V. F. Cazelet, of Shipbourne Grange, in their good fortune in being recently blessed with a son and heir. Mr. Cazelet, who is an honorary member of the association, came up to the tower to meet the ringers during the afternoon.

Mr. A. Battin said he could not let the meeting break up without some reference to the latest news in the district, that the Rev. F. L. Schreiber was thinking of getting married. On behalf of the members, he extended the best wishes of all for the future happiness of the Vicar and his bride-to-be. The attendance and enthusiasm of the members that day, added Mr. Battin, showed how much in esteem Mr. Schreiber was held by everyone who knew him.—Mr. W. Latter also spoke of the welcome the Vicar had always given the members and of the happy times they had spent at Shipbourne.

'For he's a jolly good fellow' was then sung with the utmost enthusiasm.

The Vicar, in replying, said how much he appreciated their thanks and good wishes. With regard to the forthcoming wedding, which was to take place at Sevenoaks in July, he said he had felt that for some time he had not sympathised with the married men enough, and thought it was time he had some experience, so that he might be able to do so (laughter and applause).

The members afterwards returned to the tower for more ringing.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**BELL RESTORATION FUND CREATED.**

The 62nd annual general meeting of the Devonshire Guild, held at Sidmouth on Whit Monday, was a highly successful event, no less than 215 members, representing 31 bands in union with the Guild, being present. The usual Guild service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the president (the Rev. E. V. Cox), with an address by the Rev. Canon W. J. Elsey, locum tenens for the Vicar, who is away recuperating his health.

After dinner at Forte's Cafe, the president took the chair for the meeting, and the agenda was followed with keen interest. The annual report and financial statement were adopted, and all the officers re-elected with a tribute to their services.

For the meeting in 1937 two places were proposed, viz., Newton Abbot and Plymouth. Newton Abbot was chosen on a show of hands by a majority of 10.

A donation of one guinea to the William Pye Memorial Fund was approved.

On a proposal of the committee that a Bell Restoration Fund be opened, the suggestion met with approval, whereupon the Chairman announced that, in conjunction with the general secretary, a sum of £10 would be provided to start the fund, an announcement which was greeted with acclamation.

A further proposal that a retiring collection be made for this fund resulted in over £3 being taken at the door.

A proposition by Mr. J. W. Richards that some acknowledgment be made of the general secretary's services was heartily approved, and a gratuity of £5 voted, for which the secretary returned thanks.

Ringings at Sidmouth and Sidbury was carried on all the day.

THE OLDEST RINGER.

To celebrate the 99th birthday of Mr. Charles Slingsby, the veteran Aldington, Kent, ringer, who is the oldest bellringer in the world, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on May 25th at St. Nicholas' Church, Newington-next-Hythe: C. Swan 1, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 2, F. A. Slingsby 3, *F. R. Harden 4, J. Bartter 5, *J. Pearson 6. * First quarter-peal and local ringers. The ringer of the 3rd is Mr. C. Slingsby's son.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 23rd. The handy little peal of bells was made good use of during afternoon and evening. Despite the distance and the weather, members attended from the farthest corner of the district, over sixty miles away. Members were present from Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Waltham, Grimsby and from the local tower, and also Mr. and Mrs. C. MacGuiness, of Lincoln. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Sutton, R.D.). The Rector gave a very interesting address. A very good tea was served to the 19 members at the Regent Cafe. The president, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, presided over the business meeting.

Mr. C. Dunn, of Scunthorpe, was re-elected a member.

The President proposed that the secretary should send a letter of sympathy to Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, who has recently suffered a bereavement in the death of his wife. Mr. Heyhoe has also left the district and is now residing with his son at Wickham, Hants. The president spoke of the work Mr. Heyhoe had done for the district. He was district secretary for several years and also secretary of the District Bell Fund. Mrs. Heyhoe had taken an active part in the work of St. James' parish for many years.

The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his great welcome, for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his excellent address, to those who had made the arrangements, and to the caterers.—The Rector suitably responded. Mr. F. Barber, of Mablethorpe, also replied. A vote of thanks to the president for presiding brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD
TALGARTH WIN COMPETITION.**

The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild held their twelfth annual competition at Cadoxton, Neath, on Saturday, May 23rd. The entries were not up to the usual number, but the ringing, on the whole, was quite up to the standard of past years.

The Vicar of Cadoxton (the Rev. T. M. Hughes), Mrs. Hughes and her lady helpers kindly gave the luncheon and tea to the ringers, and after tea the presentations were made by Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, who has adjudicated at these competitions since their inauguration, awarded points as follows, the maximum being 240:—

Talgarth	...	230
*Cadoxton 'A'	...	229
Gorseinon	...	228
*Cadoxton 'B'	...	225
Cefn Coed	...	219
Brecon	...	186
* Handicapped 5 points.		

Mr. Fussell congratulated the Talgarth band upon their success. It had been a very close competition, and he thought Cadoxton would have won but for an unfortunate trip during the last few changes of the test.

The Rev. T. M. Hughes paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Fussell for the efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties that day, and also reminded the company of his wonderful record of service to bellringing. The Vicar remarked that if the ringers of the Guild had shown a fraction of Mr. Fussell's enthusiasm there would have been many more entries for the present competition.

The shield was presented to Mr. D. Bennett and certificates to Mr. J. E. Bloxham (Cadoxton) and Mr. Wallace Dobbins (Gorseinon).

The Rev. J. C. Hill proposed and Mr. L. T. Havard seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes and lady helpers for their generous hospitality throughout the day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—Continued from page 374.**CANTERBURY FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Council at Canterbury.

The president was authorised to send a letter of greeting and congratulation to the authorities and ringers at Hobart, Tasmania, on the occasion of the completion and dedication of the tower and ring of bells at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart.

A message of congratulation was passed to the Hertfordshire hand-bell band, who, on the previous Friday, had, for the first time, rung a 'double-handed' peal in four Spliced Surprise methods.

Thanks were accorded to the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London for permitting the Council to meet in the Guildhall, to the Dean of St. Paul's for his welcome, and to the various other people who had contributed to the pleasures and comfort of the members.

The president was thanked for presiding, and he, in turn, paid a tribute to the great work done by the hon. secretary.

In the evening there was ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral and various churches, and later a social gathering was held at headquarters, Anderton's Hotel. This was attended by a gathering of over 200, and the chief features of the entertainment were Mr. Rupert Richardson's films of 'Famous Ringers,' and a demonstration of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's 'Ringing Machine,' which caused much amusement.

THE PEAK DISTRICT.**RINGING 'NO MAN'S LAND.'**

On Saturday, May 23rd, a very enjoyable meeting of ringers gathered from the Peak District was held at the ancient Church of St. Helen, situated in the beautiful valley of Darley Dale, which in its spring garb is looking just now at its very best. In the churchyard stands the famous Darley yew tree, which is said to be 1,000 years old and is 11ft. in diameter. Darley Dale is noted for its lead mine and Stanciliffe stone, also its Druid remains, some dating from 1,000 B.C.

The local band are one of the few in the district who regularly practise change ringing. The Peak District is a very difficult one to organise owing to its scattered nature and the remoteness of some of its villages. It is a 'no man's land' to the ringing associations surrounding it. A few ringing meetings are, therefore, arranged during this year by ringers residing in the district to keep change ringing from dying out in this part of the country.

St. Helen's bells (8) were rung during the afternoon and evening to various standard methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. London was also attempted. Some 20 ringers sat down to tea in the British Legion Club, which is close by the church. A short meeting was held after tea, to arrange place and date of next meeting. The Rector of Darley welcomed the ringers during tea time, and altogether the meeting was a very successful one.

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS.

At St. John's Parish Church, Berwick, on Tuesday, May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): W. Foot 1, F. Burt 2, E. Coward (conductor) 3, R. Foot 4, W. Roberts 5, J. Keddie 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the treble ringer, Mr. W. Foot.

On Sunday, May 17th, at Throwley Church, Kent, prior to a service to commemorate the golden wedding of the parents of the ringer of the treble, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *Mrs. F. Tanner 1, Mrs. E. Spice 2, G. H. Spice 3, *Miss K. M. Hooker 4, *H. Manuel 5, J. W. Unwin 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, *F. Tanner 8. * First quarter-peal and first attempt.

On Monday, April 13th, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) was rung at Christchurch, Hants: W. Stone 1, Miss Sparshott 2, E. Griffen 3, E. Hinton 4, Mrs. Williams 5, S. White 6, G. Scragg 7, F. Sparshott 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Gillard 10.

Mr. White is father of the ringer of the 6th, and an old member of the Winchester Guild. For many years he rang at Romsey Abbey.

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CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT SHEFFIELD.

The first course of Surprise Maximus by a purely local Sunday service company at Sheffield was rung at the Cathedral for evening service on Sunday, May 24th. The method was Cambridge: John Holman 1, Maurice E. Wilson 2, Haydn Thorpe 3, John Thorpe 4, Ralph S. Long 5, A. Percival Knights 6, Sidney F. Palmer 7, Leonard Charlesworth 8, Harold Naylor 9, Frank Ward 10, Charles A. Hewitt 11, Ernest Thorpe 12.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have the order to rehang the ring of six bells at Goathurst, Somerset.

Spalding, Lincs, has the unique distinction of a centenarian churchwarden. Mr. George Jarvis, who is still in office, reached his one hundredth birthday on Friday, and a peal in his honour was rung at Spalding Parish Church. By a coincidence it was the one hundredth peal by Mr. A. J. Farr.

Towards the cost of the new peal of bells at Drayton Parslow, Bucks, a garden party and sale of work is to be held in the Rectory Gardens on Saturday, June 13th. Ringers are invited to come and ring on the new peal of bells, which will be at their disposal in the afternoon and evening.

Few ringers have the pleasure of ringing a peal for their father's 99th birthday. This has happened to Mr. Frank Slingsby, who took part in the Cheriton peal on May 26th. Everyone is hoping for another Kent century.

Sandringham Surprise Major, the first peal of which was rung at Warfield last week by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is the late Arthur Craven's Rugby Surprise, with 2nd's and 7th's added. The composition was one of a peal of Ipswich Surprise.

In connection with the recent Spliced Surprise peal, in which Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge were rung, it should be pointed out that this plan can only be used when the tenors are kept together, and the bells in 5-6 must not be reversed. 'Befores' can be used and the short courses are then rung Painswick, Yorkshire, Yorkshire, Painswick.

The peal of six at Bonvilston, Glam., are being restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by members of the London County Association at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Saturday. The tenor of 54 cwt. was rung by Jack A. Waugh and the 11th by James G. A. Prior.

Mr. Waugh at the age of 24 is believed to be the youngest ringer to ring a bell of this weight to a peal. Mr. Prior is only 23 and great credit is due to these young ringers for the fine way they rang these heavy bells.

While the 'golden wedding peal' rung at Barwell on Saturday last was being rung, Mr. and Mrs. Belton read the announcement in the local Press that the peal *had been* rung in their honour! Aren't some reporters optimistic!

Owing to building alterations, all ringing at Portsmouth Cathedral is cancelled for approximately two months.

At the annual meeting of the Essex Association on Monday, Mr. E. P. Duffield retired from the Mastership, and Dr. Spencer Phillips was elected to the office.

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO CANON ELSEE.

A LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL.

On Saturday last, the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association held a very successful meeting at St. Paul's Church, Walkden. At 3 p.m. the bells were going, and, with the exception of a short break for tea and business, were kept going in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise until a late hour. The bells, a new peal, with a tenor just under a ton, are considered to be exceptionally good, and the ringing at the meeting was of a first-class order, especially in the higher methods. There was a crowded tower and some good work was done, some members getting their first touch and others their first in a higher method.

At the business meeting six new members were elected, including the Rev. Arthur Scott, the lecturer at the Parish Church, Bolton. He was also nominated for the presidency of the association in place of the late Canon Elsee.

Mr. Thomas B. Worsley was elected bell adviser for the branch.

The question of a memorial to the late president was discussed, and it was suggested that if a peal of ten or twelve were put in Bolton Parish Church it would be a suitable one. Canon Elsee was Rural Dean of Bolton, and he had often said that the fine lofty tower ought to possess a larger peal. There is no doubt the public of Bolton would support such a project.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the tea, and the local ringers for preparing and supporting such a successful meeting.

JUBILEE PEAL BOARD AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

To commemorate the silver jubilee peal of Grand sire Caters rung by members of the Herts County Association at Waltham Abbey, a suitable board has been unveiled in the belfry. The Vicar, the Rev. A. V. G. Cleall, M.A., performed the ceremony, and all the ringers who took part in the peal were present.

After the unveiling the Vicar thanked the ringers for their services and Mrs. Berry for the especial care of the belfry.

Mr. George Debenham (conductor of the peal), on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the peal to be rung, adding that they little thought a year ago that their beloved King would be taken so soon.

It is interesting to note that the Abbey celebrated the 876th anniversary of its consecration on May 3rd.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.

Record Attendance.

The newly-elected Central Council met in London on Tuesday, in the Council Chamber at the historic Guildhall, with a record attendance of 114 members. The morning session began at 11 a.m., when the members received an official welcome from the Dean of St. Paul's.

There were present the following representatives:—

Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. W. T. Cockerill and 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. E. Sharman.

Cambridge University Guild—Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. J. W. Milner and Mr. H. Parker.

Devon Guild—Mr. T. Laver.

Dudley and District Guild—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association—Mr. W. H. Barber and Mr. W. J. Davidson.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association—Mr. T. Clarke.

Ely Diocesan Association—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington and Miss K. Willers.

Essex Association—Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. E. P. Duffield, Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. L. W. Wiffen.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Mr. J. K. Armstrong, Mr. J. Austin and Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

Guildford Diocesan Guild—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazleden and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough and the Rev. R. F. R. Routh.

Irish Association—Mr. G. Lindoff.

Kent County Association—Mr. J. H. Oheesman, Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association—Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker and Mr. T. B. Worsley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. Chester, Ven. Archdeacon Parry and Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association—Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. C. H. Parry.

London County Association—Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. J. A. Waugh.

Middlesex County Association—Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. Hollier and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Midland Counties Association—Mr. A. J. Harris, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. J. H. Swinfield and Mr. E. Denison Taylor.

Norwich Diocesan Association—Mr. A. L. Coleman and Mr. F. Nolan Golden.

North Staffs and District Association—Mr. A. Thompson.

Oxford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. D. Barker, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock and Mr. R. H. Pest.

Oxford Society—Mr. W. G. Collett.

Oxford University Society—The Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild—Mr. H. Baxter, Mr. R. G. Black and the Rev. E. S. Powell.

Romney Marsh and District Guild—Mr. P. Page.

St. Martin's Guild—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild—The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. S. H. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jennings and Mr. F. W. Romaine.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. Gilbert, Mr. J. Parker and Mr. G. W. Steere.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton and Mr. H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild—The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. Mee and Mr. Stedman H. Symonds.

Surrey Association—Mr. D. Cooper and Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild—Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild—Mr. C. Lanson.

Warwickshire Guild—Mr. D. H. Argyle.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—Mr. H. Barton, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers and Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts Association—Mr. S. T. Holt and Mr. C. H. Woodberry.

Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. Herdcastle, Mr. P. J. Johnson, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall and Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members—Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. S. M. Wood and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

Apologies were received from Alderman J. S. Pritchett (hon. member), Mr. C. E. Borrett (Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. J. P. Hyett (Hereford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), Mr. J. D. Johnson (Worcester and Districts), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barns-

ley and District), Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Suffolk Guild), Mr. F. Wilford (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), Mr. C. W. Roberts (hon. member), Mr. A. King (Bedfordshire Association) and Mr. C. W. Woolley (Hertford County Association).

The Dean of St. Paul's offered a hearty welcome to the City of London, not only on his own behalf, but also on behalf of the Lord Mayor, the Corporation and citizens of London.

The Dean was thanked by the president, and the Council, after prayers, then proceeded to the business of the day.

MEMBERSHIP.

The hon. secretary's report as to membership showed that the number of societies affiliated to the Council was 49. The territorial and diocesan associations number 43 and non-territorial associations six. In the 43 associations are 41 with an aggregate membership of 21,860. The other two have no annual subscribing members. The 49 affiliated associations are entitled to elect 134 members, and have up to the present elected 127.

MESSAGE TO THE KING.

On the motion of the President, the Council unanimously resolved to send a message of loyal congratulation to H.M. the King. It was in the following terms:—

The Central Council of Church Bellringers, assembled in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, London, for their 44th annual meeting, take this, the first opportunity in your Majesty's reign, humbly to express to your Majesty the loyalty of the 20,000 change ringers they represent, and pray that your Majesty's reign may be long and prosperous. (Signed) E. H. Lewis, President.

The reply received by the president from His Majesty was as follows: Please convey to the Central Council of Church Bellringers assembled in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, the King's sincere thanks for their kind and loyal message of good wishes.—Private Secretary.

ELECTIONS.

Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president, and Mr. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer.

To the vacant office of hon. librarian, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was elected.

Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes were re-elected hon. auditors. The following hon. members were re-elected: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young. The Earl of Shaftesbury was elected an hon. member in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. Griffin.

A large number of new members were presented to the president, who afterwards referred to the losses of members and past members by death.

THE COUNCIL'S LIBRARY.

The report on library and publications was submitted by the hon. secretary, who said: The report this year must of necessity be somewhat incomplete, for with the tragic death of the honorary librarian, and the removal of the books from Walsoken, the work, in so far as the library was concerned, came to a standstill.

The sales department, however, was able to carry on, and the thanks of the Council are due to Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mr. Peter Tyrwhitt-Drake, who, in the midst of their great sorrow, despatched a consignment of publications to the hon. secretary within a very few days of Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake's death.

The thanks of the Council are also due to Mr. R. Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Guild, for his great assistance in removing and storing the library and publications.

From the papers which have been examined, the purchases of books for the library amounted to £4 4s., and include 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' 'Legends of the Bells,' both by E. Morris, 'Tintinnalogia, 1698,' by J. White, and 'Campanologia, 1854.'

Gifts of books were received from Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. J. H. Benstead, Mr. G. P. Elphick, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. E. Denison Taylor and Mr. J. A. Trollope. Grateful thanks are due to these and to any others whose names are not recorded.

From the correspondence it would seem that applications to borrow books continue to increase, and it is possible that this will be more apparent when the library lists have been distributed.

Members are again invited to assist in the disposal of the fairly extensive stock of publications. A further supply of 'Hints to Instructors,' has been purchased during the year, and 'Variation and Transposition,' by J. A. Trollope, reprinted by courtesy of 'The Ringing World,' is now on sale. 'Laws' are out of print, and a revision of this book is being made by Alderman J. S. Pritchett. Several orders for this valuable book are awaiting execution.

Inquiries have been received from Australia and America, and, whilst these were addressed correctly, some orders from persons in this country are still sent to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, at Caversham.

I wish to thank Mr. Peter Tyrwhitt-Drake for his assistance in preparing the library accounts, and those who have, in response to my advertisement, sent particulars of sale or return stocks. The failure of others to send these particulars is to be regretted, as it has caused

a considerable amount of work. I trust the information will soon be forthcoming.

I tender my apologies for any delays which have occurred in the past few months in executing orders.

The number of sales effected was: Glossary 21, Rules and Decisions 8, Collections of Peals 27, Plain Major and Caters Methods 24, Triples Methods 80, Doubles and Minor Methods 54, Corrigenda leaflets 5, Model Rules for a Local Company 29, Report of Conference with S.P.A.B. 10, Card of Instructions 26, Preservation of Bells 28, Law Affecting Church Bells 25, Method Sheets 90, Hints for Instructors 383; total 790, of the total value of £21 6s. 5d.

The statement of accounts on sale of publications show receipts by the librarian £21 6s. 5d.; from agents holding stocks on sale or return, £1 14s. 1d.; total £23 0s. 6d. Advertising, postages, stationery and discounts amounted to £10 18s., leaving a balance on the year of £12 2s. 6d.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The balance in the general account at Whitsun, 1935, was £58 15s. 2d. During the year, affiliation fees for 1935-36 amounted to £33, and arrears for 1934-35 to 15s.; interest on investments was £5, and the balance on sale of publications was £12 2s. 6d., making a total of £111 10s. 2d.

The cost of publications was £14 17s. 1d. and of volumes for the library £4 4s. The other expenditure included a fee of 10s. 6d. in connection with the Carter Ringing Machine; £5 1s. the expenses of the Shrewsbury meeting; £1 13s. 9d., less donation of 5s. from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the cost of entertaining the Australian tourists at Shrewsbury; advertisements, £2 10s.; stationery and printing, £6 14s. 11d.; wreaths, £3 10s. 6d.; gratuities, 17s. 6d.; postage, etc., £2 19s. 8d.—a total expenditure of £42 13s. 11d., leaving a balance of £68 16s. 3d. to carry forward.

The Council's investments stand at the book value of £100, the market value being £149 1s. 10d.

The accounts were adopted.

A report was received from the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine (Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes), who also recommended the appointment of Mr. A. G. Driver as a demonstrator of the machine.

COMMITTEES.

The report of the Peal Collection Committee, whose work in preparing a collection of compositions is still in progress, was presented by Mr. G. Lindoff, and the committee, with the exception of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, who resigned, was re-elected with the addition of Mr. T. B. Worsley.

The report of the Methods Committee stated that the new edition of the Collection of Minor and Doubles Methods had been prepared, and the Collection of Surprise Methods was in the hands of the hon. secretary.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected, but the Council decided to defer for the present the publication of the Collection of Surprise Methods, in view of other commitments to reprint certain volumes now almost out of print.

On the Analysis Committee's report, which has already been printed in our columns, it was decided to delete the peal rung at Wistaston, Cheshire, on July 13th, 1935, and which contained three 480's of Little Bob, on the ground that it did not conform to the Council's requirements for a peal. It was also resolved to instruct the committee not in future to include doubtful peals in the statistical tables, but to report them to the Council for decision.

The Committee was re-elected.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The report presented by the Towers and Belfries Committee was as follows:—

During the past year the members of the committee have not held any meetings. The members, however, have carried out a number of inspections in response to individual requests to do so. Any recommendations made have been in accordance with general principles already agreed.

In one case a request was made in general terms that the committee should take action to get a tower reopened after the architect responsible had stopped all ringing. The matter is being followed up, but there is nothing definite to report as yet.

At the last Council meeting a request was made for information about silencing bells for practice purposes. Some such information is now available, and it is hoped that the committee will be able to meet at Whitsuntide and agree upon a recommendation.

The committee have lost a very good friend through the recent death of Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Mr. Powys was most helpful at the time of the meeting with his society, and since that meeting he had always been ready to discuss in a frank and fair-minded way any difficulties between architects and ringing interests.

The committee recommended that where there were bells which were said to be a nuisance to the public, the Davis Silencer should be used as a means of modifying the sound.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected.

A lengthy report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee was presented, and an interesting discussion ensued as to the

best manner of securing that when bell broadcasts were given the ringing should be of the best possible character.

The committee was re-elected.

The Peal Boards and Biographies Committees also reported and were re-elected.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

In their report the Biographies Committee stated:—

The work of gathering biographical information concerning past members of the Council has been proceeding during the year, but will apparently take a considerable time to complete.

The number of past members up to last year was 325, and forms asking for information and photographs have been sent out in respect of each.

Up to the time of this report, 115 forms and 42 photographs have been returned. The committee hope that other forms and photographs will be sent in with as little further delay as possible.

With the formation of a new Council there are now further 'past members,' whose biographies have to be collected, and the committee propose to include this with the work that has been begun.

Thanks were accorded to all the committees for their work.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

It was decided that in future the auditors and past presidents and secretaries of the Council (being members) should be ex-officio members of the Standing Committee. This left a number of vacancies. Six retiring members were re-elected en bloc, viz., Ald. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith and E. D. Taylor. For the remaining six places, twelve names were proposed, and the ballot resulted in the election of the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Major J. H. B. Hease, Messrs. R. Richardson, J. T. Dyke, S. H. Wood and A. Walker.

'SPLICED' PEALS.

On the agenda was a series of motions relating to the definition of a 'Spliced' peal. One was in the name of Mr. C. T. Coles, with an amendment by Mr. J. Hunt, the other was in the name of Mr. S. H. Wood. When this matter was reached, Mr. Hunt withdrew his amendment, and, with the consent of the Council, Mr. Coles and Mr. Wood also withdrew theirs and substituted the following, which Mr. Wood proposed and Mr. Coles seconded:—

'That compositions which contain more than one method shall be called "Spliced," provided that the methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the "Leads" in the case of Treble-dominated methods, the "Sixes" in the case of Stedman, Duffield and similar methods, etc.) remain intact.

'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 during the peal.'

An amendment by Mr. G. Grover, seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins, to omit all the words in the first paragraph beginning with 'provided that,' was defeated by a large majority and the proposition was carried.

OTHER MOTIONS.

A debate took place on a motion submitted by Mr. F. E. Dawe 'To call attention to the present very inadequate support given to "The Ringing World" and to consider what steps (if any) can be taken to increase the circulation.

Mr. E. A. Young seconded the motion and several members offered suggestions.

Eventually, on the suggestion of the hon. secretary, Mr. Dawe accepted and the Council approved of the following motion: 'The Council requests all members and secretaries of affiliated societies to send in suggestions with a view to increasing the circulation of "The Ringing World," these suggestions to be considered by the officers of the Council and Mr. Goldsmith, and a report circulated to all members.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed 'That with a view to providing future guidance, the officers of this Council be requested to consider the question of the correct method of muffling and ringing church bells on occasions of national and local mourning, and, after consulting at discretion those who may be able to give information, draw up a recommendation, which, if possible, shall be submitted to the Church authorities for approval and laid before the Council at the next meeting.'

Mr. G. W. Fletcher seconded.

An amendment was carried on the motion of Mr. E. P. Duffield, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, that the recommendation should be first submitted to the Council, and with that alteration the motion was carried.

Mr. G. Pullinger proposed and Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded that 'In the opinion of this Council, the morning session of the Council meetings should, where possible, commence at 10 a.m.

There was a strong feeling against changing the present hour of 11, and, after an amendment to make the hour 10.30 a.m. had failed to elicit any support, the motion was defeated by a large majority.

The following motion was carried on the motion of the President, seconded by the Hon. Secretary: 'That all persons having collections of books on ringing matters be invited to supply particulars to the hon. librarian and to indicate whether they are willing to give access to their collections.'

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THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

BELLS DEDICATED AT LEYTONSTONE.

National Tribute to a Great Ringer.

A fitting and permanent memorial to one who has been described as 'the greatest ringer of all time'—the late Mr. William Pye—was dedicated at St. John the Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, on Saturday. Mr. Pye died on March 8th, 1935, after a ringing career that made him famous throughout his generation, his great abilities and his prodigious performances placing him among the men whose names will live in the Exercise for all time. The memorial which has now been set up to him has been subscribed to by ringers in every part of the British Isles, and it is gratifying that the culmination of the scheme should have been reached at a time when those who came to honour his memory could include representatives of ringing organisations in many parts of the country.



ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S CHURCH, LEYTONSTONE,
Where the Memorial has been Installed.

As is already well known, the memorial consists mainly of two treble bells to augment to eight the existing six at St. John's Church. In addition a memorial tablet has been placed in the church entrance porch. The scheme thus to honour Mr. Pye's memory was inaugurated by the Middlesex County Association, of which he was so long Master, and the Essex Association, in whose area he lived and for which he did so much. The appeal for funds was widely responded to by ringers and associations throughout the country, and in the space of less than twelve months the scheme was conceived and carried to a successful conclusion.

The original bells at Leytonstone were cast by Thomas Mears and put into the tower in 1833. The new trebles have been made a perfect splice, and the whole peal immensely improved by the tuning of two of the old bells, so that Leytonstone not only has a handy ring with a tenor of 13 cwt., but one which affords the ringers great pleasure to ring. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who, in co-operation with Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), who advised the committee, overcame a somewhat difficult problem in putting all the bells on one level. To do this a clock case had to be moved to a corner of the tower, one side of the old wood frame had to be replaced by metal

and part of the new frame built into the former angle doorway. It has been a tight fit, but very successfully carried out. An excellent circle of ropes has been provided in the ringing chamber, where the bells are perfectly heard.

The memorial tablet, of white marble, with lead letters, was executed by Mr. C. Mee, of Sproughton, Ipswich. The inscription is:

WILLIAM PYE,
Church Bellringer.

Born August 14th, 1870. Died March 8th, 1935.

The two smallest bells in the tower of this church were given by the Ringing Exercise in memory of one of the greatest men in the history of change ringing.

W. T. Brown, R.D., Vicar.

H. S. Watts,

H. E. Newton, Churchwardens.

May, 1936.

THE DEDICATION.

A large congregation of parishioners, in addition to about two hundred ringers, were present at the dedication service. Among those who attended were Mrs. Pye (widow of the late Mr. W. Pye), Mr. E. W. Pye (son), Miss S. Pye (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pye (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. G. R. Pye (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pye (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. William Pye (nephew and niece), Miss Newman (sister-in-law). The Middlesex and Essex Associations were represented by their officials and members from a large number of towers, the president and hon. secretary represented the Central Council, and Mr. C. F. Johnston represented the founders.

The service, which began with the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Brown), and the music was finely led by the choir. The lesson, from Ecclesiastes xiv. 1-16, was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association), and during the singing of the hymn, 'Ring out, wild bells' (from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam'), the Bishop of Barking, accompanied by the clergy, the churchwardens (Messrs. H. S. Watts and H. E. Newton) and the choir, with Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Council), Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. E. J. Butler (who had acted as hon. secretaries of the scheme), proceeded to the tower.

Here Mr. Lewis requested the Bishop to 'bless these bells now presented to the glory of God, for use in the service of this church, in memory of our departed brother, William Pye.' The formal dedication and prayers followed, and the bells were then heard as a ring of eight for the first time, as they were rung in rounds by the local ringers.

Descending to the porch, the procession halted at the tablet, and Mr. C. T. Coles performed the unveiling ceremony with the words, 'To the glory of God and in loving memory of William Pye, I unveil this tablet, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.' The Bishop then dedicated the tablet and the procession returned to the church to the singing of the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England.'

The Bishop based his address on Philippians iv. 4, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.' He pointed out that bells were only mentioned twice in the Bible, and, therefore, it was rather difficult to find a text exactly suitable to that occasion. The Bishop traced the early history of bells in the Christian Church, and said that the church in which they were gathered that afternoon had been erected for over one hundred years, and there had been six bells in the tower during the whole of that time. The parish had waited long and patiently for the peal to be made up to the full number, and now it had been achieved by the generosity of ringers in all parts of the country. It meant more than many realised, said the Bishop, to secure an adequate number and quality of bells in our churches in the present day, because it became more and more difficult to find money in their growing parishes to provide churches. A church tower, even, was a luxury and a full peal of bells a greater luxury still. Some few centuries ago a peal of bells was considered part of the equipment of almost every church, and they were the delight of the parishioners and the care of the members of the team of ringers.

'AN EMINENT AND DISTINGUISHED RINGER.'

Continuing, the Bishop paid testimony to the value of the work rendered week by week by the ringers in the church belfries—services which he was afraid were not always appreciated, but which were missed when the bells were silent. The Bishop spoke of the messages of the bells, both of joy and sorrow. He could not close, he said, without referring to the eminent and distinguished ringer in whose honour and in whose memory they had met that day. Those belonging to that church were proud to think he was connected with it and proud that his friends should have given those two new bells and erected that simple and beautifully inscribed tablet to the memory of William Pye. It was not for him (the Bishop) to recount the distinguished feats in ringing which he accomplished. He had rung peals in 500 or 600 towers and was the only man who, single-handed, had rung the heavy tenor bell at Exeter Cathedral to a peal. One

wondered whether his great exertions might possibly have shortened his life, but whether they did or not, they did bear testimony to the love of a devoted ringer for his art. He set a wonderful example to the younger generation. He (the Bishop) sometimes thought their young men to-day did not take so kindly to the art of ringing as they might do, but they could find no better outlet for their energies. Bellringing called alike for skill and perseverance, for strength and patience. A ringer had to be ready to respond to the call of duty, and ringing was an art which called for considerable self-sacrifice on the part of those who practised it. It seemed to him that it offered a wonderful sense of satisfaction and happiness to those who were its votaries. There was a wonderful spirit of freemasonry among ringers, and an occasion like that was just an expression of that spirit which drew ringers together. He trusted that the example of this great and wonderful man, of whom it was said he would go down in history as the greatest ringer of his own or any previous generation, might be turned to account and bear much fruit. They met in a spirit of thanksgiving and admiration, and they would re-echo that spirit in the sound of the bells—'Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.'

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Hark on high the joyful music.'

As the congregation left the church, an opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a representative band: E. P. Duffield (Master of the Essex Association and Ancient Society of College Youths) 1, A. W. Coles (Master of the Middlesex Association), conductor 2, Gabriel Lindoff (Irish Association) 3, J. Austin (Gloucester and Bristol Association) 4, A. D. Barker (Oxford Diocesan Guild) 5, E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council) 6, Rupert Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 7, W. H. Shaker (Lancashire Association) 8.

THE MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Visiting ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens, and afterwards Mr. C. T. Coles reviewed the memorial scheme.

To-day, he said, sees the completion of the scheme, first brought to the notice of the Exercise just a year ago, to erect a permanent and suitable memorial to that great ringer, William Pye. It is not necessary, at this gathering, to go into details of Mr. Pye's ringing career; the many great things he did in ringing are well known to us all. But an outstanding man such as he was deserved a real memorial, something that would always be with us to remind us of him, although it is certain that those of us who had the privilege of associating with him will need no reminder of his sterling qualities as a ringer and as a man. The first mention of a memorial was made public at the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury, and at the beginning of October last an appeal was made by a joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations. In the short space of eight months the whole scheme has been brought to a successful issue. Over £200 has been raised, subscribed by the ringers of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and from one or two places overseas. Some 36 of the societies affiliated to the Council have sent donations, including all the societies operating in and around London. About 50 ringing bands have sent collective donations, and some 200 individual subscriptions have also been received. It is, therefore, not too much to say that this is a truly national memorial (applause).

We are greatly indebted, continued Mr. Coles, to Canon Brown and the churchwardens of St. John's, Leytonstone, for the assistance they have so willingly given (applause). Nothing has been too much trouble for them, and I have no hesitation in saying that but for their co-operation the opening would not have taken place on this most convenient day, if at all. The idea of erecting bells as a memorial to a ringer is, of course, not a new one, but it is no doubt the most suitable memorial, and the one that, had Mr. Pye at any time been asked, he would have chosen. He was a resident in this parish for over 30 years, and a very frequent ringer at this church. We feel, therefore, that we have made the wisest choice. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the work they have put in, in a very short space of time, to get the work done by to-day, and for the satisfactory splices they have made (applause). You all have, on the service paper, particulars of the memorial bells and of the tablet which has been placed in the porch—which, by the way, was made by a ringer, Mr. Charles Mee, of Ipswich. I would like to add that, when we have received one or two more definitely promised donations, we should be in a position to meet the whole cost of the bells, the tablet and all incidental charges. There has been work done in the tower, necessary in this case, over and above providing the two new bells. A clock weight case had to be moved, extra strengthening provided to the existing frame, and two of the old bells retained, which add to the usual cost of such a scheme as this, but all of this will be met. This, I feel sure you will all agree, is a great credit to the ringing Exercise (applause). In due course a balance sheet will be published in 'The Ringing World.' In the meantime I would like to thank most sincerely all the associations, guilds, ringing bands and individual ringers for their generous donations, which have made this scheme possible. We are very grateful.

Mr. Coles concluded by expressing thanks for the assistance the committee had at the beginning of their work from Mr. Lewis, the president of the Council, who made an exhaustive examination of the tower and frame, and gave them most valuable information and

advice. His assurance at the beginning that it was possible to add the two bells enabled them to go forward with confidence that the scheme was possible, and they were grateful to him for his advice (applause).

Ringers, Mr. Coles added, had come that day from all parts of the country, north, south, east and west, even from as far away as Dublin, Newcastle and Manchester. He apologised for the absence of the president of the Middlesex Association (the Rev. W. P. Cole Shene), who was detained by pressure of duties, Mr. James George, who was still incapacitated as the result of an accident, and Mr. F. W. Perrens (Coventry).

VOTES OF THANKS.

The president of the Central Council proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Barking for coming to dedicate the bells on a day, probably inconvenient to himself, but very convenient for ringers, enabling them to have a representative gathering in view of their 'Parliament,' which met on Tuesday.

Proceeding, Mr. Lewis said he felt very happy that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had been able to carry out the scheme in the way he suggested at the start. He knew it would be a very tight fit to keep all the bells on one level, but he thought the result was very satisfactory and a very nice splice had been made.

He agreed with all that had been said about Mr. William Pye being the greatest ringer and having accomplished the greatest achievements ever known. If there was one man who came near him he thought it would be a man of his (Mr. Lewis') adopted county of Kent, James Barham, who, considering the circumstances of his time—the end of the 18th century—did some very fine achievements. Barham was the only man he could think of who approached William Pye in this respect.

The Bishop of Barking, in replying to the vote of thanks, said it had been a great pleasure to take part in the ceremony. He felt he must say how gratified they were locally at the wonderful way in which ringers had come from all parts of the country to share in the service. He found that there were two young ringers who had 'push-biked' all the way from North Stoncham, in Hampshire. If he had known that before, he did not think he would have said what he did in his address about the slackness of the younger generation in responding to the call of the belfry. It gave one great encouragement to find some of their younger brothers so tremendously keen (applause).

LEYTONSTONE HONOURED.

Mr. E. P. Duffield voiced the gratitude of those present to Canon Brown, the churchwardens, Miss Miller and those who had been assisting her, for having made that gathering possible and giving them such a pleasant afternoon. He also had to welcome, in the name of the ringers of Essex, the large company who had come there to honour William Pye. Although they recognised that this great man was primarily known as Master of the Middlesex Association and that his first interest in the realms of ringing was to that association, they in Essex were mindful of the tremendous amount they, as a county, owed to him. They were proud of the fact that he was born in the county and lived the whole of his life in it. He did a tremendous lot for ringing in Essex, and he, possibly more than any other man, raised the standard of ringing in Essex. Mr. Duffield concluded by giving a warm welcome to the visitors and thanking Canon Brown for his splendid help from the beginning of the memorial scheme and the churchwardens for their ready assistance in enabling them to honour and perpetuate the memory of a great man.

Canon Brown acknowledged the vote and said it had been a work of great pleasure to them in Leytonstone to co-operate with the ringers in this scheme. From start to finish everything had gone smoothly. They at St. John's felt honoured that of all the towers at their command, St. John's should have been chosen for the memorial to Mr. Pye (applause).

For the rest of the evening, under the direction of Mr. A. W. Coles, the bells were kept going by a succession of bands, who enjoyed the pleasure of ringing on this very handy ring.

The new bells, which bear the name of the founders and the date 1936, also are inscribed:—

Treble:

William Pye, 1870-1935.

The two trebles of this peal were given by the Ringing Exercise in memory of a great ringer.

Second:

All these were honoured in their generations,
And were the glory of their times.

The treble, in nota G, weighs 5 cwt. 18 lb., and the second, F sharp, 5 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

The other bells are inscribed, each with the name of the founder and the date 1833, as follows: 3rd 'Agnes'; 4th 'Phoebe'; 5th 'Sarah'; 6th 'Eliza'; 7th 'Dorothy Anne.'

Tenor (12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.): 'This bell with five more to form a peal was presented to the new chapel of Leytonstone by William Davis, Esquire, A.D. 1833.'

Mrs. William Pye desires to convey her most sincere thanks to all who recently did such great honour to her late husband. She is deeply conscious of the feelings of the Exercise towards his memory.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Brabourne. —Owing to unavoidable circumstances the meeting held here annually in June will not be held this year.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Collin's Cafe. All ringers and friends are invited.—J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Hotel at 5.30, followed by a short business meeting.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea, 1s. per head.—Margaret E. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Moreton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., Bishop's Stortford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 o'clock. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. M. L. Cross and Miss H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. A meeting will be held at Wallington (near Baldock) on Saturday, June 6th. The peal of six will be available from 3 p.m. Learners will be welcomed, and every assistance given to them. Book the date and don't be late.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. —Kings Langley, Saturday, June 6th. The usual arrangements for service and tea. Members are asked to give this meeting full support as the District Committee, etc., will be elected.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Wargrave, Berks, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcome.—W. J. Paice, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Halsall, on Saturday, June 6th. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Please send names to Mr. W. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Liverpool.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Walesby on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m.—G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley to-morrow, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please send along 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 Stockbridge on Saturday, June 6th. Service at 4, followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Wynne, Hermit Lodge, Stockbridge. All welcome.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, June 6th. Six beautiful bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—Short Notice. A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Wymswold, on Saturday next, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. A very good bus service from Loughborough. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sunday service ringing June 7th, 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand; June 14th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m.; June 28th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, June 8th and 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, June 30th, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

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, St. Michael's on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, at Ewell, Surrey. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5, tea 6. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by Monday, June 8th.—E. K. Fletcher, F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. The Tropical Gardens will be open.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by June 10th?—A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Palgrave, (8) on June 13th. Tea at the School at 4.30, free for all sending word before June 9th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District (Romney Marsh Guild).—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15. Business meetings after. It is very important that at least one from each tower in union in the district shall attend this meeting. Half travelling expenses will be paid. Please notify me of your intention to be present by June 10th, in order that tea arrangements may be made.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, June 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Business meeting follows tea. Half-rail fares to members. Tea provided for those who advise me Wednesday prior to meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Helen, Sefton, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. Please notify Mr. R. Guy, Lunk Lane, Sefton.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting of the above districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 13th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. F. Sheraton, Hermitage Lodge, Chester-le-Street, not later than Thursday, June 11th. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, and J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Hon. Joint Dis. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 10th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Buxted (8 bells) on Saturday, June 13th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Business meeting to follow. Important.—Arrangements for tea will only be made for those who notify the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, by Wednesday, June 10th.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nunburnholme on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5

o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Please advise Mr. F. Wilkinson, Manor House Farm, Nunburnholme, York, by June 10th. Bus leaving Market Weighton Church 2.30 p.m. Market Weighton bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 9th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, June 13th. As it is also the local field day it will be well worth a visit, also to see the new ringing chamber. Tea can be obtained cheap in the school. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. each) in the Church House at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday 10th. All are welcome. Don't forget the shield contest (open to all members), to be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Entries close on June 13th. Tower closed for practice after June 27th. Rules may be had from A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane, near Rotherham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I. of W. District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. (Methods, Double Norwich and Bob Major Reversed.) Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by June 10th to Hy. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I. of W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich and Stockport Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Lower Peover on June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All welcome.—H. Parker, A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, June 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this historic tower.—E. Swain, 29, Beccham Street, Morecambe.

LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch) AND SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Linden Cottage.—All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Meare, Zeals, Bourton and Silton bells also available. All welcome. For tea, please send postcard by June 9th to J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Nether Winchendon on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cuddington (6 bells) available after tea. Please send numbers for tea by June 10th. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bourn on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Will all please help to make this meeting a great success?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hethersett.—The memorial peal tablet to the late G. H. Moore, will be unveiled on Sunday, June 14th. Ringing 2.30—3.0. Service at 3. Further ringing from 3.40—4.30. All members heartily welcome. It is hoped a large number will attend the service.—N. Golden, Norwich.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bidston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—Harry S. Brockebank, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 20th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2.30 till 3.45 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Special service at St. Nicholas' Church 4.15; address by the Vicar, the Rev. L. N. Phillips, M.A., M.C. Meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. each, members 1s. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Secretaries should notify the undersigned the number to be expected from their towers not later than Wednesday, June 17th.—S. E. Armstrong, Assist. Hon. Gen. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield Societies and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. A. Champion, 9, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, by Thursday, the 18th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Hon. Branch Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Room, 9d. to fully-paid-up members, to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, the 16th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hunton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Beautiful bells and lovely country for a mid-summer meeting. Please write for tea to Mr. H. H. Foreman, West Street, Hunton, before Wednesday, the 17th.—D. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea by Monday, June 15th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me by Monday, June 15th.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Stanmore, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45. Please advise me by 17th inst. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, the 17th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

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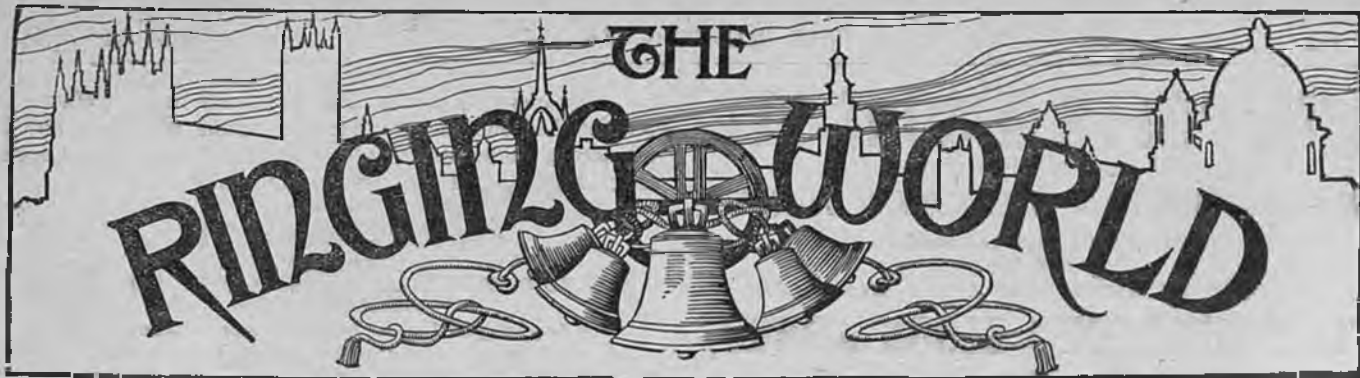
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There is always a special interest in the first meeting of a new Central Council, partly because of the fresh faces that appear. Last week there was a rather unusual number of new members, and they were drawn from the younger men. This is an excellent sign. An organisation like the Council needs a constant influx of new blood and, as long as this can be secured, there need be little fear of the central body sinking into a state of semi-atrophy. Another thing which gave a point of special interest to the gathering was the fact that it was the first Council to meet under the full operation of the revised rules drawn up three years ago, and it is an indication of the ready acceptance by the Exercise of the new constitution that forty-nine associations have become affiliated and have subscribed to the undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. There is only one association of any size that has not yet agreed to the conditions of membership and that is the Sussex Association, which will consider the matter at its annual meeting next week. There is one imposing fact about the Council, which could only be guessed at before, but which has now been, under the new rules, accurately ascertained, and that is that it represents a body of approximately twenty thousand ringers, who are active and subscribing members of the various territorial societies. This gives an authority to the Council which must carry weight, not only among ringers themselves, but in other quarters where the views of ringers have a right to be heard. Moreover, it emphasises, if further emphasis be necessary, what a valuable body of workers the Church has in the belfries.

The business of the meeting itself produced debates on several subjects which are the special concern of 'the rank and file,' and occupied the Council, with only an hour for lunch, from eleven o'clock until five. The interest held throughout, and it did not need anything in the nature of verbal fireworks, such as have been produced on some occasions, to sustain it. Good, solid work was put in in the morning session, when routine affairs and committee work were disposed of. Most of the afternoon was devoted to the discussion of motions and for once there was nothing carried over to next year. The expeditious way in which the meeting was got through was due to the able chairmanship of Mr. E. H. Lewis (the President), the excellent organisation of the Honorary Secretary, and the careful preparation of the ground by the Standing Committee. The President disposed of the idea, which appears to exist in places, that the business of the Council is 'cut and dried' by the Standing Committee. There is no question that, without the preparation which this Committee gives to the

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work, the business of the Council could not be efficiently completed in one day; indeed it would probably not be 'efficiently' completed at all. The new Council has begun work in a way that promises well for the future.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 10
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5	*JAMES BENNETT 11
FRANK E. PERVIN 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 8000 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble	†FREDERICK E. PITMAN 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	†PHILIP A. CONLEY 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 8
*RENE REDPATH 4	†ALFRED G. HILL 9
†MOLLIE REDPATH 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal on ten tower bells. † First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells and by all the band on tower bells. Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
JAMES CHINERY 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 8
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 9
*DENIS A. S. SYMONDS 5	JOHN EUSTON Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

THOMAS A. FIELD Treble	CYRIL CHAMBERS 6
ALLEN MORGAN 2	ERNEST CALCOTT 7
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 3	JOHN WOODBERRY 8
*MISS BETTY COPSON 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT 9
WALTER H. RAXTER 5	JOHN ADDLETON Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Caters by all the band and on the bells.

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**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 1	Treble	KENNETH A. ROE 6
ALBERT WALKER 2		ROGER W. DANIELS 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3		GEORGE FEARN 8
FREDERICK J. MILNER 4		FRANK E. HAYNES 9
RICHARD F. ROE 5		FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
First peal of New Cambridge Royal for the Guild and by all the band except F. H. Dexter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD QUANTRILL 1	Treble	RUSSEL CURSON 5
NOLAN F. GOLDEN 2		HENRY TOOKE 6
WALTER R. FARROW 3		CHARLES MOORE 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4		WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 21 lb.

KENNETH LEWIS 1	Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2		LIONEL PLOUGH 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3		WILLIAM FERNLEY 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 4		JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 171). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Arranged for Mr. J. E. Wheelton, who had not struck a blow in the method before starting for the peal.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY-OF-CHARITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

*RAYMOND H. MAILE 1	Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2		WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3		GEORGE KENWARD 7
HARRY BAKER 4		A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. H. Maile. The quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 1	Treble	KEITH WHITTELL 5
JOHN EUSTON 2		GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3		HARRY D. LISTER 7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4		LAURENCE POULSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 122). Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE T. ROGERS 1	Treble	GEORGE W. BARTON 5
FREDERICK W. STEMP 2		FRANK TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. 3		CECIL L. GUY 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4		FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal and first attempt.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. CHAD, FAR HEADINGLEY

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

Tenor 18 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

*LEONARD STOKOE 1	Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL 5
†KENNETH SIMPSON 2		GEORGE ROBINSON 6
*DEREK M. SHARP 3		RONALD H. DOVE 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON 4		LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Double Norwich rung at St. Chad's, and first peal of Major on the bells since they were recast. Rung in honour of the marriage of Rosemary, daughter of Canon and Mrs. C. C. Marshall, to Mr. George N. Emmet.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN 1	Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2		WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
HARRY BAKER 3		GEORGE KENWARD 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4		A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.
The quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Jack Hyde and Miss Winifred Richards, who were married at West Wickham on this day. The bride is a sister of Mr. Arthur S. Richards, a ringing colleague of the conductor.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY, BENGEO

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*SIDNEY CADLE 1	Treble	GEORGE GRAY 5
GEORGE MAXIM 2		JOSEPH LADLEY 6
REGINALD DORE 3		ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
STANLEY A. CARTER 4		†PERCY W. SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.
* First in method away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a 69th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

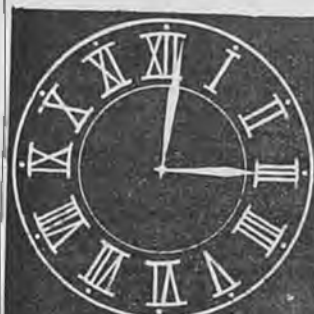
At the Church of St. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 1	Treble	HORACE L. WHITE 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2		HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6
FRANCIS J. TOMPKINS 3		WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4		WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by John Taylor and Co.



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On Tuesday, June 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL 7
ARTHUR ARMITAGE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Teale, an esteemed ringer at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, Leeds, to Miss Alice Jackson. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER Treble	WALTER F. TYLER 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	JACK DARTERS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.; also in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Hyde and Miss Winifred Richards, who were married at West Wickham on Whit Monday.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRED WHITBY Treble	LEWIS CORDELL 5
*MISS ANNIE WHITE 2	STANLEY CLARK 6
BEN COPPING 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER 7
ERNEST J. RUNTER 4	LESLIE J. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and the tenor recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ILKESON ARRANGEMENT.	
*JAMES W. GODDARD Treble	†GEORGE JOHNSON 5
ARTHUR HOODLESS 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 6
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7
*WALTER M. GODDARD 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY. Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal of Major in two methods. † First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. P. Eayres, one of the local ringers, also as a thanksgiving for the recovery of Mrs. Varah, the wife of the Vicar, from the result of an accident.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD HOLT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	JOHN S. MASON 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	WILLIAM DOWDING 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

* First attempt for a peal of Major. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Col. J. W. Danielsen, D.S.O. (churchwarden), and Mrs. Danielsen, of Wellington Road, Edgbaston, who were married at the above church on June 1st. 1911, by Archdeacon Mansfield Owen (Vicar), now Dean of Ripon. Bob Major was rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob, the treble man standing in at short notice.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	*REGINALD WESTCOIT ... 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	FRANK ROWSELL 6
E. GEORGE PALMER 3	HERBERT DAVIES 7
*JOHN EVANS 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

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

* First peal of Major and are local men.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD HARPER Treble	†JOE WHITTAKER 5
*STANLEY NOBLE 2	WILLIAM CARTER 6
JOHN WORTH 3	WALTER LONGMAN 7
*MISS E. M. K. FEATHERS ... 4	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by W. STEVENSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal on eight. First peal of Major as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

GEORGE LANCASTER Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5
*REGINALD C. ARGENT 2	WALTER H. TRIDEMAN ... 6
†CHARLES J. HATHAWAY 3	NEIL ALLNATT 7
SIDNEY PALMER 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... Tenor

Composed by E. GUISE. Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Brierley and Miss J. M. Tuckwell. The bride is a chorister and daughter of a ringer at this church.

FELSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST J. BOTLER Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOODS Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
ALBERT E. WHITING 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BANBURY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*JOHN ADAMS Treble	ERNEST SHERWOOD 4
HARRY ADAMS, JUN. 2	*LEONARD LARNER 5
HERBERT ADAMS 3	*HARRY ADAMS, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT ADAMS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble is aged 14 years. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

MURSLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Cambridge Surprise, and one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDMUND J. HOBBS Treble	EVELYN STEEL 4
MARIE R. CROSS 2	*JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Conducted by C. E. WIGG.

* First peal in five methods. First peal of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to the Rev. J. M. Tredennick, Rector of Mursley.

WHAPLODE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Oxford, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (2) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob; (3) Elston Delight; (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (5) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (6) Old Oxford, Willesden and College Bob IV. Delight; (7) Bourne Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

CYRIL R. BURRELL Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL 4
*MISS LOIS M. NEAL 2	VERNON TAYLOR 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	HAROLD BARSLEY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BARSLEY.

There were 78 changes of method. * First peal of Treble Bob and first in 16 methods. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor and first as conductor in 16 methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford combined, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
PHYLLIS HUMPHREY 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN H. BOTHAM 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Frances Humphrey.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Burton, Capel, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED TIBBLE Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
ARTHUR GILL 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

This peal was rung non-conducted. First non-conducted peal and first attempt by all the band and on the bells; also believed to be the first peal of Minor non-conducted for the association. Rung on the third anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding day.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST J. MATTHEWS Treble	TOM WORRALL 4
HARRY W. BARNETT 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
REGINALD DANIEL 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Marple Delight; (2) Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (3) Sandal Treble Bob; (4) Bourne Surprise; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (6) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (7) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate and College Bob IV. Delight. Tenor 23 cwt.

VERNON TAYLOR Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
*GEORGE W. BURRELL 2	HARVEY E. BURRELL 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 51 methods, viz.: (1) Benington, Butterwick, Frampton and Freiston Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (3) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Dunottar Delight; (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (5) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 172 changes of method. First peal in 51 methods by all and by the Guild. Benington, Butterwick, Frampton and Freiston Alliance are now all rung for the first time.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 32 methods, viz.: (1) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Ockley, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Dunottar Delight; (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (3) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (4) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate and College Bob IV. Delight; (5) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ 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.

There were 108 changes of method. First peal in 32 Treble Bob methods by all.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.			Tenor 12½ cwt.
*WALTER J. SHIPP Treble	CHARLES F. TOVELL 4		
TOM GREENACRE 2	EDWARD GREENACRE 5		
ERNEST A. SHIPP 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor		

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal.

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

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, London Bob, Double and Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS C. NEAL Treble	JOHN R. KEMP 4
MISS LOIS M. NEAL 2	*ALBERT FLATTERS 5
ARTHUR YOONG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal of Minor.

GREAT BRICKHILL, Bucks.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILFRED EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 4
R. GORDON CROSS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells, which were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1789.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) Chapel Treble Bob; (4) Sandal Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (6) Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR HIBBERT Treble	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON 4
*ROBERT ASHMORE 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED MAREDEN 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal away from the treble. It is 41 years since Mr. Ashmore started ringing. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. Ellison, secretary of the local tower. There were eight changes of method.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING BOB MINOR.

In recent weeks we have endeavoured to show that there are in existence a number of Triples methods which bands would do well to practise, both for the sake of variety and for the wider experience which they will obtain. We will, perhaps, return later to other of these methods, but in the meantime, if readers are wanting more, they should obtain a copy of the Central Council's 'Collection of Triples Methods,' which can be had post free for a shilling from the Council's librarian, Mr. Wilfred Hooton, Lindley Lodge, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

A reader has asked us how he can call Bob Minor without actually ringing the observation bell. With a little study and practice he should not find it difficult. First of all, of course, he must learn to 'read' the bells while they are ringing, that is to say he must be able to follow their coursing order and to know when and where they are to dodge.

The coursing order in Bob Minor remains the same until a bob or single is called, except that in each lead the treble moves on one place, that is, goes away from lead in front of the bell it followed down.

When a bob is called, the bells in front of and behind the treble continue unchanged for another lead, but the bell that makes the bob is diverted from being next but one in front of the treble to next but one after it.

In the case of a single the bell that makes 4th's is affected as at a bob; the bell that makes 2nd's is affected as at a plain lead, that is, it hunts down before the treble and hunts up after it. The other bell, which hunts down after the treble, makes 3rd's and hunts up in front of it.

The calling places in Bob Minor can be Right (6-5 down), Wrong (5-6 up), 4th's, In or Out.

If you want to call the observation bell In or Out, watch for it hunting immediately behind or in front of the treble. If it is to make the bob it will be the bell next but one in front of the treble.

If you want to call the observation bell Right you do it when it is hunting next but one after the treble, the bell between it and the treble being the bell that will run 'In.' You yourself may, perhaps, be the bell hunting in front of the observation bell, or behind it. In that case your task of finding the right place to call the bob is simplified, as you call yourself In or Wrong as the case may be.

There are only two other positions in which you can be in relation to your observation bell. In one you will dodge in 3-4 up with it, when it is in 4-3 (down). The Right comes at the next lead, and that is when you yourself run out.

In the other position there is one bell hunting between the observation bell and you. That other bell will dodge with the observation bell in 5-6; therefore, you will make the bob.

If you have to call the observation bell Wrong, and you have already had a Right, it is, of course, easy to remember that the Wrong comes at the next lead. If there has been no bob Right, then the guides which you can use for calling Right can be adapted for the Wrong. If you are coursing immediately in front of or behind the observation bell, your task is easy. If you have one bell between the observation bell and you, you are in front of the treble and you call yourself Out; if you are in front of the observation bell, with one bell between, you are coursing the treble and you call yourself In.

Another help is that if you have two consecutive Rights or Wrongs, and you are one of the three bells sharing the work of the bobs, you are called in part of a regular cycle: In, Out, 4th's. If you are In at the first bob, you are Out at the second; if you are Out at the first, you are 4th's at the second; and if you are 4th's at the first you are In at the second.

That cycle of In, Out, 4th's is valuable in all even-bell methods where the bob is made in 4th's. It crops up whenever there is a whole course between the bobs, and applies as much to the Surprise methods as to Plain Bob.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Shropshire Association visited Malinslee on Saturday week, when, despite the weather, there was a good attendance, the following towers being represented: Madeley, Coalbrookdale, Wellington, St. Chad's (Shrewsbury), Clive and the local company.

The bells were in use at the conclusion of a wedding ceremony, and until 5 p.m. were kept going to Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

Twenty-five enjoyed the tea prepared in the Church Room by Mrs. A. Woodvine and friends, after which a business meeting was held, Mr. F. Mole being in the chair. The Rev. Parry, at one time the incumbent, and now a veteran of 90 years of age, gave the gathering his recipe for longevity, and advice on ringing, church work and life in general.

Appreciation of the welcome prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Woodvine was expressed, and the association secretary was congratulated on his forthcoming marriage.

A return was made to the tower after courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major had been rung on handbells.

FOUR-METHOD SURPRISE PEAL ON HANDBELLS.**OXHEY RINGERS' GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.**

It was fairly certain, after the three method Spliced Surprise peal on handbells at Oxhey a few weeks ago, that it would not be long before this talented band would ring one which would include London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol. This they accomplished on Friday week, and everyone will heartily congratulate the ringers. It is a wonderful exhibition of skill and concentration, and the conductor's effort in ringing an inside pair as well as calling the peal is, in our view, the greatest thing in handbell ringing that has ever been done. We give the figures of the composition below:—

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A Four Method Peal by H. G. Cashmore.

23456		M	W	H
42356	B (one lead)	—	—	—
65324	LCL	—	—	—
43526	LCBBL	—	3	—
24536	LCLBB	—	—	3
32546	LSL	—	—	—
62453	LSBL	—	2	—
35426	LSL	—	—	—
26354	LBCL	2	—	—
53462	LCL	—	—	—
43265	LSL	—	—	—
46532	LBCL	2	—	—
34562	LCL	—	—	—
26543	LSL	—	—	—
54263	LBBSL	3	—	—
23645	LSLB	—	—	2

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CONGRATULATIONS.

Dear Sir,—I would like to be one of the many who will congratulate the Oxhey handbell band on their magnificent performance. When the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the four Surprise methods was rung at Warnham some years ago, you used the term 'mental acrobatics.' This was to describe the ringing of one bell, but what about ringing two? Good luck to 'Cashy and Co.'

C. T. COLES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BEST MEETING OF V.W.H. BRANCH FOR EIGHT YEARS.**

The annual meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 16th.

Ringing commenced about 2.30, and the usual Guild service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. P. C. C. Lamb (Vicar of Faringdon), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master) read the lesson, and the Rev. J. W. Cole (Rector of Hinton Waldrist) gave a very interesting address. Mr. J. Chambers was at the organ.

Tea was served to 48 ringers in the Wheatheaf Clubroom. This is the largest attendance at a branch meeting in the last eight years.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman (the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne), the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford (Vicar of Shrivenham) presided at the annual business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary), and members from Faringdon, Shellingford and Buckland, with visitors from Abingdon, Fairford, Oxford, Reading, West Ilsley, Beedon, High Wycombe, Banbury, Bucklebury and Standlake.

The accounts for the past year were presented by the secretary and showed a balance in hand of £3 11s. 9d. in the general funds and £4 10s. 6d. in the Restoration Fund. These were considered to be very satisfactory and were passed.

The officers of the branch were all re-elected, viz.: Chairman, the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Gilling; branch representative, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford.

Mr. G. Rogers, of Faringdon, was elected a member of the branch.

It was proposed that a by-meeting should be held at Ashbury in June and another at Hinton Waldrist in August and the autumn meeting at Buckland in October.

The Deputy Master said it gave him much pleasure to see the large number present, but it would have pleased him better if there had been more local ringers at the meeting.

The General Secretary made a few outspoken remarks and asked members to give more support to the branch officers, as it was the enthusiasm of the members that made a branch prosper.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Faringdon for conducting the service and for allowing the use of the bells, to the Rev. J. W. Cole for his excellent address, to the organist for giving his services, and to those who did the catering.

The ringers then returned to the tower and touches in various methods were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The 6th, 7th and tenor bells of St. Mary's, Autey, Leicestershire, have been taken to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough to be recast. The rededication is expected to take place in September.

There have been three honorary librarians of the Central Council: The late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and, now, Mr. Wilfred Hooton. All have been members of Cambridge University Guild.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are rehanging the rings of five bells at Little Houghton Church, Northants, and Blakesley Church, Northants.

In the 'silent' peal in seven Treble Bob methods rung at Felkirk—the report of which appears in another column—the 2nd was used as the observation bell throughout, with the calling Out, In, Out (twice repeated) for each extent.

Pudsey Parish Church bells are to be broadcast in the Northern programme on Sunday from 5 to 5.15 p.m.

SILENCERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council recommend the use of the Davis silencer in noisy towers. Would it not be a good thing if you could print a description of this remedy in your valuable paper and a rough estimate of the cost for fixing it?

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seaford Park, Fareham, Hants.

Mr. Davis' invention consists of a form of muffie, made of thin steel plates over leather. These are tied on to the ball of the clapper. The president of the Central Council gave the cost as about £2 for a set for eight bells. Further information about these silencers can be obtained from Mr. J. E. Davis, 70, Wooler Street, Walworth, London, S.E.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN HOWES.

LEADER OF KINGSTON RINGERS.

The death took place at Kingston on Friday week of Mr. John Howes, of 9, Hawk's Road. Mr. Howes, who was 63 years of age, had been unable, through ill-health, to follow his occupation since Christmas. About a month ago he sustained a bereavement by the death of one of his daughters, and since that time he had been confined to bed.

Mr. Howes had been a ringer for over 40 years at Kingston, and captain of the band for 30 years. He was a very capable ringer and he has several compositions to his credit.

The funeral took place on the following Tuesday. The first part of the service was held in All Saints' Church, and the interment afterwards in the cemetery.

FIFTY YEARS A CUMBERLAND.

DEATH OF MR. F. G. GODDARD.

It is with much regret we have to report the passing of a well-known Isleworth ringer, Mr. F. G. Goddard, who died in the West Middlesex Hospital on Monday, June 1st, and was buried in Isleworth Cemetery on Friday last. The bells of Isleworth Parish Church were rung half-muffled as the funeral procession proceeded from the house to the cemetery, stopping for a few moments as it passed the church. This was a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, rung by Miss O. L. Ashbrook 1, W. Massey 2, G. H. Cross 3, C. J. Tricker 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, H. Belcher 7, W. Lidbetter 8. At the cemetery handbells were rung over the grave by J. Milner 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, H. Belcher 5-6, G. H. Cross 7-8.

Among ringers present were Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master, London County Association), Mr. G. H. Cross (Master, Royal Cumberland Youths), Miss O. L. Ashbrook, Messrs. J. Milner, C. J. Tricker, H. Belcher, Biggs, W. Elson, W. Barrett, W. Massey, W. Lidbetter, J. Beadle, Stevens, F. E. Hawthorne, etc.

Mr. Goddard was a keen tower and handbell ringer and a perfect striker. His personality will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure of meeting him. He was one of the members of the old West Middlesex Association before its amalgamation, as the South and West District, with the Middlesex County Association. He was also a member of the old St. James' Society, afterwards the London County Association, and for over 50 years a Royal Cumberland.

In the evening, after the funeral, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Isleworth unfortunately came to grief after about 40 minutes' good ringing, the following members taking part: W. Ellingham 1, W. Massey 2, Miss O. L. Ashbrook 3, H. O. Chandler 4, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 5, W. Barrett 6, A. Jones 7, R. K. Mowforth 8. Afterwards some touches were rung with the inclusion of W. Lidbetter, N. H. Manning and F. Bishop. On Sunday morning, by special request of the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: E. Webb 1, Miss O. L. Ashbrook 2, J. Beadle 3, N. H. Manning (first quarter and first attempt) 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, H. Brooks 8.

F. F. H.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. FIRST MEETING UNDER NEW RULES.

Statistics Prove it a Representative Body.

There was, as we reported last week, a record attendance at the meeting of the Central Council in London on Whitsun Tuesday. Of the 127 elected members, representing the 49 affiliated associations, 102 were present, together with 12 out of 15 honorary members, making a total attendance of 114. By permission of the Lord Mayor and the City Corporation, the meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, occupied the chair and had with him on the dais at the outset the Dean of St. Paul's (Dr. Matthews). The detailed list of the members present was given in our last issue.

DEAN MATTHEWS' WELCOME.

The President accorded a very warm welcome to the Dean of St. Paul's.

Dr. Matthews, in reply, said he was afraid he was taking the place of a far more distinguished person than himself—the Lord Mayor—but, nevertheless, he was very glad to have the opportunity of giving a welcome to the Council to London and that great and ancient building—the Guildhall. He had at least one qualification to speak to bell-ringers in that he had been connected with two very famous places which were noted for their bells—Exeter Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral. He had often been amazed when he had seen people make the great bells in Exeter speak, but he confessed that he had not seen the bell-ringers in St. Paul's in action. The stairs one had to go up were somewhat difficult to a person of his habit and body.

Bellringing, continued the Dean, was in many ways a definite English occupation. He thought he was right in saying that change ringing was not known in any but Anglo-Saxon countries. Those who had heard bells in foreign parts had been astonished at the jingling and inconsequent row in contrast to the orderly and intricate manner in which the bells of this country were rung. It was a very ancient occupation, and one the Church ought to do all they could to encourage. How many people in foreign parts, in exile from the homeland, when they thought of their home town thought first of the sound of the bells which they used to hear. He always remembered someone in the wilds of Australia and a native of Exeter who told him that he often recalled the sound of the Cathedral bells when they were ringing and that was his chief memory of home.

Ringing was a very interesting and very great occupation which they had come there to discuss and represent.

'May I,' concluded the Dean, 'not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of the Lord Mayor and all the citizens of London, give you a very hearty welcome to this city and hope that your conference and your ringing will be very pleasant to you and you will go away from this city with very happy memories of the time you spent in it' (applause).

The President, in thanking Dr. Matthews for his welcome, said they could hardly hope the Lord Mayor could have been there, but he was not sure that it was not more appropriate that they should have the Dean of St. Paul's with them that day, for the ringing of bells had grown up in the use of services of the Church. There were some 4,000 or 5,000 peals of bells in the country, and he could only recall four in secular places—one of them being the Imperial Institute, where he had the pleasure of ringing the previous day. The others were at Manchester Town Hall, Morpeth Watch Tower and Quex Park. It was an art which had formed a definite part of the Church, and for that reason it was appropriate that they should be welcomed by one of the leading ecclesiastical authorities in the city.

OVER 20,000 RINGERS REPRESENTED ON COUNCIL.

After the Dean had left, the first business was to receive from the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) a report as to the representation of societies. After calling attention to the conditions of membership laid down under the new rules, the hon. secretary's report said:—

The operation of the rule governing affiliation divides the associations into two groups—(1) territorial associations, and (2) non-territorial associations. In Group 1 there are three sections: (a) Associations with annual subscribing members; (b) associations whose members pay one life subscription only; (c) associations made up of affiliated towers with no individual subscriptions.

In this Council we have 43 associations in Group 1, of which 41 are in section (a). The aggregate membership of this section is returned as 21,860, made up of 19,445 annual subscribing ringing members, 1,674 annual subscribing honorary members, 438 resident life ringing members and 303 resident life honorary members.

Two associations previously associated with the Council are no longer included, the Sherwood Youths, who could no longer show a minimum membership of 75, and the Sussex County Association, who are considering the matter at their meeting on June 20th. The North Wales Association has rejoined. The representation of this section is 116, but only 111 members have been elected—vacancies being left in Bath and Wells, Lancashire, North Notts, North Wales, Swansea and Brecon, and Worcester and Districts Associations.

The London County Association falls into section (b). No particulars as to numbers of its members are available, but efforts are being made to obtain them. The secretary has estimated that the numbers justify three representatives. The Truro Diocesan Guild have 66 towers affiliated with a fee of 5s. per tower. They have elected one representative only.

In Group 2 are the following associations: Ancient Society of College Youths, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Cambridge University Guild, Oxford University Society, Oxford Society and the Ladies' Guild. The Oxford Society and the Ladies' Guild are the only two associations in this group to furnish actual figures of membership. Approximate figures have been supplied by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The group is represented by 14 representatives. An affiliation fee of 5s. has been received from the St. Clement Youths, but no particulars of membership are available and no member has been elected. Excluding the St. Clement Youths the total membership of the Council is as follows: Associations affiliated 49, total members to which entitled 134, total members elected 127.

All these associations have given an undertaking to loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

The total number of hon. members is 15.

With the exception of two associations, the North Notts and the Swansea and Brecon, who, whilst entitled to elect two representatives each, have only paid the fee for one member, all affiliation fees due to the Council have been paid.

Last year there were 51 affiliated associations; this year the number is 49.

WHY THE PRESIDENT 'SPEAKS OUT.'

The Hon. Secretary stated that only one nomination for the office of president for the ensuing three years had been received, namely, Mr. E. H. Lewis, nominated by Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.

On being put to the meeting by Canon Coleridge, the election was agreed to with loud applause.

Mr. Lewis thanked the members for the honour they had done to him by re-electing him. He felt sometimes that he could not do all that he should do for the Council. He had a good many calls upon his time, apart from ringing, but the fact that they had nominated him for a further period of three years seemed to show that he had not lost their confidence. If they would bear with him he would do his best to carry on as he had done for the last six years (applause). He was afraid he sometimes got into trouble with some people for talking rather bluntly, but he had a feeling that it was his duty to say things straight out, if he saw that certain things were not what they should be. He did so, not because he wished to put his personal opinions over those of other people, but he felt, by putting him in that position, the Council had given him authority to speak out when things required saying (hear, hear). He got into serious trouble at Bristol not long ago because one of the ecclesiastical authorities there seemed to think he (Mr. Lewis) inferred that he was a fool. He had no intention of saying that. (A Voice: 'But he was'—laughter.) What he did intend to hint, continued Mr. Lewis, was that some architects were fools and that some were, perhaps, clever enough to befool ecclesiastical authorities. What he said was not meant for the particular authority in question, but he (the ecclesiastic) had taken it so. He hoped some day to meet him and explain. On the previous day, continued Mr. Lewis, during the ringing at Westminster Abbey, he felt obliged to say that it was quite hopeless to ring changes if the band who got hold of the ropes could not ring rounds, and he felt compelled to request one of the ringers to hand over his rope to somebody else. If the Council would endorse what he had said in the past it would give him courage to speak out again in the future when he thought it necessary to do so (hear, hear, and applause).

The President then said that only one nomination had been received for the office of hon. secretary and treasurer. Only Mr. Fletcher had been nominated. Those who had had experience of Mr. Fletcher's period of office would agree with him that they could not possibly have anyone else. Mr. Fletcher was absolutely priceless as a secretary, and he had made his work as president very much less. It was a real pleasure to have such a secretary to work with (applause).

Mr. Fletcher's re-election was agreed to with applause, and, in acknowledging his election, the Hon. Secretary appealed for more assistance from some of the members and some secretaries of associations. It was very difficult, he said, when information was wanted, to be told that it could not be given, when all the while it could be obtained locally far easier than he could get it. During the next three years there would be a lot of work to do, and they wanted to keep the Council posted up to date. When information was required he hoped members would kindly give it to him as speedily as possible.

NEW LIBRARIAN.

The President reminded the Council of the loss by death of the late librarian, and said that they had now to fill the post. It was a post that was not very easy to fill, because it required not only a person with qualities that made a suitable librarian, but also someone who had at disposal a certain amount of room to contain the library and literature, which altogether ran to something like 15 cwt. of material. No nomination had been received, but the Standing Committee had considered the matter and recommended the election of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed the election of Mr. Hooton, who would, he believed, make an excellent librarian for the Council.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher seconded, and, the motion having been carried unanimously, Mr. Hooton, as a new member (one of the representatives of the Midland Counties Association), was introduced to the president and took his seat on the dais.

The formal presentation to the president caused some amusement, as Mr. Hooton is Mr. Lewis' son-in-law.

Mr. Hooton, who was warmly received, said he was very proud that he was a friend of the last two librarians. He admired them both very much. He could not hope to be as efficient as Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake. He saw some of Mr. Drake's work, and it was very good. He would, however, do his best in any way he could (applause).

The auditors (Messrs. C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes) were re-elected. There were nine retiring hon. members, including Mr. Joseph Griffin, who, the President said, had tendered his resignation from the Council. The Standing Committee recommended the Council to accept the resignation, as, with advancing years, Mr. Griffin had not been able to attend the meetings for a considerable time.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed the re-election of the following: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young.—Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded and the motion was carried.

In the place of Mr. J. Griffin, the Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed the election, subject to his consent, of the Earl of Shaftesbury, who, he said, took a keen, practical interest in ringing, and who, although he had reached an advanced stage of life, had learned elementary change ringing.—Mr. C. H. Jennings, who seconded, said the Earl of Shaftesbury was the first peer of the realm to do any change ringing.—The Rev. H. Drake supported the motion, which was carried.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

The President next referred to the losses sustained by death, which this year, he said, had been very heavy. On Good Friday, as they knew, they lost Canon Elsee, who represented the Lancashire Association from the beginning of the Council up till 1935. During these 44 years he had attended 40 meetings. He was a member of the Standing Committee and had been president of the Lancashire Association for something over 40 years. He was a most valuable member of the Council, and although he did not often speak, when he did speak he always had something very good in the way of advice to give them. He did not think there was any member on whom they could rely for more sound advice than the late Canon Elsee. They missed him very much. Shortly before Canon Elsee died they heard of the tragic death of their late librarian, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who represented the Hertford County Association from 1919 to 1923 and the Ely Diocesan Association from 1929 to 1935. He attended 13 Council meetings and had been honorary librarian since 1933, having succeeded Mr. Jenkyn. His work as librarian was excellent, and as an official they would miss him very much. They would also miss him, many of them, as a very good friend. He (the president) felt their loss very much indeed, because both were members of the Cambridge University Guild, and he had known them from his earliest ringing days, and they were both godfathers to one of his children.

Continuing, the President said the Council had also lost the Rev. O. A. Clements, who represented the Lancashire Association in quite its early days, 1895 to 1902. From 1927 to 1935 he represented Chester Diocesan Guild. He had attended seven of their meetings, and some of those present knew him in the early days as a very good companion as well as a keen ringer. The death had also occurred of the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, a representative of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association from 1927 to 1935. Unfortunately, he was not in good health and had not been able to attend any meetings. Mr. R. A. Daniell represented the Royal Cumberland Youths from 1900 to 1911 and had been an honorary member from 1912 to 1923. He had attended 13 meetings of the Council and had done a great deal of work for the Exercise in the way of historical research. As the Council knew, he had something to do with the finding of the will of Fabian Stedman. He was a man who was very keen on ringing, although perhaps one could not class him as a very great ringer from the point of view of striking. He used to ring at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, where he was also in the choir for many years. They had also lost Mr. E. E. Richards, who represented the Kent County Association from 1891 to 1893, and then the St. James' Society from 1894 to 1896. He attended four of the meetings in those early days. Death had also removed an old member in Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, who represented the College Youths from 1903 to 1905 and 1909 to 1911. He attended two meetings, presumably the two held in London.

In addition to these members of the Council, continued the President, he would like to refer to one other very good friend whom they had lost. Although he was not an active ringer, he was a very good friend to ringers and that Council; he referred to Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Some of the members of the Council would remember that, before the war, they used to quarrel with Mr. Powys and his society, and the Towers and Belfries Committee really originated from the fact that a

letter of Mr. Powys, or of his society, was brought to the notice of the Council, and they decided to join issue with the society. They got to grips in 1912, but did not get very far until, through the intervention of Major Hesse, they met Mr. Powys. They then realised he was a man they could get on with. He was a most charming man; absolutely honest, particularly with himself and his own opinions, and immediately he saw that any of his opinions were wrong he was ready to withdraw them and readjust his views. Through that quality of his, the Towers and Belfries Committee were able to do a lot of good work with Mr. Powys, and he used to be able to influence his 'die-hards.' At Mr. Powys' invitation, 'die-hards' on both sides used to meet at the luncheon table sometimes. It worked very well, much good resulted and they became very good friends. He (the president) felt they could not on that occasion omit to make mention of Mr. Powys and to say what a good friend they had lost in him. He and Mr. Fletcher represented the Council at the memorial service, which was held at the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr.

The Council expressed their regret at the losses sustained and their sympathy with the bereaved by standing in silence.

A number of new members were formally presented to the president.

BELLS IN NEW HOUSING AREAS.

When the minutes of the last meeting came up for confirmation, the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards reported on the action taken in connection with the motion passed last year urging the provision of peals of bells in new housing estates. In collaboration with the late Canon Elsee, he drew up a letter to bring the matter to the notice of Bishops and Archbishops. Twenty-four replies had been received and they had been classified as good, bad and indifferent. Indifferent replies numbered five, and there were two unfavourable replies, and in view of the qualities of the ringing in their respective dioceses they came from Bishops who ought to know better. One was the Bishop of Birmingham, who, in reply, said he could only say that in his opinion necessities must come before luxuries. The other was from the Bishop of Oxford, who stated, 'I am afraid it is very difficult to press for peals of bells in such towers. When I lived in Oxford I used to think we could do with far fewer bells.'

All the four Archbishops' replies were classified as good. The Archbishop of York expressed his gratitude to the Council. The Archbishop of Armagh said he had sent it to the Bishop of Down, who was the only Bishop in his province who had to deal with new housing estates. The letter from the Bishop of Manchester was of melancholy interest, as it stated that it would be handed over to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, of which the late Canon Elsee was a member. The Bishop of Gloucester indulged in quiet humour by suggesting that bellringers should form funds for that purpose. The two best replies were from the Bishop of Chester and the Bishop of Norwich. The Bishop of Chester wrote 'that any information you care to send me I will gladly bring before the Committee of Church Buildings,' and the Bishop of Norwich said he would bring it before the Committee of the New Churches.

ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S LIBRARY.

The report on the library and publications, printed in 'The Ringing World' of June 5th, was presented by the hon. secretary.

The President said the booklet on 'The Law Affecting Church Bells' had been referred to Alderman Pritchett for revision, and would be put into the printer's hands almost immediately. A paragraph would be added on the question of insurance, as well as the Rev. H. Drake's notes on faculties.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in moving the adoption of the report, said when Mr. R. A. Daniell died he went through his MSS. and books, with a view to securing any of value for the Council's library. He secured a copy of the 1733 J. D. and C. M. 'Campanologia' and a photograph of Stedman's will, which he had handed over. The 'Campanologia' was an edition which he thought they had not got in the library. It was in perfect condition, except that the leather binding had gone. During the past year, Mr. Trollope said, he had been able to secure, through a nephew of the late Mr. Jerram, two other books, which Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake bought for the library. One of these books contained a copy of a book published in 1698 by J. White. It was a very rare book. There was one copy in the British Museum, the Rev. W. Pearson had a mutilated copy, but these were all he knew of. It was bound up with another edition of the J. D. and C. M. The other book was a second edition of Hubbard's work, which was also rare. It was particularly interesting because it contained an autographed letter from Hubbard. The books were a considerable acquisition to the library, as they very seldom came on the market.

Mr. E. J. Butler seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.**PENDING RESIGNATION OF MASTER AND GENERAL TREASURER.****A New District Secretary.**

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Banstead on Saturday, June 6th, when 29 members and friends attended from Benlilton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Leatherhead, London, Merton and Uckfield. Ringing commenced at 3.45 p.m. and continued until 5 o'clock, when short evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. N. Skene. Tea was served at the Victoria Hotel, followed by a business meeting, over which the Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cooper, presided.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Cooper reported that their secretary, Mr. F. W. Housden, had been obliged to tender his resignation owing to removal from the district, and that it had become necessary to find a new secretary. At a committee meeting held on April 20th, Mr. F. G. Woodiss offered to carry out duties of secretary until the end of the year. This offer was accepted and Mr. Woodiss was declared elected as hon. secretary pro tem.

The Chairman also said that it was with extreme regret that he had to report the death of two former members of the association, who had just passed away—Mr. John Howes, of Kingston-on-Thames, and Mr. F. E. Goddard, of Isleworth. Although they were not at the time of their death members of the association, they had been very active in past years and had rung many peals for the association. He asked the meeting to stand in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to their memory.

Two new members were elected—the Rev. G. Hart, of St. John's, Croydon, and Mr. Alfred Long, of Benlilton.

The Secretary said that it was his duty to report the receipt of the resignation of their Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, who had so well and ably presided over the fortunes of the association for the past six years. It was most unfortunate that this resignation had been brought about by ill-health, and, whilst there was some consolation in the fact that Mr. Birt had agreed to carry on until the end of the year, the members had to realise that they would be losing the services of their Master, and expressed a wish for his speedy recovery to perfect health and strength.

Mr. D. Wright informed the meeting that their general treasurer, Mr. Charles Dean, had expressed a wish to resign at the end of the year, owing to pressure of business, and that it would also be necessary to find a new treasurer as well as a new Master.

Mr. Woodiss said that he had received a letter from the secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths making application for Beddington tower for a meeting on Saturday, July 25th. This happened to be the date fixed for their joint meeting with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Ramore, and it was felt that it would not be possible to make a success of both meetings. The subject was left in the hands of the secretary to do all he could to avoid a clash of dates for these two meetings.

The Secretary announced that the annual dinner would take place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, and requested the members to keep that date free. A big improvement in the arrangements over those of last year had been made.

Some excellent handbell ringing was heard, after which most of the members returned to the tower, where ringing from rounds to Spliced Surprise continued until 9 o'clock.

RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

On Wednesday, May 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Frensham, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mills, of St. Austin's, Frensham, who on that day celebrated their diamond wedding.

Mr. Mills was for 33 years a ringer at St. Mary's and was for many years captain of the company. He rang his first peal at the age of 60.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills were the recipients of many presents, including a silver modelled bell inkstand from the local band.

The ringers taking part in the quarter-peal were: N. Overington (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss Doris Aslett (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, E. J. Pepler 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE IN MASTERSHIP.**

The fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Essex Association was held in Chelmsford on Whit Monday, when a large number of ringers from all over the county gathered. The Provost could not attend owing to a slight chill, and in his absence the service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Davies. The lesson was read by the Master, Mr. E. P. Duffield, and an address was given by the Rev. Canon J. H. Barrow, of Stansted.

Canon Barrow based his address on the word 'bells,' taking the five letters of the word to represent various aspects and points of the duties of the bellringers, and summing up his address with the words, 'Beautiful, enthusiastic, loyal, loving, service.'

The retiring Master, Mr. Duffield, presided at the business meeting which followed in the Chapter House.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The annual report stated that it was a record of satisfactory achievement and steady progress. The number of towers in affiliation was 114, an increase of seven on the year. The membership comprised hon. members 86, ringing members 778, and non-resident members 244, an increase of 24. There was an average attendance of about 40 members at the divisional meetings. It was somewhat disturbing to again report a sharp decline in the number of peals rung under the auspices of the association. The total last year was 81, a reduction of 14 compared with 1934. It was mainly in handbell peals that the decline occurred. The enforced retirement from peal ringing of Mr. William Keeble, one of their most active peal conductors, following as it did the lamented death of Mr. William Pye, had undoubtedly been the main reason for the reduced number of peals. Lest any should suppose that the standard of ringing had deteriorated, it could be said that never were the more advanced methods practised in so many of their towers as now. Thirty-six ringers shared in conducting peals. Twenty-five members rang their first peal, and sixty their first in a new method. Two trebles had been added at Fobbing, thus completing the octave, while at Thorpe-le-Soken, where the bells had for many years been unringable, a new metal frame had been installed, and a treble added to the old peal of five, which had been retuned. The bells at Havering-atte-Bower and Wivenhoe had been rehung.

The statement of accounts was particularly satisfactory, and for the first time the reserve fund exceeded £250. Total income for the year was slightly less at £68 1s. 7d., but expenditure had been only £50 4s. 11d., a reduction of £20. One grant, of £2 2s., to Little Waltham, had been made from the Bell Restoration Fund, the balance on which was now just over £60. In every division the officers had been re-elected to serve in 1936. They had merited and received sincere thanks for their unstinted services.

At the election of officers, the vote for the Master to succeed Mr. Duffield was between Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (Great Baddow) and Mr. George Black (Woodford), and the former was elected by 38 votes to 32.

Other officers were re-elected, including Mr. L. J. Clark (hon. secretary and treasurer), and Mr. L. W. Wiffen (peal secretary).

Dr. Spencer-Phillips took over the chair from Mr. Duffield at this point, and thanked the members for electing him, observing that he would do his best (applause).

A grant of £15 to the William Pye Memorial was confirmed. The Chairman announced that grants from the Restoration Fund of £2 2s. to Fobbing, and of £5 5s. each to North Weald and Great Waltham had been made.

Luncheon followed at the Golden Fleece Hotel.

During the day the bells of the Cathedral and churches in surrounding parishes were rung, the methods ranging from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BACK AGAIN INTO ITS STRIDE.**

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk on Whit Monday. Ringers attended from Thirsk, Ripon, Middlesbrough, Guisborough, Tadcaster, Leeds, Bradford, Darlington, Kirby Wiske and Brighouse. After an excellent dinner, provided at the Golden Lion Hotel, considerable business was dealt with at the meeting.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. J. C. Pollard being elected president, Mr. T. Metcalfe Ringing Master, Messrs. T. Tingle, T. Lancaster, G. F. Alexander and J. Stott vice-presidents, and Mr. J. Reed secretary and treasurer.

After some discussion it was decided to hold meetings on the last Saturday but one in January and September, and the last Saturday in April and June instead of on Bank Holidays as at present.

The next annual meeting will be held at Ripon, and the other meetings will be at Richmond in September, Skelton in January and Whitby in April.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Austin), who gave a very instructive address and welcomed the association to Thirsk.

The bells were kept going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

The meeting proved that the association is again back into its stride as a lively and active body.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. NEW SECRETARY OF MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Worsley. The Rev. I. Renshaw officiated at the service, and gave a brief outline of the work done for the Exercise by the late president of the association (Canon H. J. Elsee). The speaker said that his, Canon Elsee's, had been a life devoted to the good of his fellow-ringers, and urged the ringers themselves to carry on and follow the example that had been shown them. He stressed the fact that it was their duty to bring forward recruits to train them in a manner that would make the art interesting and fascinating to them. 'I leave it to you ringers,' he said. 'It is up to you, each and everyone, to uphold the ringers' art and use it to its utmost advantage. It is your duty. If during the coming year each ringer could account for only one new member, then that ringer would be doing a very great service to his church.'

Tea was served in the Mill Brow Cafe, after which the business of the meeting was conducted, with the Rev. Scott in the chair.

Places chosen for the next quarter's meetings were: June, Barlow Moor; July, Whitefield; and August, Eccles.

Mr. J. H. Ridyard, Worsley, was elected to succeed Mr. D. Brown as secretary of the branch, the thanks of the members being accorded to the retiring secretary for his services.

The election of the following was confirmed: The Rev. J. R. Southern and Mr. W. Hutton, Birch; Messrs. J. Carter, Manchester Town Hall; L. Reynolds, Prestwich; H. A. McKinnell, Bowden; H. Gaskill, Gorton; and E. Latchford, Salford.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and to the local ringers for the preparations made and for the welcome that is always received at Worsley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A very enjoyable time was spent on the occasion of the branch meeting at Seend on June 6th. The bells, a ring of six, tenor 14½ cwt., 'go' excellently, and, in spite of new ropes, some splendid touches in various methods were successfully brought round. The Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Butler, conducted the Guild office, Mr. S. E. White accompanying the singing on the organ. The Vicar afterwards entertained the members to tea, to which 33 sat down at the Bell Inn.

Mr. E. F. White presided at the short meeting. The Vicar, who was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies, was thanked most heartily for his hospitality. Three new life ringing members were elected, and Trowbridge was mentioned as the venue for the half-yearly meeting on July 4th.

Visitors made the journey from Kington Magna, Stoke Wake and Rodbourne Cheney, and representatives were present from Devizes (St. John's), Clifton, Bromham, Rowde, Market Lavington, Holt, Southbroom, Trowbridge, Potterne, Westbury, Warminster, Melksham and Seend. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

FORTY YEARS' SERVICE COMMEMORATED.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Biddulph on Saturday, June 6th. Thirty-three members were present from Burslem, Bucknall, Brown Edge, Biddulph, Cheadle, Kids Grove, Kingsley, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent and Uttoxeter.

A peal tablet was unveiled by the Vicar of Biddulph (the Rev. S. Myers Bridge) to commemorate the 40 years of faithful service of the conductor (Mr. J. Cottrell) as a ringer of Biddulph on December 16th, 1935. The tablet also put on record a peal rung on December 15th, 1932, to celebrate the jubilee of the North Staffs and District Association.

A service was held, and the Vicar gave a very interesting address.

Tea followed in the Schoolroom, which was kindly given by the Biddulph ringers.

Afterwards the usual vote of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to the ringers for the use of the bells. The company stood in silence for a minute as a last mark of respect to Mr. P. Preston, of Stone.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hunt 1, A. J. Smith 2, B. Wilson 3, J. A. Herbert 4, E. G. Shone 5, A. E. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, F. A. D. Newman 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 4 and 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. King, hon. secretary to the Luton band.

HINDLEY, LANCs.—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday evening, June 7th, for ringers' sermons, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. W. Leigh 1, *H. Shackleton 2, J. L. Wright 3, J. Halsall 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, *H. Cooper 6, T. Smith (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, *J. Platt 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for evening service on Whit Sunday and for the dedication of the Mothers' Union banner by the Rev. W. H. B. Corban, Vicar of Romsey: B. Thomas 1, *A. E. Phillips 2, *D. H. Short 3, †H. A. Mitchell 4, H. H. Alexander (conductor) 5, E. F. Perry 6. * First quarter and first attempt. † First quarter of Doubles.

KENT'S VETERAN HONOURED.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD CELEBRATE MR. C. SLINGSBY'S BIRTHDAY.

Once again the Romney Marsh and District Guild met at Aldington on May 30th to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Charles Slingsby, who reached the great age of 99 years on May 26th. A company of about 80 assembled from all parts of Kent to honour this fine old ringer, who is remarkably well and active in spite of his years. The county of Kent is enormously proud of him. The company was especially honoured this year by the presence of the Bishop of Dover (the Very Rev. O. W. Rose), who came especially to preach at the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. S. Long. The Bishop, in a most interesting, homely way, spoke of the splendid example of Mr. Slingsby over a great many years, and also pointed out the importance of the ringer's office.

After the service, the company were entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Long, and waited on by lady helpers. The Bishop presided for a short time, but had to leave early to take a Confirmation in the Isle of Sheppey. However, before he left he was thanked for his visit, and, in reply, said he was more than pleased to have had an opportunity of, as it were, officially recognising the ringers.

The small amount of monthly business was quickly disposed of, and afterwards votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped with the meeting, especially the Rector and Mrs. Long.

The Rector expressed the hope that the Guild would meet there next year in honour of 'the centenary.'

The company had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Slingsby speak for a few moments, during which he referred to his keen interest in 'The Ringing World,' the means by which he was able to see 'What you do and what you don't do!' This remark caused a good deal of laughter.

It is hoped that he will reach his 'century,' and, if so, the invitation to the celebration of the occasion will extend far beyond the Romney Marsh Guild.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONTRETEMPS.

A meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 31st. Owing to confusion in the notices of the meeting, the date of which had been altered, it had been finally advertised in 'The Ringing World' as for June 27th; consequently there was but a poor attendance. This was unfortunate both for those who attended and those who had wished to attend.

Miss L. Kathleen Bowling, vice-president of the district, was among those who had no knowledge of the change of date, and regrets she was, therefore, not able to attend the meeting herself or advise the many friends who had promised to be present.

TWO DISTRICTS MEET AT READING.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, in conjunction with the Central District, held a meeting at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, June 6th. The bells were raised at 3 o'clock and ringing commenced with a course of Stedman Triples by seven ladies, with 'Henry VIII.' on the tenor. Later the ladies manned all the bells for Grandsire Triples and also for London Surprise. The sterner sex were given the chance of one or two touches 'on their own.'

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. G. Parham), who extended a warm welcome to the Guild and gave a delightful address. Thirty-five ringers, 22 being ladies, sat down to tea in the Church House.

The Vicar looked in at tea, but regretted he was unable to accept an invitation to join the party.

Before the ringers dispersed to visit St. Laurence's belfry, Miss V. Robinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Dr. Joyce for making arrangements, and to the organist and Mr. Dyke. The organist, Dr. Doughtrey, and Mr. Dyke deserved a special vote of thanks for composing between them the tune to the ringers' hymn just before the service.

The Southern District held a short business meeting, with Miss V. Robinson in the chair. Three new members were elected, viz., Miss D. Aslett (Frensham), Mrs. Rose Evans (Reading), and Mrs. Reeves, of Bradfield, rejoined.

It was proposed to hold the annual meeting at Seale on July 4th in conjunction with the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Mrs. Bruce (vice-president), Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Steedman, Mrs. Whittington and Miss Reynolds.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Melville wishing her husband a speedy recovery from his accident.

The ladies then rejoined the rest at St. Laurence's and took part in rounds, Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve.

The following towers were represented: Aldershot, Beaconsfield, Bradfield, Brockley, Bramley, Bucklebury, Burnham, Crookham, Dartford, Epsom, East Ham, Enfield, High Wycombe, Kensington, Norwich, Reading, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Willesden, Wokingham and Chislehurst.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's on the 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, St. Michael's on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 5 o'clock. — A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Palgrave (8) on June 13th. Tea at the School at 4.30.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District (Romney Marsh Guild).—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15. Business meetings after. It is very important that at least one from each tower in union in the district shall attend this meeting. Half travelling expenses will be paid.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, June 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Business meeting follows tea. Half-rail fares to members. — O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Helen, Sefton, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. Please notify Mr. R. Guy, Lunk Lane, Sefton.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Buxted (8 bells) on Saturday, June 13th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nunburnholme on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Bus leaves Market Weighton Church 2.30 p.m. Market Weighton bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, June 13th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, June 13th. As it is also the local field day it will be well worth a visit, also to see the new ringing chamber. Tea can be obtained cheap in the school. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I. of W. District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. (Methods, Double Norwich and Bob Major Reversed.) Tea at 5 p.m. — Hy. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I. of W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, June 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this historic tower.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch) AND SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Acle on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Linden Cottage.—All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Mere, Zeals, Bourton and Siltan bells also available. All welcome.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Nether Winchendon on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cuddington (6 bells) available after tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bourn on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Will all please help to make this meeting a great success?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held to-morrow, Saturday, June 13th, at Sunbury-on-Thames. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. Sunbury bells (8) 3 to 5 p.m. Hampton (8) and Shepperton (5) bells available from 7 to 8 p.m. Short notice regretted.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A joint meeting of the Rutland and Kettering Branches will be held at Uppingham on Sat., June 13th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Please notify early for tea to S. H. Towell, 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness to-morrow, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service and tea at times suitable. Please advise Mr. H. W. Giddings, 2a, Church Street, March, Cambs, by 17th, numbers for tea. I earnestly appeal for good attendance at this meeting.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Sat., June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 17th inst.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura St., Crewe.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C., on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, 17th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head will be provided for all those whose names are sent to the Branch Sec. not later than Wed., June 17th.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone: King's Norton 1542.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above Branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. H. Smith, 30, High Street, Thatcham, nr. Newbury, by Wednesday, June 17th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Room, 9d. to fully-paid-up members, to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, the 16th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Stamford on Saturday, June 20th. The bells of All Saints' and St. Martin's are available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney St., Peterborough.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 125th Ringing Anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Teashop opposite church. Hearty invitation extended to all ringers.—S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Fillongley (not Bilton as previously arranged) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 20th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2.30 till 3.45 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Special service at St. Nicholas' Church 4.15; address by the Vicar, the Rev. L. N. Phillips, M.A., M.C. Meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. each, members 1s. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Secretaries should notify the undersigned the number to be expected from their towers not later than Wednesday, June 17th.—S. E. Armstrong, Assist. Hon. Gen. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield Societies and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. A. Champion, 9, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, by Thursday, the 18th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyrd, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me by Monday, June 15th.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hunton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Beautiful bells and lovely country for a mid-summer meeting. Please write for tea to Mr. H. H. Foreman, West Street, Hunton, before Wednesday, the 17th.—D. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burescombe on June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea by Monday, June 15th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Stanmore, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45. Please advise me by 17th inst. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, the 17th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthias', Burley, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. No. 4 Tramway Car from Leeds City Square.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Brancepeth on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 17th.—R. Jeffs, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid St., Darlington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, June 20th (Thurcaston not available). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. (notify me by Wed. previous). Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions due and Reports to hand.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, June 20th. Usual arrangements. Make this a record crowd.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. service at Cathedral; 4 p.m. tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop); 4.30 p.m. business meeting. Times of ringing will be sent to each tower. Kindly let the Secretary know number for tea by June 20th.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be at Eckington, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 27th. Norton not available. Full details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Almondsbury on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 8.30 p.m. Service and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Practice meeting at St. Werburgh's on June 30th.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5.30 p.m., in the Parish Room. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 23rd. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at All Saints', Bingley, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Tea (1/6) in the Church House at 5.30, but please notify Mr. A. Hopewell, 15, Westleigh, Bingley, before Thurs., June 25th. Business meeting immediately after tea. A good attendance is earnestly desired.—F. Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Sat., July 4th. Details of bells available, tea, meeting, etc. will follow next week.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Outing will be held on Saturday, July 18th, Coach leaving Hersham 2 p.m. sharp, picking up en route to Egham, then proceeding to Wargrave, Shiplake and Henley. Cost approx. 4/6 each including tea. Names as soon as possible please to F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cott., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. Also book June 27th for Chobham. More particulars next week.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

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The subject of bell-broadcasts was discussed by the Central Council on the report of the Press and Broadcasting Committee. There were two points on which there was no disagreement expressed—that when bells are broadcast, only the best ringing should be sent over the air, and that, in many cases, the ringing that is heard is definitely bad and, from the viewpoint of the Exercise, likely to do more harm than good. As to the best method of assuring the one and remedying the other there was a diversity of opinion—as was to be expected—and, while suggestions were made, it is left to the Committee to endeavour to devise a way out if they can.

It will be generally agreed, as the President remarked, that no such indifferent exhibitions as are sometimes put up by ringers would be tolerated in any other kind of B.B.C. performance, and yet the public get rank bad ringing thrust upon them. The causes are various. When a broadcast is to take place from a church, those concerned, looking at it from a parochial point of view, want their own people to share the 'glory'—which perhaps is natural. But the trouble is, in the case of ringers, there are many local bands who are not capable of giving, in their ringing, anything like a proper performance and, what is more unfortunate, they do not themselves realise their own limitations and that they are incapable; neither does the incumbent. These broadcast services and the accompanying ringing are among the things of which there is no trial audition, so that the B.B.C., even supposing they knew what the ringing should be like, have no means of knowing what kind of performance to expect.

As to the remedy, the Committee are left with a difficult task if they are to find one which will provide fewer deplorable exhibitions and yet preserve unity in the belfries concerned. More than one speaker urged that interference, not merely from outside, but even from incumbent or captain, might break up a band. That is unquestionably so, and will be as long as ringers remain selfish and fail to accept the view that in the case of a broadcast the perfection of the ringing stands before their personal pride. Even interference through the county or diocesan associations would in such cases be resented, but, while everyone desires to see bell broadcasts retained, and even increased in number, as providing a characteristic English atmosphere as a preliminary to these services, it is not too much to say that, where the bands are incapable of good ringing, it would be better to have no broadcast of the bells at all. But who is to decide? It is a delicate problem. One poor ringer may spoil the efforts of the whole band. It

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS 2	JAMES BENNETT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 10
STAFFORD H. GREEN 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

* F. W. CECIL CURTIS Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON 6
GEORGE LAYERS 2	HENRY TOOKE 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 9
GEORGE BAILEY 5	† A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

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

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	WALTER LAGO 8
WILLIAM A. FARMER 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 9
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 5	ALAN JONES Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by E. V. RODENBURST.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. T. C. Rowley, for many years headmaster at the Boys' Council School, Coalbrookdale, who was also a sidesman at Holy Trinity Church.

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

On Thursday, June 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*ROBERT BROWN 5	*JOHN YOUNG 5
ALBERT APPLEBY 2	*JAMES SHARPE 6
*ARTHUR ELLIS 3	WILLIAM WILKINSON 7
FRANK DEWEY 4	†WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ARTHUR HEYWOOD Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 6
†ARNOLD BRUNTON 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First Surprise peal. † 50th peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	*CYRIL J. BURNS 5
*PHILIP W. J. FRYER 2	RUSSELL CURSON 6
GEORGE T. PEGMALL 3	WALTER R. FARROW 7
*THOMAS E. SPEIGHT 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. CLOVER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. F. Jarvis, Vicar of Wymondham. First peal on the bells by an entirely local company.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
*THOMAS E. DENYER 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
RICHARD V. FULLER 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD W. R. COATES Treble	ANDREW L. WAITLING 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	*WILLIAM C. PORTER 6
GEORGE LEE 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON

* First peal. The conductor's 200th peal and 115th peal as conductor.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES LOOME Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
FREDERICK G. GUNTON 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
GEORGE W. HOWLETT 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

A. P. Cannon's 30th peal as conductor.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
FREDERICK J. ROOPE 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* 275th peal and aged 77.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*FRANK W. BROWN Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
†GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
†WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
FREDERICK PICKARD 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in two Treble Bob methods. † First peal of Major. First peal in two methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the 4th.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
WALTER AYRE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
*JOHN E. ROOTES 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. Mr. Hibbert has now rung 25 peals on each of the 7th and tenor in this tower.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	REGINALD MARTIN 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	*HARRY G. FELTON 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*BASIL RIDGWELL 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method and rung at first attempt.

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SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER FRANKS 1	JAMES G. POWELL 5
C. ALFRED LEVITT 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 6
WILLIAM GORRINGE 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4	GEORGE KING Tenor

Rung non-conducted and silent.

First non-conducted peal of Grandsire for the association.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

KATELEEN E. FLETCHER 1	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILFRED EDWARDS 2	JOHN T. FOWLER 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
JESSE HARRISON 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN 1	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5
JAMES DURRANT 2	GEORGE LILLEY 6
JAMES ROSE 3	GEORGE W. ASLITT 7
GEORGE MOORE 4	WILLIAM STANNARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Blake, one of the local ringers.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER 1	*MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 2	HARRY KILBY 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob on tower bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the consecration of the church. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. TIMMIS 1	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
WILLIAM BRANT 2	CHARLES R. COLLINS 6
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
THOMAS G. MARTIN 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to 'Jimmy' (the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Collins), who died in Wolverhampton Borough Hospital on Friday, June 5th. Mr. Collins is the captain of the St. Luke's band of ringers. With the exception of Mr. Shaw (who hails from Bushbury), all are Sunday service ringers at St. Luke's Church.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, on Tuesday, May 19th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Wood (first 720) 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, W. Brown 3, W. F. Sheraton 4, W. Sheraton 5, J. A. Brown (conductor) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

LEONARD PRYKE Treble	LEONARD OFFORD 5
WILLIAM R. J. FOULSON 2	WILFRED JARVIS 6
LAWRENCE POULSON 3	MAURICE T. SYMONDS 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 2	DAVID CRACKNELL 6
ROBERT RICHES 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	CHARLES LOOME Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. OLIVER LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
JAMES WOODYATT 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
WILLIAM R. POWELL 4	†GEORGE COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PACKHAM, JUN. Treble	CHARLES H. WICKENS 4
FREDERICK C. PACKHAM 2	ERNEST F. PACKHAM 5
*FREDERICK GODSMARK 3	*JOSEPH MANSBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by G. A. PACKHAM, JUN.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells. Rung on the back six, as a birthday compliment to J. Mansbridge and in celebration of 'The Ringing World's' silver jubilee.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE BIGGS Treble	†MISS SYLVIA R. BOWYER 4
*GORDON C. LEACH 2	*REGINALD J. ARBON 5
STANLEY G. MOSS 3	Cecil H. Aldous Tenor

Conducted by C. H. ALDOUS.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor in three Minor methods. Miss Bowyer is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The extent of Double and Single Court, Double Bob, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LUNN Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

Rung for the patronal festival.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
*WILLIAM MORRIS Treble | EDWARD HILL 4
CHARLES E. EDWARDS 2 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
HAROLD WALKINS 3 | DENIS A. BLAKEWAY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. McCorquodale, of Cound Hall, chief donors to the cost of the rehanging of the bells.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Canterbury, 10 six-scores of St. Simon's, 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire with 10 callings.

THOMAS M. JORDAN Treble | NORMAN STATHAM 4
LEONARD P. WARD 2 | FRANCIS R. DEACON 5
*E. HAROLD FARMER 3 | E. ARTHUR HALL Tenor

Conducted by F. R. DRACON.

* First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band. Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years in Holy Orders by the Rev. S. R. Pocock, Rector of Peckleton.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERION,

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 | WILLIAM STAPLETON 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2 | *GEORGE WRIGHT 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3 | HERBERT SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Spurgin, a devoted worker of this church and a friend to ringers.

TYDD ST. MARY, Lincs.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

FRED WIGMORE Treble | CLAUDE COUSINS 4
WALLACE W. COUSINS 2 | WILLIAM SEEKINGS 5
JOHN C. FRANCIS 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON
First Surprise peal on the bells.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores (10 callings) and one 240 of Grandsire, and 20 six-scores of Bob Doubles. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

HUGH E. HARDING Treble | C. HENRY HARDING 3
REGINALD HOUGHTON 2 | EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

First peal of Doubles by all the band.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.
CHARLES V. CADE Treble | JOSEPH A. LUNN 4
*ROBERT W. PARKER 2 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
*ARTHUR A. CLARKE 3 | GEORGE LESLIE A. LUNN Tenor

Conducted by G. L. A. LUNN.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the festival of Corpus Christi.

WALLINGTON, Herts.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
EDWIN C. BOCK Treble | JOHN CHURCH 4
JOHN PRESTLAND 2 | PERCY TOMPKINS 5
WALTER D. POOLEY 3 | R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung in the octave of Corpus Christi.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 57 methods, viz.:-

- (1) Benington, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Alford, Candlesby, Langton and Tattershall Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight.
- (3) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Dunsott Delight.
- (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
- (5) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob.
- (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree.
- (7) Double Court, Hereward, Oxford Bob and Single Court.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble | HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2 | CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3 | VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 196 changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. Alford, Candlesby, Langton and Tattershall Alliance are now all rung for the first time.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, Herts.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, AND BRISTOL 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 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 Cambridge and Superlative and 111 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.
KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON 1-2 | AMY R. JOHNSON 3-4
*FLORENCE A. JOHNSON 5-6

Conducted by AMY R. JOHNSON.

* First peal on a working bell and 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Florence A. Johnson.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A STEP FORWARD FROM BOB MAJOR.

Many ringers who have reached the Bob Major stage turn to Double Norwich as the next step in their advancement. It is an excellent step to take, too; one of the reasons being that the place making of the method forms a good introduction to the place making in a very large group of more advanced methods, such as Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

The places are made in front of and behind the treble as it passes through 3-4 and 5-6 up and 6-5 and 4-3 down.

When going up, the 4th's is made before the 3rd's (that is you go up to 4th's and stay a whole pull, and then step back for a whole pull in 3rd's) and the 6th's before the 5th's; coming down the 5th's is before the 6th's and the 3rd's before the 4th's—in each case you go to the farthest place first.

One effect of making the places when the treble is in each of these positions is that the place making bells all have a single dodge either before or after the place, and another effect is that, except when the treble intervenes, all the bells, both in front and behind, double dodge.

This double dodging is by some ringers known as 'first,' 'full' and 'last' work (either in front or behind). 'First' work is after your whole pull, when you take the treble off lead or turn it from behind; 'full' is when you have a double dodge both before and after leading or lying behind, and 'last' is when you dodge only before leading or before the treble turns you from behind.

The place making is known as 'near' and 'far,' according to whether you are nearer to or farther from the front or back, as the case may be. Places in 3-4 going up and in 5-6 coming down are, therefore, 'near' places, and in 5-6 going up and in 3-4 coming down are 'far' places. The single dodge attached to the place is always made *after* the 'near' place and *before* the 'far' place. This dodge is with a bell that makes no places at all and is called the 'Treble Bob bell,' because, as it passes up, it simply dodges in 3-4 and 5-6, or, as it comes down, in 6-5 and 4-3. This is the bell that takes the treble off at lead (or turns it from behind, for, remember, all the work is doubled and is the same from the back as from the front). At the end of its Treble Bob path, which, of course, begins and finishes with a *double* dodge, it is turned from behind (or taken off at lead) by the treble. It is also well to note that this bell also passes across the treble in 4-5 or 5-4, according to the direction in which it is travelling.

Another point about striking over the treble is worth remembering. The places are made across the treble, so that when you are making places going up your *second* blow in 4th's or 6th's is *over the treble*; when you are making places coming down your *first* blow in 4th's (having already made 3rd's) or 6th's (having already made 5th's) is *over the treble*.

In fact, the treble is of the greatest aid in ringing Double Norwich, and for that reason we agree with those who say that the treble should be rung by the safest ringer in the band. You can, of course, memorise the order of the work, without the aid of the treble, thus:—

After 'first work,' Treble Bob.

After 'last work,' make near places.

After 'full work,' make 'far' places.

You get these pieces of work alternately in front and behind. First work in front is followed by last behind; last behind by full in front; full in front by first behind; and so on. But with the treble for a guide, put it like this:—

Pass treble 1-2 (or 8-7, down), make near places.

Pass treble 2-3 (or 7-6), make far places.

If you do not pass the treble in either of these positions you are the Treble Bob bell. This way of putting it supplements the first and is especially useful, when you are beginning, if, when you leave front or back, you are not sure, for some reason or other, whether you have done 'first,' 'full' or 'last' work. Another helpful point is that both front and back the bells dodge in their proper coursing order.

Double Norwich differs from Bob Major in its bob making. Whereas in the latter the bob is made on the three front bells, the bob in Double Norwich is made by the three back bells.

The Treble Bob bell going up makes 6th's after dodging in 5-6 (up), then dodges in 6-5 (down) and becomes the Treble Bob bell down. The two bells behind continue to dodge until the treble comes up and separates them: the bell dodging down (passes treble 7-6) goes to far places (dodge 4-3, make 3rd's and 4th's) and the bell dodging up, being turned by the treble, that is, actually passing it in 8-7, goes to near places (5th's and 6th's, and dodging afterwards).

FORTY YEARS AT CATHEDRAL.

On Wednesday, June 10th, at the Cathedral Campanile, Chichester, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. W. Storey 1, W. Falconer 2, T. A. Doick 3, W. E. Tickhurst 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, C. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, W. Carver 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Arthur, who had been a regular Sunday service ringer at the Cathedral for 40 years, and was also a member of the Sussex County Association.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MR. GEORGE LADD'S JUBILEE.

One of the stalwarts of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. George Ladd, of Pinchbeck, hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, has reached his jubilee of membership, and the event was suitably celebrated when the branch met for a quarterly meeting at Pinchbeck on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd received gifts as a fitting memento of the auspicious occasion.

Despite the inclement weather, the meeting was well attended, ringers being present from Long Sutton, Holbeach, Whaplode, Fulney, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donington, Bicker, Branston, Lincoln, Blankney, Rotherham, Oakham, Market Deeping and the local band.

Ringling commenced about 2.30 and service was attended by upwards of 60 ringers. An excellent address was given by the Vicar (who is also the president of the branch) on the subject of 'Worship.' An excellent tea was provided at the Bull Inn by Miss Orbell, 70 sitting down.

Afterwards the president of the branch (the Rev. E. C. Gee) made the presentations. That to the hon. secretary took the form of a grandmother clock, while Mrs. Ladd received a beautiful thumb handbag.

The inscription on the clock read as follows: 'Presented to Mr. George Ladd by the members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers on the 50th anniversary of his election to the Guild, and in appreciation of his work as secretary during the last 26 years. June 13th, 1936.'

The president expressed great pleasure at making the presentation, as Mr. Ladd and himself were boys together, and because of the work Mr. Ladd had done for the church as a ringer and during the last 16 years as churchwarden.

The secretary, in thanking the members for their beautiful present, said that during the time he had been a member he had only missed two meetings and wondered if that was a record.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and to Miss Orbell for providing such an excellent tea. Afterwards the bells were kept going in various methods up to 9 o'clock.

The following telegram was received during the evening: 'Grimsby District ringers assembled at Bigby send heartiest congratulations to Mr. Ladd and wish him many more active years with us.'

NEW BELLS AT TETSWORTH.

GENEROUS GIFT TO OXFORDSHIRE PARISH.

By the generosity of Mrs. A. E. Hutt, the ancient peal of six bells at Tetworth, Oxon, have been recast and rehung. The present church, described by an architect as 'a sound Victorian job,' was built in 1855. It replaces one, which, in part, was Norman and had a wooden belfry at the west end. This undoubtedly contained three bells in the reign of Edward VI., 1553, and there is a record of a bell which had the inscription, 'In Honor Sancti Egidii' (In Honour of St. Giles), upon it. Such inscriptions are very early and may go back to the 13th century. Three of the old bells, now replaced, were dated 1695, one 1702, one 1787 and the treble 1853. The earliest were cast by R. Keene, of Woodstock; the next by Richard Chandler, of Drayton Parslow, Bucks; the fifth by J. Rudhall, of Gloucester; and the treble by Charles Warner, of the Crescent Foundry, London.

The new bells and the old are about the same weight, 20 cwt. 22 lb., the lightest ringing peal, so far as could be traced, ever to have been cast in the Whitechapel Foundry and amazingly sweet in tone. All the old inscriptions have been reproduced, and a new one added, 'These bells were recast and rehung by Mrs. A. E. Hutt in memory of her husband, late churchwarden of Tetworth.' This by request of the Parochial Church Council. The date medallions from the old bells have been mounted on oak as a memento, and are now hanging in the church where people can see them.

Messrs. White, of Appleton, undertook the contract and carried it out exceedingly well. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were the founders of the new bells.

Tetworth is indeed blessed in having such a wonderful and timely gift, for the old bells were greatly worn, one was cracked, and the timber of the frame crumbling, in places, to dust.

The dedication service took place on Saturday, May 30th, and was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Henderson, Rural Dean, in place of Bishop Shaw, who was detained by illness. The Rev. S. J. Nightingale (Vicar) took the prayers, the lessons were read by the Vicar of Thame and the Rector of Chinnor, and a very helpful address was given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Many other local clergy were present and also the donor of the bells, Mrs. A. E. Hutt, and her son, Mr. J. Hutt. The large village church was crowded with ringers from all parts and local friends.

After the service Mrs. Hutt entertained nearly two hundred guests to tea, prepared by Churchwarden Eccles, in the Old School, and skilled change ringers from many towers delighted listeners with touches which had not been heard for close on a century in this steeple. However, the parish now has a band of keen young ringers who promise well for the future.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH MID-WEEK MEETING.**

A mid-week meeting of the Dorchester Branch, which proved most enjoyable, was held at Abbotsbury on Thursday of last week. The weather was all that could be desired, and 'fleming June' lived up to its reputation.

The bells were raised about 3 o'clock and practice with a few learners in method ringing was encouraged. The Guild office was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. G. H. Moule, who had just returned, after many years, from Japan. He said it was appropriate that the gathering should be held on St. Barnabas' Day. The saint was a man of brightness and cheerfulness, and their bellringing, he said, brought brightness and cheerfulness.

Following the service the members adjourned to the Reading Room, where a bountiful tea, arranged and provided by lady members of the Church Council, was enjoyed. Forty-eight members and friends sat down including Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bird, welcome visitors from Heston, Middlesex.

A short business meeting was presided over by the chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby), and the secretary reported that the next meeting would be held in August at West Lulworth.

Four new members were elected, and Mr. C. S. Bird was elected a life member.

The Chairman gave the visitors present a hearty welcome, and proposed the usual vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.—The Ven. Archdeacon Moule replied.

The secretary gave a short resume of the meeting of the Central Council, which he attended, on Whit Tuesday.

The belfry was again visited, the bells being available until 9 p.m. The Tropical Gardens—the great attraction which this noted village affords—were open to the visitors. The following towers were represented at the meeting: Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Fordington, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Tempsford, Beds, on Saturday, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire, 480 Bob Doubles): H. E. Harding 1, T. Bartram 2, R. Houghton 3, E. Wagstaffe 4, C. H. Harding (conductor) 5, B. F. Sims 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Williamson, for over 30 years Rector of this parish, whose funeral took place earlier in the afternoon.

HENRY JOHNSON'S SON.**DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH JOHNSON.**

Mr. Joseph Johnson (youngest and last surviving son of the late Henry Johnson) died from bronchial pneumonia at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, on Monday, June 8th, in his 80th year.

Mr. Joseph Johnson, who was a member of St. Martin's Guild for many years, was not so well known as a ringer as was his famous father, or his brother Henry ('young Harry'), who was an exceptionally fine heavy bell ringer attached to St. Martin's. He, however, was a service ringer for many years at Edgbaston Parish Church when the tower only contained six bells. He also rang the tenor behind to two eight-bell peals, and was a regular attendant at the various meetings of the Guild. Until this year he regularly attended the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, where he was a familiar figure. Mr. Johnson married twice. His first wife died in March, 1920, and his second wife about two years ago.

The funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Canon Dunne, Vicar of King's Norton, took place on Friday at Brandwood End Cemetery, the chief mourners being his daughter and three sons. St. Martin's Guild sent a wreath and was represented at the cemetery by Messrs. W. Dowding, H. Withers and A. Walker.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wargrave on Saturday, June 6th. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon S. M. Winter), who gave a most interesting address based on the opening words of Psalm 122. He spoke of the number of people who visited our Parish Churches and found much to interest them, and dwelt especially on many points of interest in his own church, mentioning amongst other things the chalk font made from chalk taken from a pit in the parish. The Vicar concluded by saying that ringers visited churches for another purpose, which was to ring the bells to remind people of their duty to God.

About 30 ringers partook of tea kindly provided by Canon Winter, who was heartily thanked by Canon Coleridge, who also gave a brief and interesting account of the Central Council meeting in London.

It was encouraging to see many young ringers present, most of whom rang for the first time on eight bells. The methods on this fine ring during the afternoon and evening included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, Cambridge Minor and rounds. The towers represented were Wokingham, Sandhurst, Hurst, Sonning, Twyford, Wargrave, Waltham St. Lawrence, Finchampstead, Sunbury, Middlesex; Wooburn, Bucks; Caversham; St. Laurence, Reading; and Nettlebed. The visitors included Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, from Kent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another peal in four Spliced Surprise methods on handbells by the Oxhey band! On Wednesday of last week Messrs. Hodgkiss, Woolley, Cashmore and Brinklow 'did it again.' Two such performances in so short a time shows that they have mastered the job. What next, we wonder?

In connection with the Ladies' Guild meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield, to which we referred last week, we are asked by the hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Dorice Kelly, to say that every member of the district, including the vice-president, was informed of the changed date a fortnight before the meeting took place.

The peal at St. Peter Mancroft last week was arranged for the conductor (Mr. Pat. Cannon) by Messrs. B. Thompson and N. Golden, and those on the two succeeding days at Redenhall and Pulham by Mr. E. Whiting. Mr. Cannon wishes to acknowledge the kindness of these gentlemen and the bands who rang with him.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, are to make a new ring of six bells for Lansallos Church, near Looe, Cornwall. Lansallos tower is a particularly fine one, and it is gratifying to know that a good peal is now to supersede the one cracked bell which the tower hitherto has contained.

Sunday next is the 26th anniversary of the dedication of Truro Cathedral bells. At the dedication Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal were the methods rung. To date peals in these methods have been rung on the bells with the exception of Bob Royal. It is to be hoped the anniversary will be suitably remembered.

At this time one calls to mind the peal of Cambridge Royal of September, 1934, when the late Mr. William Pye rang the tenor. Although a sick man, it was done faultlessly. It proved to be his last ten-bell peal.

A determined effort is being made to complete the octave by adding two bells to the present ring of six at Stoke Poges. Extra practices are being arranged, the first is on June 20th at 6 p.m., in the hope of interesting the large number of visitors to this church during the summer months.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Bob Royal at Cudham, Kent, on May 30th, was Frank Corby.

ASSOCIATION EXCLUDES PEAL.

Mr. R. G. Black, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, asks us to call the attention of the Peal Analysis Committee of the Central Council to the fact that the peal of Doubles rung at Whiston, Northants, on April 11th, 1936, for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is not included in their records, one of the ringers not being a member.

ACCIDENT TO GUILDFORD RINGER.

Mr. William R. Melville, a member of the band at the Cathedral, Guildford, met with a somewhat serious accident at Winchester on Whitsun Tuesday. He was on the point of catching a bus to return home to Guildford when he stepped off the pavement and was knocked down by a motor-car. His head was injured, his right arm so badly lacerated that numerous stitches had to be inserted, and one leg was damaged. He was conveyed to Winchester Hospital, where, we are pleased to say, he is making good progress towards recovery.

Mr. Melville has taken an active part in the affairs of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and served for some years as Ringing Master of the Guildford District. Mrs. Melville is also a member of the Cathedral band, and their daughter (Mrs. C. H. Kippin) is among the most expert of lady ringers.

CHARLES CHURCH BELLS, PLYMOUTH.

The ring of ten bells, with a 24 cwt. tenor, at Charles Church, Plymouth, has not been in use for three years. Ringers of the district will, therefore, be interested to know that the bells are to be rehung and No. 8 bell recast by Gillett and Johnston.

PRESENTATION TO LAMBERHURST LEADER.

On Thursday evening of last week, after practice, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Lamberhurst, made a presentation to Mr. A. Relfe in recognition of his services as leader of the band during the last ten years. In making the presentation, the ringers expressed the hope that he would lead them for many years to come. Mr. Relfe thanked the ringers for their gift and said that they had already repaid him for what little he had done by their regular attendance for Sunday service ringing. The bells are rung for matins and evening-song every Sunday. The gift was a copy of 'Legends of the Bells,' by Mr. E. Morris, and is inscribed, 'Presented to A. Relfe by the ringers of St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, in recognition of your services as leader and conductor during the last ten years. June, 1936.'

THE SPLICED SURPRISE HANDBELL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The members of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association desire through your columns heartily to congratulate the Oxhey handbell ringers on their magnificent performance.

J. CHARNOCK, Branch Sec.

THE BROADCASTING OF BELLS.

CRITICISMS AT THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Better Ringing Wanted.

Some outspoken criticisms of recent broadcasts of bells were made in the course of an interesting discussion at the Central Council meeting. It arose on the report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.

On the subject of broadcasting the report said: Broadcasts of bells have been commendably frequent, chiefly before evening services, with the welcome addition of well-struck Stedman Triples from Croydon Parish Church on a few Sunday mornings. On some of these occasions the transmission of the bells has been deplorably curtailed or interrupted—two particularly regrettable instances were the fading out of a fine touch of Stedman Caters at Bristol, in which several members of the Council were taking part, and Croydon bells being heard one Sunday for only 35 seconds—but a number of protests were seriously considered by the B.B.C., and a great improvement has been effected.

A highly gratifying feature has appeared in a series of broadcasts entitled 'The Ringing Isle.' Bells of various churches in the North have been broadcast on Sundays at 5.15 p.m., and a record taken of the ringing and reproduced on Monday evening. These broadcasts would serve their purpose better if they were arranged in consultation with responsible officers of the county or diocesan association concerned, so that towers might be selected not only for local or historical interest, but also with a view to a high standard of change ringing. The performances on these occasions have been, to say the least, uneven, but it is satisfactory to record that the latest example, Grandsire Caters well rung on the magnificent bells of Selby Abbey, was entirely admirable.

An intensely interesting broadcast was given from the Municipal Belfry at Berwick-on-Tweed on New Year's Eve, and the midnight ringing from London towers was most effective. In the broadcast of his late Majesty's funeral, the solemn tolling of Big Ben and the muffled peals from Westminster Abbey 'with measured beat and slow' were profoundly impressive.

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft were included in a talk to schools on East Anglia, but the record was not satisfactory, and protests from the Norwich Association and the Church authorities evoked an apology from the B.B.C.

Amongst notable performances for the purpose of broadcasting may be mentioned a touch of Major at Portsea, and touches of Caters at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and Cinques at St. Laurence's, Reading.

The Bells of Bethlehem were again heard in the memorable Empire broadcast on Christmas Day. Another familiar feature has appeared in a new guise. A new record of Bow Bells was transmitted one evening in the 'Saturday Magazine.' It remains to be seen whether it will prove such a favourite as that of the old ten bells.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report and referring to the broadcasting section, said apart from the beautiful broadcasts of muffled bells at the late King's funeral, there were two matters of exceptional interest, one being the broadcast from the Municipal Belfry at Berwick-on-Tweed on New Year's Eve, and the other the series of broadcasts on Sunday evenings under the heading of 'The Ringing Isle.' The quality of the ringing in the latter was referred to in the report, although not so bluntly as the president would probably have put it (laughter). But the intention of the B.B.C. was admirable.

'SIMPLY AWFUL.'

Mr. A. P. Smith, in seconding, said he thought it was time somebody like the president did speak bluntly with regard to the quality of the ringing in some of the broadcasts. Much of the ringing put over was simply awful. They had heard ringing where the ringers could not even ring rounds. Instead of doing any good to the ringing Exercise, it definitely did harm. Whether that Council could do anything he did not know, but he suggested that if it could be done, associations, or church authorities, or captains of bands, should be prevailed upon to pick the best ringers available for the job, and not, if they were not competent, men who ordinarily rang at the tower.

Mr. G. R. Newton, referring to a broadcast from a Lancashire tower, said he offered to get a band so that they could have good change ringing, but the local ringers decided that their own company should ring rounds and call changes rather than let an outside band come in to broadcast. That was all right, if they got good rounds and call changes, but it was not what members of the Exercise set out in the early days to do. Their idea was to put across good change ringing and let the public know what good change ringing really was. He was not decrying good rounds and call changes—one of the best broadcasts he ever heard was from Buckfast Abbey about 1925, when rounds and call changes were rung with mechanical precision. The point he wanted to make, however, was that on every possible occasion they should have a good touch of change ringing, and not encourage the ringing of rounds or even call changes (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. Drake suggested that representations should be made to the B.B.C. that they should have some person on their staff or have an honorary adviser competent to tell them something of what was necessary for ringing, so that the B.B.C. should not make mistakes in the future.

Canon Marshall said the secretary of the Yorkshire Association had received a letter from the B.B.C. asking him to suggest towers where good ringing took place. He did not know whether other secretaries had received any such letter.

POOR BROADCASTS FROM LANCASHIRE.

The President said it was a good thing to have the subject ventilated, particularly as to the quality of the ringing that was broadcast. He thought they could leave it to the committee to go on trying to get into touch with the B.B.C. He doubted whether such a course as suggested by Mr. Drake would be acceptable to the B.B.C. He thought it would be far better if the B.B.C. wrote to the associations in the way Canon Marshall had mentioned. He did not know whether that letter had anything to do with the fact that the four Yorkshire broadcasts had seemed to be so much better than the Lancashire broadcasts. He heard two of the latter, and he said to his family that he would be ashamed to make such a noise on practice night with his beginners. The playing of any other instrument in such a manner would not be tolerated for a single instant. When it was put out as change ringing it did a tremendous lot of harm.

Mr. A. P. Smith: It is a disgrace to the Exercise.

The President said the trouble was how to bring it home to ringers. Evidently there were parts of the country where ringers did not know what good striking was. They did not seem to have heard bells rung with rhythm, or to make any attempt to attain it. How to remedy this state of thing he did not know, except that they must go on trying to be missionaries to get better striking. It applied not only to Lancashire, but to many other parts of the country. It was one of the most serious things they, as a Council, had to tackle.

Mr. E. P. Duffield asked if the committee had considered the advisability of sending a letter to all the associations suggesting they should try to impress on their members the necessity of providing competent bands when bell broadcasts were to be given.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said one of the chief difficulties in that matter was the feeling of the local clergy and ringers. Many of the parochial clergy took the view that, when a broadcast was given, their own men should give it, and in the great majority of cases the local clergy did not understand what good ringing was. There was also the feeling among the local ringers.

Mr. A. P. Smith: That is exactly the case, and I am glad to hear Mr. Edwards, as a parson, admit it. All this trouble is due to the cussedness of the parson. It only requires the Vicar to say, 'My own ringers are not good enough. I hear them every Sunday, and I am not going to allow such rubbish to be broadcast.' The incumbent should say to the captain, 'Choose a good band; we will have the best ringing it is possible to get from this tower next Sunday night.' That is what you want to tell your brother parsons.

SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. J. Parker said that in many towers the ringers did not know that they did not ring as well as other people, and if the Vicar told them a special band was to be brought in for a broadcast, they would turn round and say, 'Get them to come every other Sunday,' and finish.

Mr. A. E. Sharman said he belonged to a band who rang for Sunday services a hundred times a year. He personally would not object to asking a band to come and broadcast, but it seemed to him if they were to turn round and say to their regular ringers, 'We do not want you on Sunday when we broadcast,' they would not get a band on the following Sunday. They had to be very tactful when they had a voluntary band.

Mr. S. H. Wood said he had heard no suggestion that any competent band should seek outside assistance. The point was that ringers who were not competent to ring properly should get outside help. There were a lot of local ringers, not very good ringers, who would rather make a bit of a noise, even though it was being broadcast, than call in outside assistance. It would be much better if they would take the wider view. It was very important to the whole Exercise that only the best ringing should go over the air.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said there seemed to be a great deal of haphazard method in the way the B.B.C. had been choosing the places from which to broadcast. He thought a way out of the difficulty would be to suggest to the B.B.C. that they approach the county or diocesan associations and ask their advice as to the bands in their districts which would be best for their purpose. Unfortunately, there were some individuals in bands who would insist on ringing, although it was known they were the very last persons who should be included if they wanted decent ringing. These broadcasts were arranged long before they took place, and it would be better if the responsible associations were consulted as to the qualifications of the ringers to broadcast. The only other alternative seemed to him to be for the B.B.C. to hold auditions at Broadcasting House. They would be 'fed up' more than the public (laughter).

Mr. G. Pullinger pointed out that a church was not chosen for the bell broadcast, but because it was a popular church and had a popular parson. It did not follow that the latter had a good team of bell-ringers.

Major Hesse said on the occasion of a broadcast to America from his own church (Haslemere) he chose two outsiders because he felt he could not include two of his own band. The two who were omitted had had 'the hump' ever since. That sort of thing broke up a band.

Mr. S. F. Palmer said at his own tower (Sheffield Cathedral), when they were asked to provide a broadcast, they immediately set themselves to practise specially for it on every available occasion. The broadcast was to consist of a course of Stedman Cinques, and he was proud to say they put a perfect course over the air. In the same way another church in Sheffield with eight bells a few weeks after followed this course and put some excellent change ringing over the air. In his opinion, if ringers at other churches would get in some special practice for the broadcast, the results would be better.

SUGGESTED APPROACH TO THE B.B.C.

Mr. F. W. Rogers suggested that the secretary of the Council might get into touch with the B.B.C. and get the programme of the proposed bell broadcasts for the next twelve months. He believed this would be available, because in the case of his church (Portsea) they had already been asked to broadcast next Palm Sunday. If the secretary got a list of these broadcasts and communicated with each guild or association, the secretaries of the latter, where they knew there was no competent change ringing band, could arrange for such a band to be formed.

Mr. A. Walker thought it would strengthen the hands of the committee if the approach to the B.B.C. were made by the committee. He could not say that it was always best to put over change ringing. If a band could not ring changes properly they could not put it over. It should be left to the ringers to decide; if they could ring rounds best, let them ring rounds. The ringing was put over not for the benefit of ringers, but for the general public, who were the people to be considered.

Mr. Duffield supported the suggestion of Mr. Rogers. He thought it would be possible to get advance information from the B.B.C., if they represented to the Corporation that their only desire was to take steps to secure better broadcasts, and then to approach the incumbents and say they hoped, if there was not a competent local band, that they would invite assistance from some ringing authority in their vicinity. It would, at any rate, diminish the number of very indifferent broadcasts.

The President said the whole thing required doing with a great deal of tact; there were all sorts of snags. He thought they could leave it to the committee, who had heard the various suggestions, including the suggestion about getting the list of broadcasts beforehand and then trying to influence the local incumbents or the local bands to put something good across.

This course was accepted and the report adopted.

THE LANCASHIRE VACANCY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the report of the Central Council meeting in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the Lancashire Association is tabled as having left a vacancy on the Council.

This vacancy was caused by the lamented death of our president, and the officers and committee felt that, for this year, this vacancy should remain as a token of respect to Canon Elsee's memory.

I can assure the Council, through you, that the Lancashire Association will endeavour loyally to fulfil its obligations to the Council.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Hon. Treasurer.

Liverpool.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PUDSEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We must congratulate and thank both the B.B.C. and the Pudsey ringers for the fine performance given to us from the North Regional on Sunday. Apart from the slight hitch, the tapping was excellent, and it was a treat to follow a course of Surprise Major from start to finish.

A. BIGLEY, Branch Hon. Sec.,
Wellingborough Branch,
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

AS IT SHOULD BE.

Dear Sir,—I have just been able to enjoy some excellent ringing from Pudsey. Apart from three or four false blows about half-way through and two more near the end, it was as broadcast ringing should be.

In these Northern programmes I have heard Wigan and Worsley as well, and, judging from results, it has been proved that a ring of eight suits ringer and listener far better than ten. Non-ringers with me appreciated this ringing of Major from Pudsey, which was definitely good. It made me want to be there.

Isle of Man.
Trinity I.

A. S. ROBERTS.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE TREASURER'S OBSTINACY.

As hon. treasurer, Mr. Fletcher formally presented to the Central Council the audited accounts, details of which were given in our issue of June 5th.

Mr. A. A. Hughes (auditor) proposed the adoption of the accounts. He had only one criticism, and that was that the hon. treasurer had not charged the Council as much as he should have done on certain items of stationery and printing; he was far too generous to the Council. He (Mr. Hughes) thought the Council should have paid, but Mr. Fletcher was very obstinate (laughter). He could do nothing with him; he did not know if the Council could.

The President: Do you propose a resolution that the hon. treasurer be less obstinate? (laughter).

Mr. Hughes said the things which Mr. Fletcher had bought were of immense advantage to the Council. They remained the property of Mr. Fletcher for the use of the Council. They ought to be very much indebted to him for the way in which he treated the Council (applause).

Mr. Coles (auditor) seconded the accounts, which were adopted.

NEW DEMONSTRATOR FOR RINGING MACHINE.

In a report on the Carter Ringing Machine in the South Kensington Science Museum, Mr. E. A. Young, one of the trustees, said on May 22nd an official inspection was carried out. A defect or catch-up in the mechanism was discovered, but before it could be located, closing time arrived and they had to leave. Mr. Sharman (the demonstrator) would attend at an early date and rectify the defect, and the payment to him of the fee of one guinea was recommended. Mr. A. G. Driver had attended three times to have the machine explained to him. The trustees thought Mr. Driver would make a good assistant demonstrator and recommended him for appointment.

Mr. Young said they had to fill the post vacant by the death of Mr. Fardon, and, after seeing Mr. Driver, they thought he would be a suitable person to appoint. His knowledge of the science of ringing was far beyond that of the average ringer, and he had in addition a flair for machines. He had a number of inventions of his own, and he developed ideas some years ago for producing changes by machinery. In connection with these ideas he got into touch with Mr. Woodhouse. They thought Mr. Driver could safely be appointed to fill Mr. Fardon's place. Mr. Young expressed regret that through the defect which was discovered, the machine could not be demonstrated on the previous day.

Mr. Hughes (the other trustee) seconded, and the report and recommendations were adopted.

The President said they regretted that Mr. Woodhouse had not been able to bring his machine to show the Council on that occasion as he had hoped. He did not feel equal to driving to London with his machine, and did not like to send it by train, as already one sent by train had unfortunately been smashed up.

Mr. Hughes said Mr. Driver had had a lot to do with Mr. Woodhouse's machine, and understood it almost as much as Mr. Woodhouse himself.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The report of the Standing Committee was a purely formal one, stating that the agenda had been considered and recommendations had been or would be made to the Council in the course of the meeting.

The President, in formally proposing the adoption of the report, said he wanted to take the opportunity of saying something about the Standing Committee. He believed there was a feeling among one or two of the members that the business of the Council was largely 'cut and dried' by the Standing Committee the day before and that the average member came there and voted 'yes' or 'no.' That was not at all the intention or the fact. If they did not have a Standing Committee they would have to have at least two days for their meeting. The object of the Standing Committee was to go through the business first, and when they made recommendations they made them because they thought they would shorten the business. It was just to give the Council a lead for discussion, but he hoped no member would think that because the Standing Committee made a recommendation they were not to get up and make a suggestion if they had something else which was better. He wanted to get rid of the impression that the Standing Committee tried to rule the Council. It did not try to do that at all; it tried to shorten the business by going through it and getting it into order beforehand.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

On the question of the election of the Standing Committee, the President pointed out that in 1933 the number of elected members was fixed by resolution at 12, with the officers and conveners of committees ex-officio. This time under the new rules they had two more officers, the auditors. Formerly the auditors were appointed by the Standing Committee from the Standing Committee at their meeting, and they audited the accounts then and there. They had changed that arrangement under the new rules, and the auditors were appointed officially by the Council for three years. The question arose whether the auditors were to be treated in the same class as the other officials and become ex-officio members of the Standing Committee. It was thought it would be a good thing if they were so treated.

Mr. A. P. Smith proposed that the auditors be regarded as ex-officio members. They were very important officials and should be present

at the meetings of the Standing Committee when matters of finance were discussed. Mr. Smith added that he would like to make another suggestion and that was that such old servants of the Council as Canon Coleridge, ex-president, and Mr. E. A. Young, ex-secretary, should also be regarded as ex-officio members of the Standing Committee. It did not seem right to him, he said, that after so many years of excellent service they should have to run the risk of re-election. He moved that, in addition to the auditors, the ex-secretaries and ex-presidents of the Council be regarded as ex-officio members of the Standing Committee.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor seconded. He thought they would agree that it was absolutely necessary for the good conduct of the business of the Council that the auditors should be on this committee.

Replying to questions, the President said the actual rules of the Council merely provided for the appointment of a Standing Committee. The idea behind this resolution was that only ex-presidents and ex-secretaries who were still members of the Council should be ex-officio members of the committee. They were now merely appointing the Standing Committee for the next three years, but it would form a good precedent for the future.

The proposal was agreed to, and, on the suggestion of the president, the election of the Standing Committee was left over until the rest of the committees had been appointed in order that the Council might know who the conveners (also ex-officio members of the committee) were to be.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The adoption of the report of the Peal Collection Committee, which appeared in our issue of May 29th, was moved by Mr. G. Lindoff, seconded by Mr. C. R. Newton, and agreed to.

Mrs. Fletcher resigned her seat on the committee, and Mr. T. B. Worsley was elected to fill the vacancy. The remainder of the committee, viz., the Revs. E. S. Powell and H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. G. Lindoff, G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye, C. W. Roberts and J. A. Trollope, were re-elected, with Mr. Lindoff as convener.

PRINTING OF SURPRISE METHODS DEFERRED

The adoption of the report of the Methods Committee, also published in 'The Ringing World' of May 29th, was moved by Mr. J. A. Trollope and seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood.

The President said the MS. of the book on Surprise Major methods had been handed to the hon. secretary. The Standing Committee had taken into consideration the question of publication, with a view to formulating a policy. The cost of printing the book, to keep its price down to about 3s., would involve an expenditure of between £80 and £100, which the Council could not stand at the moment without selling some of their securities, an action which the Standing Committee did not think wise. The committee came to the conclusion that it would be better to hold the book over for the present, so that it would be available for members to look through it, and then try to form some opinion as to the demand there was likely to be for the book. If it were thought there would be such a reasonable demand as would justify printing, they could then get into touch with the Standing Committee and possibly get the book out before the next Council meeting, after getting final estimates. The committee recommended that the book be not immediately published, but that it be left to the officials to go further into the question, and, if necessary, get authority from the Standing Committee to print or otherwise bring it up again next year.

This course was agreed to and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, the committee, consisting of Messrs. J. A. Trollope, S. H. Wood and E. C. S. Turner, were reappointed, with Mr. J. A. Trollope as convener.

A 'PEAL' DELETED FROM ANALYSIS.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee, which was printed in 'The Ringing World,' with the tables of analysis, on May 22nd. Since the report was prepared, Mrs. Fletcher said, the figures of the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark had been found to be false, and the peal had been withdrawn. A note would be made of this in the Council's records.

Mr. G. R. Pye seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved that the peal of Minor rung at Wistaston for the Chester Guild on July 13th, 1935, be deleted from the Council's records. The peal, he said, contained three 480's of Little Bob and did not conform to any decision of the Council regarding a peal of Minor. It did not contain seven true 720's.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in seconding, said the onus of looking after the accuracy of peals was on the associations themselves. They should watch and see that all peals conformed to the decisions of the Council. It was the only way the Peals Analysis Committee and the Editor of 'The Ringing World' could be protected.

The Analysis Committee accepted the amendment to the report, which was then adopted.

Mr. Goldsmith then moved that it be an instruction to the committee not to include in the statistical tables any peal which was contrary to the decisions of the Council, but to draw attention to it in their report for decision by the Council.

Mr. G. L. Grover, who seconded, said the peal at Wistaston was not included in the report without due consideration. The committee put it in and called attention to it so that the matter might be raised before the Council.

Mr. E. P. Duffield asked whether, the Guild having already agreed to accept the decisions of the Council, such a motion was necessary? It seemed to him associations had already agreed not to accept such peals.

Mrs. Fletcher said the Chester Guild had not had an opportunity of considering the matter, as their annual meeting was to be held on the following Saturday. The Guild had not had a chance to discuss it before the committee published their report.

Mr. Pulling inquired whether this motion covered such things as Bob Triples and other methods which the Council had said should not be rung.

The President said the Council recognised such a thing as Bob Triples, but did not recommend it. It was only reasonable that all those societies who had agreed to abide by the Council's decisions should see that their peals were in conformity with them. The Council was not legislating for the past but for the future.

Mr. Rogers: Does it mean that the Chester Guild must withdraw that peal?

The President: Yes, that is the normal course.

The motion was carried and the committee re-elected as follows: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (convener), Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover and G. R. Pye.

THE PRESS AND RINGING.

The report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee reviewed at some length the notice given to ringing in the Press of the country, remarking that a review of the past twelve months revealed a marked advance in the attention paid to the subject of bells and bellringing. Quotations from various articles were given, including pertinent extracts from the views of Mr. Filson Young in 'The Radio Times.' To these articles by Filson Young, continued the report, enthusiastic tribute was paid in a subsequent issue of 'Radio Times' by no less an authority in the musical world than Sir Richard Terry. Asking 'What has happened to Christmas?' Sir Richard deplored the passing of many old customs, and proceeded to say, 'Another old custom that seems to have gone to the wall is the Christmas peal,' and there followed from his pen a powerful plea for the maintenance of 'the art and craft of change ringing.' 'In these days of stressed nationalism,' he wrote, 'it ought surely to be no difficult matter to keep alive a craft that is not only exclusively English, but in itself a most fascinating study and a most healthy recreation.'

Amongst numerous references in the daily Press generally to bells and the art of ringing, it is of interest to note a spell of correspondence in the 'Times,' initiated by Sir Evelyn Wrench, on 'The Melody of Bells.' Well-informed articles and letters have appeared in the 'Norwich Diocesan Gazette' on 'Bells and Bellringing.' Concluding a discussion on the 'nuisance' of bells, the 'Birmingham Gazette' summed up the situation in the terse sentence, 'One a trial, but many music.'

The report further added that during the period under review Mr. E. Morris' fascinating work, 'Legends of the Bells,' with a wealth of delightful illustrations, has been published by Sampson Low, Marston and Co. The story of the famous ringing tour in Australia and New Zealand, with a history of ringing in Australia, was published in book form under the title of 'A Great Adventure.' The ringers' own journal, 'The Ringing World,' has celebrated its silver jubilee, and the Editor has received innumerable messages of congratulation, in which his colleagues on this committee heartily join.

After the discussion on Broadcasting, separately reported, the report was adopted.

The committee were then re-elected, viz.: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (convener), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Padden Smith and A. Walker.

(To be continued.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Turners Hill on Saturday. About 30 members were present from Balcombe, Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Crawley, East Grinstead, Lindfield, Turners Hill and Shoreham, with non-resident members from London, Reigate, Horley, Merstham, Beckenham and Carshalton. A short service was conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. Canon Martley.

Tea at the Crown Inn was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. Walter Charman in the chair. The chairman apologised for the absence of the Vicar at tea, owing to his having only that afternoon moved into the Vicarage.

Six new members were elected. Mr. J. Manley raised the question of the provision by the association of a form of service to be used at the meetings.

The secretary announced the date July 18th for the dedication of the new tower and bells at Fairwarp.

The business concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the bells and service, to the organist, to Mr. W. Charman for presiding, and to Mr. J. Manley for providing the tea.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT AND CAPEL BELLS.

An enjoyable meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Ockley on Saturday, about 20 ringers attending from Buckland, Capel, Charlwood, Cobham, Dorking, Epsom, Leatherhead, Newdigate and the local band. The Rector (the Rev. H. C. Martin) conducted the Guild's service and gave a short, helpful address.

A bountiful tea was served at the King's Arms, presided over by the Rector, who also took the chair for the short business meeting which followed. Two of the local band were made ringing members and one of the visitors a compounding member.

The next meeting, due to be held at Rammore on July 25th, was next discussed on a letter from the secretary of the North-West District of the Surrey Association, who stated that the Cumberland Youths were to hold a meeting at Beddington on that date, which would probably affect the attendance. He suggested that, subject to it being agreeable to the Cumberlands, Beddington be made the joint meeting place for the Surrey Association and the Guildford Guild.—This was agreed to.

The apathy with which the Capel authorities seemed to be regarding their bell restoration was discussed, and the Rev. H. C. Martin expressed his willingness to approach the Vicar of Capel on the subject to see if a move could not be made in the matter.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business, and the tower was again visited for ringing, the six bells being made full use of, in rounds and methods ranging to a course of London Surprise, until they were lowered in peal (local surprise) at 9 o'clock.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NETHERTON.

On Saturday, June 6th, at the cordial invitation of the Rev. E. L. Warren, the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Netherton, the weather being all that could be desired. The bells were placed at the disposal of the visitors from 3 o'clock, and the Guild service was held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Rev. Frank Carr. The lesson was read by the Vicar of Netherton, and the Rev. B. H. Green (Vicar of St. John's, Dudley) gave a very interesting address. After service an excellent tea was in readiness at the Church House, to which upwards of 70 members sat down.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. F. W. Jordan (churchwarden), Mr. J. Goodman, jun., and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard).

The Chairman, on behalf of himself, the churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council, gave the members a hearty welcome to Netherton.

The following new members were duly elected, having been previously proposed in the belfry before commencing a peal, viz., Mr. C. Wallater and Mr. W. H. Webb, Halesowen, performing members. Messrs. B. D. Poole, W. A. Farmer and A. Pritchard were elected life members.

It was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Netherton, the details being left with Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master).

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Kinver, subject to the usual consent of the Vicar and local ringers being obtained.

On the proposition of the Vicar of Netherton, the secretary was asked to write a letter to the Rector of Halesowen (the Rev. Canon H. C. A. Colvill, R.D.) for his kind support of and sympathy with the Guild.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Vicar and all who had assisted in the arrangements, including the ladies who prepared and served the tea. The belfry was again visited, and the bells, which have recently been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were kept merrily going in various methods during the evening.

LADIES AT RADCLIFFE.

On Saturday last, a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) and the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at Radcliffe-on-Trent. In spite of much rain, the attendance of ladies was very gratifying, members being present from Duffield, Long Eaton, Nottingham and Sutton-on-Trent.

Three new members, Miss Collings, Miss Kirton and Miss Moore, of St. Mary's, Nottingham, were elected to the Ladies' Guild. Touches were rung in the following methods: London, Cambridge, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, also rounds and Queen's, thus giving all present an opportunity of joining in the ringing.

A very enjoyable time was spent and thanks are extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers, who had everything in readiness for the visitors.

CHURCH'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

On the occasion of the celebration of the diamond jubilee of St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, Middlesex, on Sunday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung before morning service: F. S. Palmer, jun. 1, E. J. Walsom 2, E. C. S. Turner 3, J. E. L. Cocker 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. Folkard 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8.

SPliced MINOR.

NEW RECORD NUMBER OF METHODS IN PEAL.

The rapid and interesting development of Spliced Minor ringing continues. Recently a Lincolnshire band rang 48 methods in a peal; at Disley, Cheshire, just afterwards a Cheshire band raised the number to 52. The Lincolnshire men on Whit Monday rang a 51 method peal, in which the first 720 was made up of four new Alliance methods, with Bastow Little Bob to complete the extent.

Last Saturday they capped all previous records by ringing, at Algar-kirk, a peal with no fewer than 57 methods woven into seven true 720's by that wizard of figures, Mr. A. G. Driver. This peal contained no fewer than 196 changes of method!

The 51 method peal, arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver, contained 172 changes of method. The four Alliance methods have not previously been published. It will be observed that they differ from those printed in the Central Council's Minor Collection in that the treble dodges in 3-4, as well as in 5-6, instead of in 5-6 only. These are all methods with 2nd's place at the treble's lead. The 57 method peal included the 6th's place companion methods, named respectively Langton, Tattershall, Alford and Candlesby.

Berington	Butterwick	Frampton	Freiston
123456	123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	214365	214365
241356	241356	241356	241356
423165	423165	423165	423165
421356	421356	421356	421356
243165	243165	243165	243165
423615	423615	423615	423615
426351	426351	426351	426351
243615	243615	426315	243615
423651	423651	243651	243651
243651	243651	243615	423615
423651	423651	243651	243615
243651	423651	243615	423615
426135	426135	241653	241653
241653	241653	246135	246135
246135	246135	421653	421653
421653	421653	412635	412635
412635	146253	146253	146253
146253			
142635	142635	142635	142635

The following compositions by Mr. A. G. Driver were used:—

IN 51 METHOD PEAL.	IN 57 METHOD PEAL.
23456 Benington	23456 Tattershall Alliance
42635 Benington	64523 Tattershall Alliance
64523 Freiston	S 35624 Bastow Little Court
56342 Freiston	— 63524 Bastow Little Court
— 23564 Frampton	56432 Bastow Little Court
52436 Frampton	45263 Bastow Little Court
45623 Frampton	24356 Bastow Little Court
64352 Butterwick	32645 Bastow Little Court
36245 Butterwick	S 63254 Butterwick Alliance
S 25364 Bastow Little Court	26435 Freiston Alliance
32456 Bastow Little Court	42563 Benington Alliance
43625 Bastow Little Court	54326 Frampton Alliance
64532 Bastow Little Court	35642 Frampton Alliance
56243 Bastow Little Court	S 62354 Bastow Little Court
— 25643 Bastow Little Court	36425 Bastow Little Court
62354 Bastow Little Court	43562 Bastow Little Court
36425 Bastow Little Court	54236 Bastow Little Court
43562 Bastow Little Court	S 25463 Alford Alliance
54236 Bastow Little Court	36625 Candlesby Alliance
S 25463 Butterwick	56234 Langton Alliance

42356

Twice repeated.

42356

Twice repeated.

DEATH OF AN OLD BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

SIXTY YEARS AT PERRY BAR.

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. William Cooper, of Birmingham, on Wednesday, May 27th, in his 88th year. Although not a ringer of many peals or methods, he faithfully fulfilled his duties as a service ringer at St. John's, Perry Barr, for a period of more than 60 years. He was held in great esteem by the local band and regarded as the 'father' of their company.

He was laid to rest in St. John's Churchyard on Tuesday, June 2nd, and the funeral was attended by many ringers representing Aston, Erdington and Handsworth. The respect which the deceased commanded was evident by the large number of persons present, in addition to relatives and friends, and the floral tributes were many.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Tye), and suitable selections were rendered on the organ by Mr. Statham, the organist. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside. In the evening the tower bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers, assisted by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

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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, St. Michael's on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service and tea at times suitable. I earnestly appeal for good attendance at this meeting.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Sat., June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C., on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone: King's Norton 1542.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above Branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Room, 9d. to fully-paid-up members, to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 125th Ringing Anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Teashop opposite church. Hearty invitation extended to all ringers.—S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield Societies and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hunton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Beautiful bells and lovely country for a mid-summer meeting.—D. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burescombe on June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Stanmore, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, June 20th (Thurcaston not available). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions due and Reports to hand.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, June 20th. Usual arrangements. Make this a record crowd.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Ottershaw on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 7 p.m.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice is being held at Hatfield on Wed., June 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Please turn up.—W. Nash, Branch Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Mid-week practice St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, June 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. St. Mary-le-Bow Sunday ringing postponed from June 27th until July 4th.—J. G. A. Prior, Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. service at Cathedral; 4 p.m. tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop); 4.30 p.m. business meeting. Times of ringing will be sent to each tower. Kindly let the Secretary know number for tea by June 20th.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5.30 p.m., in the Parish Room. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 23rd. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —The summer meeting will be held at All Saints', Bingley, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Tea (1/6) in the Church House at 5.30, but please notify Mr. A. Hopewell, 15, Westleigh, Bingley, before Thurs., June 25th. Business meeting immediately after tea. A good attendance is earnestly desired.—F. Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. —The next practice has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea (at 1s. per head) for those who notify me not later than June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-Super-Mare.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at White Hart Hotel, 5 p.m. A p.c. re tea by Wednesday, June 24th, will be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 27th. 8 bells, usual arrangements. Please advise for tea if possible. Ashbury (6 bells) available 7 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, 13, Marshall's Road, Raunds, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells), near Poulton, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bring food, tea provided. Bus leaves Talbot Mews 2.20 p.m. Ringing visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. O. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —A meeting will be held at Kirkby Moorside (by kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Evensong at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Anderson, Vivers Place, Kirkby Moorside, before Tuesday, June 23rd. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hoole on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Please send names for tea at least three days beforehand.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Avon on Saturday, June 27th. 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Eckington, near Sheffield, Saturday, June 27th (Norton not available). Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Notice of names for tea, 1s. 3d. per head, to be sent to Mr. O. Davis, White Hart Inn, Eckington, Sheffield, not later Wednesday, June 24th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—(Established 1623).—The 313th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —Next meeting will be held at Rostherne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise Rev. J. Hughes, Rostherne Vicarage, Knutsford, by 23rd inst. latest.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Beckley on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Ashbury (6 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, at 7 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea by July 1st, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—*Do not* come to Benenden if you don't like really good meetings. The summer-meeting of the Tonbridge district, combining with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, will be held here on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members who have booked coach seats please meet at S.R. Station, main entrance, 2.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, June 30th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute, Bancks Street, 5 p.m. Dunster (8) and Carhampton (6) bells available after the meeting, or at other times by previous arrangement.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks in Charnwood, near Shepshed, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, July 2nd.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

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LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—**SHIELD CONTEST** will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entries close June 27th. For tea please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, nr. Barnsley, by Wednesday, July 8th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

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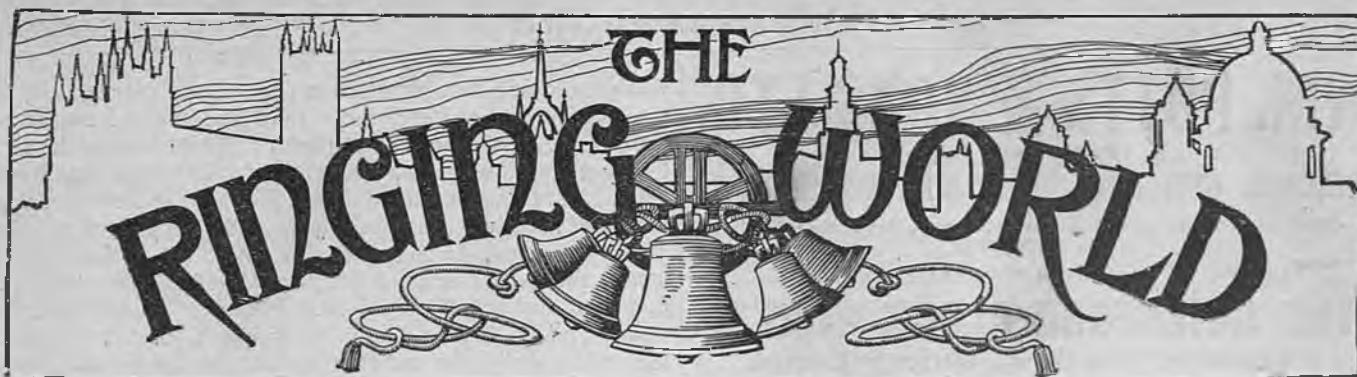
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As far as we can see there is only one flaw in the decision arrived at. A good deal of insistence was laid upon the joining together of the methods in complete, 'fundamental units,' which in treble dominated methods is the 'lead.' Unless this is done, a touch or peal, the Council has said, cannot be called 'spliced.' But if the methods are joined up when the treble is behind instead of in front—and someday, perhaps, some composer may come along with such a peal; indeed we believe a peal of Surprise Royal with the change of method sometimes made when the treble is behind is already in existence—we cannot see how it can be denied the title of 'spliced.' The joining together of methods in this way may be abhorrent to some purists, but in our view it is none the less 'splicing,' and 'splicing' in a more difficult form. Moreover if the treble goes from back to front and back again it produces all the work of the method equally as well as the ordinary lead does, so that there could be no ambiguity about what is rung, which is one of the things the proposers were anxious to ensure. Or again, if, as we were told, the changing of the method at the back produces a new, albeit 'irregular' method, within the treble lead, what matters it? It will only add to the number of methods in the peal! And this opens up the question which we think the sponsors of the resolution carried by the Council were anxious to avoid. If it were admitted that methods, joined when the treble is at the back, are 'spliced,' how can, say, the Ilkeston arrangement of Treble Bob be ruled out, supposing, as could easily be the case, the change from Kent to Oxford or vice versa, is called when the treble is behind?

As a matter of fact, now that practically all peals in more than one method are to be recognised as 'spliced'; whether the change of method occurs once or a hundred times in the peal, the word 'spliced' has lost all or nearly all its value in this connection; indeed, it had almost lost it before it was discussed by the Council. It was introduced at a time

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when there was an idea afoot in one or two places that, in the interests of variety, more than one method might be rung in a 720 of Minor or a peal of Major irrespective of the truth of the whole, and when it was shown that peals could be got on the multi-method plan and still remain true the word 'spliced' was introduced to distinguish this class of composition. In these days, when no one in their senses would think of ringing a number of methods in a 720 or a five thousand unless they believed the peal to be true, the word 'spliced' could easily be dropped, for the names of the methods and the number of changes from one to the other would be quite sufficient to indicate the type and quality of the performance.

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On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

*ALBERT J. ADAMS Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	JOHN HOYLE 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN 9
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5	WILLIAM G. NEWBURY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal on ten. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Phyllis Coleridge (daughter of the esteemed Vicar of Leatherhead) and Mr. Dudley Hooper.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES COOK Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS 5
ERNEST H. EVEREST 2	HARRY SEAL 6
ALBERT LONGLEY 3	ARTHUR WILES 7
HAROLD HUNTLEY 4	LESLIE EVEREST Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Albert Aylward, a member of the local band. The ringers of the 5th and 6th are past members of the local band.

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CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SPERRING 2	*EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	*JAMES SWINDLEY 6
*FRED HARTMAN 3	SAMUEL JONES 7
*GEORGE R. JONES 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the 45th anniversary of the reopening of the church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*WALTER HOWARD Treble	FRANK TWIGG 5
JOHN WORTH 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	JAMES A. MILNER 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	WILFRED STEVENSON Tenor

Composed by KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by W. STEVENSON.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Jones and Miss A. Hutton, who were married at the above church prior to the peal. Mr. Jones is a service ringer at Norbury. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 24 4-6-8's.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. HARRY WOOTTON Treble	GEORGE W. BLANCHARD ... 5
GEORGE LADD 2	W. MARTIN WALKER 6
A. HAROLD EASTOE 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
JOHN B. HALLIFAX 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

The above band are all churchwardens, and it is believed to be the first time a band of churchwardens have rung a peal. They are all resident members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and hail from Fulney, Pinchbeck, Barton-on-Humber, Fleet, Bigby, Ulceby, Blankney and Surfleet respectively. The peal was arranged and rung as a special compliment to the oldest churchwarden in England, Mr. George Jarvis, of Spalding, Lincs, who celebrated his 100th birthday on May 29th, and was rung in the oldest tower in Lincolnshire, if not in England. The tower celebrates its 1,268th 'birthday' in August.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD E. JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
KENNETH LEWIS 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 61).

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Arranged for the wedding of P.C. S. Hough, of Knutsford, to Miss I. J. Williamson, which took place prior to the peal at the above church. The bridegroom is a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFT AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
JOHN DARCH 2	REGINALD WESTCOTT ... 6
*ERNEST STITCH 3	FRANK ROWSELL 7
HERBERT DAVIES 4	†ROBERT REES Tenor

Conducted by F. ROWSELL.

* 200th peal. † First peal. Arranged and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the conductor and Mrs. Rowsell, also as a birthday compliment to J. Lovett and the father of the ringer of the 3rd.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*THOMAS SIMMONDS Treble	WILLIAM FLATT 5
GEORGE HOWLEY 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	GEORGE POYNIZ 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	CHARLES LOOME Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

SONNING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	Rev. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells and by the society in the City of London. Rung for the wedding anniversary of the Rector and Mrs. Bedford and a birthday compliment to Miss Hilda E. Paice. This peal consists of 2,880 London, 768 Bristol, 736 Superlative and 704 Cambridge, with 126 changes of method, and is now rung for the first time.

NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

FRANK LAWTON Treble	J. ALWYN TAYLOR 5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. ... 3	OGDEN MOORES 7
*ERNEST B. SYKES 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Keeling, the Vicarage, Newhey, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Sykes, mother of the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in 10 different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK WOODS Treble	ROBERT C. HEAZEL 4
LESLIE H. THRIFT 2	ALBERT E. PRYKE 5
ARTHUR RAINBIRD 3	EDWARD C. SHARPLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT C. HEAZEL.

Rung on the occasion of the coming-of-age of Mr. Christopher Tower, of Weald Hall, South Weald.

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

On Tuesday, June 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	CECIL EBBERSON 4
FRED WIGMORE 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*J. HARRY COOK Treble	*HUGH BELL 4
*REGINALD A. ALEY 2	HARVEY E. BURRELL 5
*HARRY ALEY 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method.

COSTESSEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, in ten variations of calling.

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.) in G.

GEORGE MAYERS Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 3
*ERNEST G. SHORTING 2	†ROBERT W. BARBER, JUN. 4
†CLIFFORD BIRD Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 4
*J. EDWARD CLOUGH 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
PERCIVAL W. GRICE 3	FRANK R. MEASURES Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Court and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN 4
MOSES BILLINGS 2	HERBERT LOWMAN 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and 2,880 of Grandsire, being six 240's each of Pitman's and Morris'.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PRIOR L. HUGHES Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE 4
†JAMES P. HYETT 2	JAMES T. RANDLE 5
*ALBERT E. JONES 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods. † 200th peal for the Hereford Guild.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, June 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 Cambridge and Superlative, with 111 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS JOIN FORCES.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday week, ringers being present from Sunderland, Gateshead, Darlington, Newcastle, Tanfield, Fenham, Blackhill, Benfieldside, Houghton-le-Spring and the local tower. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob.

After tea Mr. Titt, of Darlington, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and stated that they were all very pleased to have the clergy amongst them at their meeting. He expressed regret that the Eastern District secretary was not present owing to having another engagement.

Mr. Taylor, association secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing the splendid tea, and Mrs. F. Sheraton suitably replied.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, the vice-president of the Eastern District.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

BURLEY BELLS.

The June meeting was held at Burley on Saturday. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and good use was made of them until 8 o'clock, at which time ringing had to stop. The church at Burley has been encircled by houses which are built right up to the churchyard. The efforts of the local company are to be commended, for they have successfully reduced the noise emanating from the bell chamber. The bells are very pleasing to the ear, when one is approaching the church.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. Hey (vice-president) being in the chair. Members were present from Armley, Bramley, Brighouse, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Shipley, Sutton-on-Hull and the local company.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local ringers was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. F. Dixon.—Mr. George W. Slack replied for the Vicar and ringers and drew the members' attention to some old documents which were framed and had been presented to the tower by Mr. W. Whittaker. The Vicar of Burley had had these reprinted in the Parish Magazine and had sent a number of copies to the tower for the visiting ringers.

The date of the meeting had been brought forward, and the Western Division secretary of the Yorkshire Association wished to thank the members and the secretary for holding the gathering a week earlier in order to avoid clashing with the Bingley meeting.

The date of the next meeting of the Leeds and District Society is July 25th, and the place is Drighlington.

SUSSEX RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On May 29th, Mr. T. Stringer, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, celebrated his golden wedding. Although for the last year or two Mr. Stringer has been unable to ring at the local tower owing to ill-health, his keen interest in the bells has never slackened, and it was with the greatest pleasure that some of his old ringing friends met him again on this pleasant occasion. As one of the original members of the Sussex County Association he will always be remembered for the great tradition which he instituted in the earliest days of organised ringing in the county and the huge amount of thankless spade work put in at the surrounding towers.

In the evening the bells were rung to a quarter-peal of Stedman, Mr. Stringer's favourite method: Arthur Gravett 1, Frank I. Hairs 2, George Williams 3, William J. Webb 4, Stanley E. Armstrong 5, Keith Hart 6, John Dearlove (conductor) 7, John T. Toms 8.

After the ringing a very pleasant entertainment took place, the golden wedding cake sampled, and tales of the old days told over again.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

NINETEEN TOWERS IN ONE DAY.

A most enjoyable and interesting day's outing was spent by a party of 'tower snatchers' in the Oxford Diocese on Whit Monday. Five of the band, comprising W. Henley, Miss K. E. Fletcher, J. Harrison and T. Price, in a car, and R. G. Cross, on a motor-bike, left Beaconsfield at 7.15 a.m. on the run to Stewkley, near Bletchley, which was reached at 8.15. Here J. E. F. Tredennick was added to the band, the Norman church visited, and a course of Cambridge rung on the rather deafening six (tenor 13 cwt.), which went fairly well considering the ancient frame.

The next tower was Great Brickhill, where a very fine peal of six (tenor 14½ cwt.) was found, and Cambridge and Double Court rung. After visiting Milton Keynes, where 360 Double Court was rung on the recently augmented ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.), the little company went on to Simpson, where Mr. C. W. Smith met the party. Touches were rung on the six bells (tenor 8 cwt.), and Mr. Smith decided to join the tour. A move was made to Woughton-on-the-Green, with 'Smithy' in the car and Tredennick on the back of Gordon's bike, which had developed clutch trouble, necessitating various forms of run and jump starts, ending with fearsome getaways, which became more startling as the day went on. At Woughton, where is a very light six (tenor 6 cwt.), several touches were rung, then to Great Linford, where hangs another fine six (tenor 15½ cwt.). At North Crawley lunches were consumed before ringing on the six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) that hang in this rather lofty tower and are rung from the ground floor. Chicheley (six, tenor 16 cwt.), Sherington (five bells, tenor 11 cwt.), and Emberton, famous for Surprise Minor (six bells, tenor 10 cwt.), were in turn visited and touches rung at each tower.

The next call was Clifton Reynes, with a nice six also about 10 cwt., and touches here were much enjoyed. The Rector of Clifton Reynes is also in charge of Newton Blossomville, where, according to 'Belfry Gossip' (May 15th, 1936), 120 changes were rung on tower bells in 3 mins. 5 secs. In case the party wished, the Rector had kindly arranged for the visitors to have a ring on the peal of three bells at this last-mentioned church. Always ready for a fresh tower, the band stopped and hurriedly 'snatched' this one, which was an 'extra' in the programme. The verger came along and was unable to credit that the band had rung six different changes, explaining that the second could only come either after the treble or before the treble, making two changes, and the tenor had to be last. He had been ringing there for 20 years. However, further information regarding the high speed 120 would be interesting.

The party then went on through Turvey, Beds, to Lavendon, and the five bells (tenor 11 cwt.) were rung to Grandsire and Stedman. The fourth was hung in such a way that it appeared to be either cracked or strangled, and was nearly a semi-tone sharp, anyway. Going on next to Weston Underwood, the band found a really lovely six (tenor about 11 cwt.), and, after Double Court and Stedman Doubles, sat down to an excellent tea which the Rev. J. F. Amies had kindly arranged. The band were pleased to see him for a few minutes' chat before leaving. Stoke Goldington (five bells, tenor 14 cwt.) was visited on the way to Hanslope. The stately tower and spire at this latter place is the tallest in Bucks, the tower rising some 110ft. and the spire a further 90ft. The bells are a fine six, tenor somewhat over the ton. Three of the visitors had had the pleasure of a peal here a year ago. The tour was finished by taking in the towers at Calverton (six, tenor 10 cwt.), Old Wolverton (six, tenor 12 cwt.) and Bradwell (six, tenor 6 cwt.). By the time the party reached home there was not much change out of Whit Monday.

The main features of the outing were the general welcome met everywhere from both clergy and ringers, and the yards and yards of rope below the sally at some towers. In one instance the odd man out held it for the touch.

All the towers had been written for, all were speedily granted and there were many invitations for the future. Altogether a most successful venture, which covered 19 towers in the day! T. P.

YORKSHIREMEN'S EXTRA DAY.

On Whit Monday the B.B.C. announcer said 'The last day of the holiday is over,' but he evidently did not know that the North has another day's holiday. The Armley ringers and friends from Bramley and Burley will all remember Whit Tuesday, 1936, when they had their annual outing and visited Helmsley, Pickering and Scarborough. Leaving Armley at 7 a.m., they travelled by Wetherby and through Tadcaster and York, and arrived at Helmsley to find the local secretary ill in bed, but ready with a welcome. It is hoped by this time he is well on the way to complete recovery. After ringing a service touch for 10 a.m. Holy Communion, the party set off to Pickering and found the local secretary and two ringers awaiting them. Ringing is done here on the ground floor of the church, and must be very useful for the ringers who carry a little weight, or those who are nearly always late. The visitors were joined by Mr. T. Kendall, of Shipley, and Mr. Malcolm Moorhouse, who was there with a choir trip on the way to Whitby. After an hour's ringing and a break for lunch, the journey to Scarborough was continued. Reaching this popular resort, the party divided up, the ringers going to the tower and enjoying some ringing, while the ladies and children went to the beach. Although the sands of time were travelling fast, the Scarborough sands were still there when the fathers found their children by the water's edge.

After giving the kiddies some professional help, it was time for a donkey ride and the usual 'snap.' A splendid tea was enjoyed, and a very fine journey home brought 'That's all' at 11 p.m.

A TRIP INTO THREE COUNTIES.

The Heston, Middlesex, ringers, together with their wives and ringing friends, had their 'hardy annual' on Whit Monday. In a comfortable motor-coach they started at 8.30 a.m. and travelled to Warnham, Sussex, which was reached two hours later. 'Grandpa's' touch of 'cock-eyed' Stedman opened the proceedings, other methods including Oxford Bob Triples, but were the singles orthodox for the member of the C.C. present? In a subsequent touch of Stedman a member of the Police Guild roamed off his beat, thought himself a speed cop and arrived in 4.5 too soon.

Warnham was left regretfully at 12 o'clock, the next place of call being Turners Hill. After a hasty lunch in the well-appointed village inn, a nice handy eight fit to ring for half a day was found in the tower. E. O. S., however, did not take his party over the hill into the wilderness of spliced or laminated as was expected. Just 'plain stuff' was rung, Bob Major going very well. During the fall in peal a listener outside heard what he thought to be claps of thunder—or was it the echo of the fall?

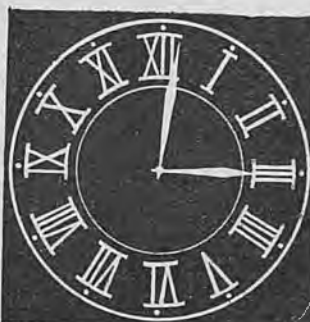
Moving further eastwards, Coleman's Hatch was reached slightly behind schedule time. Among other touches, a course of Kent Treble Bob was the treat. Going still east, a good run brought the party to Speldhurst, Kent. Shortly after arrival, the Vicar of Heston put in an appearance in his car, complete with chauffeur tenor-man. After an hour's ringing, a happy party of 38 (including the Rector of Speldhurst) sat down to tea in the Old Oak Room of the George and Dragon. Afterwards, in the forecourt, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the 'Flower Pots,' which brought forth, and merited, applause.

It was somewhat difficult to round up the company from the very extensive Rectory garden, and the tourists arrived at Bletchingley, Surrey, nearly an hour late. Here they found heavier bells than at the other towers, a tenor about 19 cwt., a fairly long draught of rope and no guides. Among other touches, the best 'brass hats' that could be mustered rang a course of Double Norwich, with someone counting the faults. No prize was offered or won. One of the said 'brass hats' could not manage a subsequent touch of Oxford Bob Triples, and a study of the Beginners' column in 'The Ringing World' could be made with advantage. The (ringing) day finished with a short touch of Grandsire, conducted by the sole representative of the Ladies' Guild present. No singles were called, as the majority of the band are married, and her name is not Kate. Heston was reached safely about 11 p.m., and the best thanks are due to Mr. H. C. Chandler, who did all the work in organising this outing.

A BUSY WHIT SUNDAY.

At Apsley End, Herts, on Whit Sunday, for 7 a.m. service, 720 Westminster Surprise: W. Feasey 1, W. J. Puddifoot 2, A. V. Good 3, H. L. Waite 4, F. J. Tompkins 5, W. Ayre (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all. For 11 a.m. service, 720 Norfolk Surprise by the same ringers; first in the method by all.

In the afternoon, after the christening of the infant son of Mr. A. V. Good, 720 Norwich Surprise: H. E. Good 1, W. J. Puddifoot 2, C. W. Woolley 3, H. L. Waite 4, W. J. Randall (conductor) 5, W. Ayre 6. For 6.30 p.m. service, 720 York Surprise: W. Feasey 1, W. J. Randall 2, W. J. Puddifoot 3, H. L. Waite 4, F. J. Tompkins 5, W. Ayre (conductor) 6. The first in the method by all. A 720 Hull Surprise was also attempted after evensong, but failed to materialise.



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FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING BOB MAJOR FROM A WORKING BELL.

To apply the knowledge, gained in calling Bob Minor from a 'non-observation' bell, to Bob Major is not a very difficult task. In Major it is only in 'freak' touches that the tenor is not used as the observation bell, so that the actual calls are made according to the position of the tenor, which, for the most part, are four only. There can, of course, be calls in the other three positions in the course, but either of them will 'part the tenors'—that is, the seventh will cease to course after the tenor, and some other bell or bells will be inserted between them. There are musical arrangements of coursing order without the seventh behind the tenor, but generally ringers prefer to hear the 7 and 8 come up in their sequence together behind and to keep them as far as possible at their natural interval as they pass among the other bells.

The conductor who first wants to try his hand at calling from a non-observation bell is, therefore, well advised if he sticks at first to calling bobs when the tenor is in one or other of the four positions which leave the 7th undisturbed in its relation to the tenor. These positions are Middle (6-5, down), Home (8-7, down) and Wrong (7-8, up), to put them in the order in which they occur, and Before (when the tenor is called to run out, after coming to lead in front of the treble).

One of the things which the budding conductor should master, whatever bell he rings, is the ability, first of all, to remember the coursing order of the bells and see to it that they keep to it; and then to be able to anticipate the change of coursing order which will occur when he calls the next bob, so that, if any trip occurs in the making of it or immediately after, he can pick up the bells without hesitation and with certainty.

He need not wait to reach this final stage before he thinks of calling from a non-observation bell, but can attempt it as soon as he can see the coursing order of the bells as they are ringing.

To call the tenor into any of the positions named should be quite an easy thing if the conductor is himself coursing immediately in front of the tenor (when he is 6th's place bell) or behind the seventh (when he is 5th's place bell). If he is 6th's place bell he is one dodging place in front of the tenor; if he is 5th's place bell he is one dodging place behind the 7th, which, in turn, is one place behind the tenor, so that a call at Middle brings the 5th's place bell into 7-8 up, a call at Home brings it into 5-6 up, a call at Wrong causes it to make the bob (the 4th's place, of course, being substituted for the dodge 3-4 (up)).

If he is the 6th's place bell, then the bob Middle causes him to run in, but a bob Home places him at M. (or 6-5 down) and a bob Wrong at H. (or 8-7 down). It will be noticed that unless the bob moves the bell away from its previous coursing place, the sequence of M. H. W. is maintained by the 5th and 6th place bells as well as the tenors.

There remains the bob Before as it affects these two bells. The 6th's place bell makes the bob and becomes 5th's place bell—coursing after the 7th, with the previous 5th's place bell immediately behind it. The 5th's place bell is called into 6-5 (down). A further call or calls in successive leads pushes these two bells back a place each time in the sequence M. H. W.

Now what of the others, the 3rd's, 2nd's and 4th's place bells in coursing order? It will not be long before you realise, if you have not already worked it out for yourself, that if a M. is to be called, the 3rd's place bell will dodge in 5-6 with the tenor at the bob; that the 2nd's place bell will have dodged with the 7th in 5-6 at the previous lead and that the 4th's place bell will have dodged with the tenor in 3-4 at the previous lead.

This warns you as to when the bob M. is coming, and when it arrives, the 2nd's place bell will make the bob (and become the new 6th's place bell); the 4th's place bell will run Out and the 6th's place bell will run In.

If bobs occur at succeeding leads, the bells, running In and Out, repeat the operation. If bobs occur exactly a course apart, that is if a call M. succeeds a M., or a H. succeeds a H., or a W. succeeds a W., then, if you are one of the bells on the front, you call to your aid the cycle we wrote of a fortnight ago in connection with Bob Minor—In, Out, 4th's.

We have given you hints as to how to pick up your own position when calling the tenor into some of the recognised bob places. We will not elaborate it, but we suggest that you work out for yourselves the many guides which you will find that careful investigation gives you. There is often more advantage in working out these things than in trying to remember a lot of details other people may tell you. Here is the kind of thing to look for: Suppose you have bobs at W. and M. We have shown that the 5th's place bell makes the bob at W. The same bell will make the bob M., and become the 6th's place bell. The bell that runs Out at the W. (having become 5th's place bell) dodges in 7-8 with the 7th at the M., and the bell that runs In dodges in 5-6 with the tenor. We mention this particularly because the gap between W. and M. is often found the most difficult to bridge.

BELL BROADCASTS.

MUSICAL QUALITIES OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is quite natural that, as ringers and change ringers, we should be primarily concerned about the striking of the performances put on the air. But we should not overlook a matter of equal importance even to us, and certainly to the listeners-in, namely, the musical qualities of the rings of bells to be selected.

However good or bad the striking, it is for the occasion only, whereas the tunefulness or the reverse of the bells concerned remains to enhance or impair the efforts of generations of ringers. To stress this is to emphasise the obvious, yet it does not seem to have occurred to anybody, during the Council's discussion, to point out its bearing upon the question.

May I, with due deference to the Council, suggest that a way out of the present impasse may be found by giving due weight to this and related factors, e.g., the 'going' of the bells concerned? So long as the question is sought to be decided only by the merits of the ringers in the local bands, any judgment must be invidious in the highest degree, and as such will be keenly resented, however justified it may be. But if we broaden the basis of rejection, and more especially if we bring in such impersonal factors as I have indicated, we should short-circuit all opposition at the start.

Nobody can reasonably object to a determination upon the part of the whole Exercise to give the B.B.C. the best of which we, as ringers, and our good friends the bellfounders are capable, and to give only of our and their best. By bracketing both the bells and their ringers together in this way, as we ought, we likewise escape the odium of seeking to set up a pillory in which the inefficient may be pelted.

The ultimate solution must be some sort of advisory committee to the B.B.C., which would either select towers that might be called upon as required, or else pass an opinion upon proposed broadcasts week by week. This solution will be agreed to more readily when we allow purely personal considerations to sink back into the obscurity from which they should never have been permitted to emerge in open discussion, and when we have our committee set up it will, of course, be armed with full powers to fade out on the spot any performance not up to standard.

A. J. CORRIGAN.

North Stoneham, Hants.

B.B.C.'s APPROACH TO YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the various criticisms expressed in connection with the above subject. Perhaps my experience of the B.B.C. will be of interest to readers.

Some time during the latter part of March or the beginning of April I had a letter from the B.B.C. in connection with the series of broadcasts entitled 'The Ringing Isle,' stating that they had already broadcast from a number of Lancashire churches and wished to include a few Yorkshire churches in their future broadcasts of the same series. Selby Abbey had been suggested to them as a suitable tower, did I think the local ringers would do justice to the Yorkshire Association? If not, would I suggest one or two alternative towers? I replied that I thought Selby would do justice to the association, and named two towers as worthy of the opportunity of broadcasting if and when the opportunity occurred. Pudsey was one of the towers named (Pudsey ringing is a byword in Yorkshire and their Sunday service ringing in the standard Surprise methods is unexcelled anywhere), and I think their effort was an example of all that is best in change ringing, apart from the slight trip half-way.

In this series of bell broadcasts the B.B.C. has, as its chief consideration, the ability of the ringers taking part, and the thanks of the Yorkshire Association is due, and has been conveyed, to the B.B.C. for their courtesy in approaching them on this subject.

In this week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Lewis is reported as having heard four broadcasts from Yorkshire in 'The Ringing Isle' series at the time of the Central Council meeting, but I was not aware there had been any such broadcast from the county apart from Selby.

J. E. CAWSE, Hon. Gen. Sec.,
Yorkshire Association.

WIDE APPRECIATION OF PUDSEY BROADCAST.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Pudsey St. Lawrence company, I thank all those who have sent congratulatory messages to the Vicar, 'The Ringing World' and to me, on our recent broadcast. It is indeed a pleasure to us to know that our efforts have been so widely appreciated.

We offer an unconditional apology to the Exercise for the slip at the 4th lead end; we make no excuses, but if we are invited again to be 'on the air' we shall do our utmost to wipe out the blemish.

In view of the fact that so much is heard nowadays of the objection to bells by certain members of the public, it may interest our ringing brethren to know that several expressions of appreciation have been made by non-ringers of different denominations who heard our bells on the wireless. One churchman, who lives in a parish where there are no bells, made the comment that we did not ring long enough!

W. BARTON.

Pembroke Road, Pudsey.

EXPLANATIONS WOULD HELP.

Sir,—Reading in your issue of the 12th inst. that a quarter-hour broadcast of the bells of Pudsey Parish Church was to be given on the North Regional, I tuned in to that station.

But it seemed to me a great opportunity lost. We were given a quarter of an hour to devote to bells, and what happened?

The bells started in rounds for about two minutes; then they were faded while the Vicar talked about the church, the only interesting thing he said being that Jasper Snowden rang or called his last peal on these bells. Then the bells came on again, and they had gone off into some Major method, which came out into rounds just before the end of the time.

But we were not told what the method was. It was a pretty one, but a non-ringer would have thought little of it, and would have attributed the pauses at the hand-stroke leads to faults.

If only there had been some explanation beforehand it might have helped to popularise the Exercise, and perhaps induced some young men to learn to ring.

W. H. R. TREWHELLA, Hon. Sec.,
Truro Diocesan Guild.

St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

THE BROADCASTS FROM LANCASHIRE.

Sir,—With reference to the criticism of the president of the Central Council regarding the two broadcasts from Lancashire, surely he does not expect us at Worsley to take his opinion too seriously? As to the comments of Mr. A. P. Smith, who considers the performance 'a disgrace to the Exercise,' I am afraid his memory must have somewhat failed him, but we consider it rather fortunate that the Exercise possesses ringers whose opinion is a little more reliable than his.

It is not very difficult to understand that the local band at Worsley do not possess the abilities of the band who rang the fine touch of Stedman Caters at Bristol, but surely neither of the two performances that we have broadcast from Worsley merits such an unwarrantable judgment as the president and Mr. A. P. Smith would have the readers of 'The Ringing World' believe.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

35, The Crescent, Worsley.

POOR BROADCAST FROM CANTERBURY.

A correspondent from Bristol calls attention to the ringing at Canterbury Cathedral before the 'Aviation Service' on Saturday afternoon. For the most part, he says, it was terrible and a strong justification for the opinions expressed in 'The Ringing World.' It is a great pity, he adds, to have such a fine peal 'murdered' and put over the ether. It is a bad advertisement for change ringing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT NUNBURNHOLME.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Nunburnholme on Saturday, June 13th, and was attended by 38 ringers from Beverley Minster, Far Headingley, Hull, Hemingbrough, Market Weighton, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, Pocklington and the local company, and an excellent attendance considering the cold wet weather.

Choral evensong was held in church, and the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Sellwood Godwin), in an interesting address, said he was taking the place of Canon Elsee, the late president of the Lancashire Association, who died suddenly on Good Friday, and who, as an old friend of the Rector, had promised before his death that he would attend the meeting and preach at the service.

Tea in the Guildhall was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rector presided.

A telegram sending 'best wishes and thanks' was sent to Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, an old and most generous friend of the ringers, for his extreme kindness in sending money to defray the cost of the tea and the bus from Market Weighton to Nunburnholme. The vote of thanks to him was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer, seconded by Mr. R. H. Vigor and carried with loud applause, the only regret being that Mr. Wood was unable to be present.

Miss M. D. Hawley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, was elected a member of the association on the motion of Mr. J. H. Howell, seconded by Mr. E. Wood.

An invitation to hold the September meeting at Hemingbrough was accepted.

The proposal to hold special practice meetings amongst four groups of towers in the York, Hull, Beverley and Pontefract areas was carried unanimously, it being hoped thereby to improve the ringing and encourage learners.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, proposed by the secretary and seconded by Mr. Vigor, was carried and responded to by the Rector, and a vote of thanks to the local company, proposed by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Rodwell, was acknowledged by Mr. F. Wilkinson.

Market Weighton bells were rung in the evening.

The methods practised during the day were Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and College Exercise Minor, and Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday morning, May 31st, for 10 o'clock Holy Eucharist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Brown 1, W. Morey 2, C. Tyler 3, F. Parsons 4, F. Cruttenden 5, C. A. Barnes 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, Peter Freeman (first quarter-peal) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, who is an active member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has accepted the invitation to become an honorary member of the Central Council.

The ring of six bells of Bridestowe, Devon, is being rehung with new fittings in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

In connection with the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Bath on July 11th, the Great Western Railway will issue tickets for a party of eight or over at 13s. 5d. return, and for 30 or over at 9s. return. If any members or friends are desirous of taking advantage of these reduced fares from London, will they please communicate with Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, before Saturday, July 4th?

The interesting old bells at Cauntton, Nottinghamshire, are to be rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, provision being made for additions in the future.

Yes, they've done it again. Yet another Spliced Surprise Major peal in four methods on handbells by the Oxhey band, and the College Youths can add this one to their records. What would old Ben Annable, or even Henry Haley, have said to such a performance as this?

The Ancient Society also rang another in four methods on the following day. This was at St. Andrew's, Holborn, and was the first in four Spliced Surprise methods by the society in the City of London.

Mr. Albert D. Stone, who, for reasons of health, retired from the office of hon. secretary on Saturday, has served the Sussex County Association in office for half its existence. He was elected on the committee of the association in 1911, served as hon. secretary of the Central Division from 1912 to 1932, and as general secretary from 1924 to 1936. This is an excellent record of service, wholeheartedly given over a space of 25 years.

He learned to ring at St. Mary's, Portsea, and eventually reached St. Peter's, Brighton, in 1899, to which tower he has been attached ever since. His many friends will wish him improved health in the future. He has retired—but now he is not quite sure exactly what he will do without that which had become part of his daily life.

Lincolnshire churchwardens have achieved distinction by ringing a peal—probably the first in history by churchwardens. It was for a memorable occasion; it celebrated the one hundredth birthday of another Lincolnshire churchwarden—the oldest in the country.

KENT RING REHUNG.

A large congregation attended the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Boughton-under-Blean, near Faversham, Kent, for the rededication service of the rehanging peal of eight bells.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Leach), assisted by Mr. E. H. Steele, B.A. (lay reader), and an appropriate address was given by the Bishop of Dover. During the singing of the hymn following this, the clergy proceeded to the foot of the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were read by the Bishop and a few rounds were rung on the bells.

After the service the visiting ringers had an opportunity of trying out the bells, and the 'go' was much appreciated by all those present.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have been responsible for the rehanging, were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and ringers were present from Canterbury, Sturry, Ospringe, Wickhambreau, Throley and Faversham, together with the local band. The Kent County Association was represented by the Canterbury District representatives (Mr. F. G. Brett and Mr. Harrison Smith), with the district secretary (Mr. B. J. Luck).

THE CHANDLER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The name of this old bellfounder, mentioned by your correspondent, reminded me of the two bells at Okeley, near Buckingham, the inscriptions of which I copied some years ago. They are as follows:—

1. 'Richard Chandler made me in 1674.'
2. 'Edward Hall made me in 1726.'

Moulton Vicarage, Northants.

J. MAURICE TURNER

MEMORIAL TO HETHERSETT RINGER.

THREE GENERATIONS OF TOWER MASTERS.

On Sunday afternoon, June 14th, a peal board was unveiled in St. Remigius' tower, Hethersett, Norfolk, recording a muffled peal rung to the memory of George Henry Moore, who was a member of the local company of ringers for 45 years and Master for 15 years.

Over sixty people attended the service. The ringers present included Messrs. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Guild), W. C. Duffield (chairman of the South Norfolk Branch), N. Golden (hon. secretary of the North and South Norfolk Branches and conductor of the memorial peal), and members from Bodham, Dersingham, Newmarket, Norwich, Rackheath, Saxlingham, Snettisham, Wroxham, Wymondham and the local company.

In his address, the Rector (the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally) mentioned that three generations of Moores had held the office of Master of the local company of ringers. George Moore's heart always seemed to be in whatever work he was doing—in the garden, in the church as vergier or in the tower as ringer.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DECISION TO AFFILIATE TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Presentation for Former District Secretary.

The Sussex County Association decided on Saturday to become affiliated to the Central Council. They were the only association of importance that had not come in under the new rules, the committee having decided to leave action to the members at their annual meeting.

There was a representative attendance at the meeting, which was held at Brighton, and the weather was so hot that many members sat through the meeting in their shirt sleeves.

In the afternoon there had been ringing on the two excellent peals of ten at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Churches, and the special service was held at the latter church. It was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. N. Phillips, M.C., who gave a practical address on 'Service.'

Tea followed in St. Nicholas' Hall, where, afterwards, the meeting was held, presided over by the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher.

GULF BETWEEN OLD AND YOUNG.

In the annual report the association's jubilee was referred to as the outstanding feature of the past year. The retirement of Mr. J. Thornton Rickman from the office of Master was received with great regret, and the association's appreciation of his valuable services during a number of years was recorded. 'Year by year,' continued the report, 'death removes from our midst some of our members, and we now have to mention, in particular, the passing of three with a very long record of membership, viz., Mr. E. C. Merritt, of St. Peter's, Brighton; Mr. G. B. Bleach, of St. Nicholas', Brighton; and Mr. H. Tomsett, of Lindfield. From various causes there appears to be a wide gulf between those who are passing and those who are coming on, and we strongly appeal to all to give these younger members the fullest support and encouragement. It is to them that we must look to carry on the work of the association and sustain the Sunday service ringing, and we would specially invite these younger members to make every possible effort to attend the meetings, in any division, and carry on the work of the association, bearing in mind that the association is one centralised whole, the divisions existing solely for more efficient organisation.'

The report concluded by extending the best thanks of the association to Mr. A. W. Groves, for 21 years' service as secretary of the Western Division, and expressed the hope that every support would be given to his successor, Mr. F. H. Meetens.

SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS.

Although £29 12s. was spent on the jubilee meeting, the accounts showed on the year's working a deficit of only £6 12s. The year began with a balance of £140 8s. 9d.; £66 14s. was contributed by the four divisions in respect of affiliated towers and members; £2 10s. in respect of non-resident members; £3 5s. hon. annual members and 18s. unaffiliated members. The receipts also included 6s. 6d. by sale of reports, £1 15s. 10d. interest, and £1 16s. transferred from reserve fund. The expenditure amounted to £83 17s. 4d., which included the divisional expenses. The balance at the end of the year was £133 16s. 9d. The reserve fund stood at £50. Two grants had been made from the Benevolent Fund, the balance in which stood at £80 12s. 11d., compared with £79 12s. in the previous year. There was also a balance of £3 1s. on the certificate account. The association thus had balances in hand amounting to £267 10s. 8d. at the end of the year.

The report and balance sheet were adopted without discussion.

The Master referred to the absence through illness of Mr. G. W. Stokes, the hon. treasurer, and the secretary was asked to convey to him the sympathy of the meeting and good wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Master also referred to the deaths of old members mentioned in the report, and as an expression of sympathy with the relatives the members stood in silence.

The peals secretary, Mr. F. I. Hairs, reported that 77 peals were rung during 1935, an increase of 33 over the preceding year and the highest total for six years. The peals were rung in 35 different towers, Southover and Crawley topping the list with nine each. There were 26 conductors, Mr. Frank Bennett having the highest number to his credit, viz., 18, and Mr. Oliver Sippetts 16. Twenty-two members rang their first peal and two called their first peal. The total number of peals rung by the association was now over 3,000, the three thousandth having been a peal of Superlative rung at Rotherfield and conducted by Mr. A. Wingfield Durham.

The Bishop of Chichester, president, was re-elected, as were also the vice-presidents: The Bishop of Lewes, the Archdeacons of Chichester, Hastings and Lewes, Canon J. C. H. How (Vicar of Brighton), the Rev. W. A. Armstrong, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Chichester) and Mr. J. Thornton Rickman (Brighton), former Masters.

Mr. H. R. Butcher was re-elected Master and Mr. G. W. Stokes hon. treasurer.

HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

Mr. A. D. Stone, who has held the office of hon. general secretary for a number of years and first took up office as a divisional secretary 24 years ago, since when he has been continuously discharging secretarial duties, resigned office on the grounds of ill-health. His resignation was received with regret, and he proposed as his successor the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong). This was seconded by Mr. K. Hart and carried unanimously.

Mr. F. I. Hairs was re-elected peals secretary, and the auditors (Messrs. W. Hart and N. Elliott) and the trustees (Messrs. F. B.

Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and F. W. Stokes) were all re-elected. A vote of thanks was accorded to the officers for their services.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION.

The new hon. secretary read a letter from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, in the form sent out to all societies, inviting the association to become affiliated to the Council and setting out the new rules under which the Council is now constituted. Mr. Armstrong said the matter had been before the committee, who did not feel competent to deal with it, and decided to refer it to the general meeting. He went on to refer in critical vein to the contents of the letter, and this brought up Mr. J. Parker, who said that the information asked for was to enable the Council, under the new rules, to know exactly how many members each association had and how many representatives each was entitled to elect.

Mr. F. W. Rogers (who is hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) explained that as the Council had been reconstituted under new rules, all were asked to apply for affiliation, and a letter exactly similar to that read by the hon. secretary was sent to every society. The information asked for was to bring the records of the Council up to date.

Mr. Parker explained that the Sussex Association had always been entitled to four members.

The Hon. Secretary: But there is no need to elect four.

Mr. Parker: No, but under the new rules you have got to pay for four (laughter).

The hon. secretary then pointed out that if they agreed to the Central Council's rules to elect members triennially at least one month before the Council meeting, they would have to alter their own rules, which said that all officers must be elected annually, and the date of their annual meeting.

Mr. F. Bennett said they always had elected their Central Council representatives for three years.

Mr. Rogers said when they had elected representatives they served for three years, no matter what the association's rules said.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he thought the criticisms of the hon. secretary were largely quibbles. What the association had to decide was whether they would affiliate to the Central Council, under the Council's rules, or remain outside. There was nothing they were asked to do which could not be done within the framework of their own rules. The Council stood in its relationship to the associations exactly as the Sussex Association stood to its own affiliated towers. The association expected its members to abide by the rules, and that was all the Central Council asked its affiliated members to do, and it was a fair and proper request. The Council co-ordinated the work of ringers throughout the country and tried to direct progress into the right channels. It did not interfere with the domestic affairs of the associations, but it carried weight in official quarters such as no individual association could exercise. The Sussex Association was the only association of importance that had not yet affiliated and accepted the new rules, and he urged them, for the sake of their own position, dignity and prestige, to come into line with the rest of the associations of the country.

Mr. F. I. Hairs proposed that the association should become affiliated with the Central Council, accept the conditions loyally to abide by its rules and decisions, and elect four members.

Mr. A. W. Groves seconded.

Mr. A. D. Stone raised questions on several points which were answered by Mr. Goldsmith, and the motion, on being put, was carried without dissent.

It was suggested that the members elected should be chosen one from each division. This was accepted and the following were elected: Messrs. A. W. Groves (Western), H. R. Butcher (Northern), S. E. Armstrong (Southern) and F. W. Stokes (Eastern).

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

Four places were proposed for the next annual meeting, viz., Chichester, Hastings, Brighton and Horsham, and, on a vote, Chichester was chosen.

Mr. A. Levett suggested that the meeting should be held on either Easter or Whitsun Bank Holiday, as it was too much to expect members to travel from one end of the county to the other on a half-day.

The Master said the suggestion would be considered, but he pointed out difficulties in the way of either an Easter or Whitsun meeting, and Mr. H. J. Tucker said that, on account of a musical festival at the Cathedral, a meeting at Chichester on Whit Monday would be practically impossible.

On the motion of the Master, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of St. Nicholas' for the service, to the organist, and to the incumbents of all the churches where the bells had been placed at the disposal of the members.

Mr. Sippetts proposed that the thanks of the association to the retiring hon. secretary be recorded in the minutes for his services to the association.—Mr. Walter Charman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously, together with a proposal by Mr. A. C. Pankhurst that in recognition of their services Mr. A. D. Stone and Mr. A. W. Groves be elected life members of the association.

FORMER DISTRICT SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

At this point the Master made a presentation to Mr. Groves. He said they had had an address that day on 'Service.' That association had been fortunate in having in its ranks those who had and who were serving it well. There was one who had loyally worked for 21

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DEFINITION OF A SPLICED PEAL.

SINKING OF INDIVIDUAL VIEWS FOR A COMMON FORMULA.

A long-standing controversial point—the definition of a spliced method—was settled at the Central Council meeting by two of the keenest students of the problem joining forces and at the eleventh hour submitting a joint resolution in place of two individual motions.

Announcing the changes in the agenda, the President said he understood Mr. Hunt desired to withdraw his amendment, which was discussed and adjourned the previous year, and the proposers and seconders of Motions 14 and 15 (Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. J. T. Dyke, and Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. E. C. S. Turner) would like to withdraw their motions and substitute the following:—

'That compositions which contain more than one method shall be called "Spliced," provided that the methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the "Leads" in the case of Treble-dominated methods, the "Sixes" in the case of Stedman, Duffield and similar methods, etc.) remain intact.

'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 during the peal.'

A QUESTION OF NOMENCLATURE.

The President emphasised that it was purely a question of nomenclature. There was nothing which blessed or blamed one method against another. He would like an expression of opinion as to whether the Council would allow them to substitute this motion. The Standing Committee would like the Council to agree to the changes.

This course was agreed to.

Proposing the resolution, Mr. S. H. Wood said, as they knew, on the original agenda there was a rather long and technical resolution. There was one resolution passed as an amendment last year; there was one other amendment and a hint of one or two more coming up. Those responsible, therefore, got together and remarked, 'If we are not very careful this is going to become an awful muddle, and we shall talk about it for hours and hours, and it will get beyond the point of being discussion and become a controversy' (laughter). If they could get something simple which combined the main points and put them before Council in a simplified form, they would be saving the Council's time and he thought it would be appreciated.

As to the resolution, part was the amendment he proposed last year and a part by the mover of the original resolution. There was a letter in 'The Ringing World' in the previous week in which it was stated that although the number of changes of method might be given, that did not indicate how difficult the peal was. Personally he thought the number of changes of method gave sufficient information.

As to the fundamental units, they would all see what they were getting at. How much of a method had they to put on paper to specify that method? Some people said one must ring the whole course, and unless they rung the whole course they had not rung the method. He did not agree with that. He submitted that what specified the method was one complete lead. If they looked at any Central Council publication they would find one complete lead and that satisfied them as to method. Some people might say, 'Why not half a lead?' The answer was 'No,' and he hoped that they would agree that to satisfy the method they must give one complete lead. They had covered that in the resolution by saying the fundamental units should be the 'leads' in the case of Treble-dominated methods; and in the case of Stedman, etc., it should be the sixes.

If they passed the resolution it would clear the matter up. As the President said, it was only a matter of nomenclature, and although under the resolution certain portions of Kent and Oxford could not be joined together and called 'spliced,' he would be the last person to say, 'You should not ring these peals.' In fact, he preferred to ring Kent and Oxford that way, but he thought when they were so rung it should be called a variation of Treble Bob.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded the motion.

'MENTAL STABILITY.'

Mr. J. Hunt congratulated the people who moved that resolution for gaining 'their mental stability of mind.' He characterised the resolution as 'most ridiculous.' He wanted to ask this question. He distinctly said at Shrewsbury that he mentioned a peal rung by the Midland Counties Association in six methods, and that was called a combined peal. He took it that under the present resolution it would not be called spliced because there was Kent and Oxford in it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought that the resolution would clearly define, much more than in the past, the status of those peals. They in Yorkshire were landed in a great difficulty by the fact of a misunderstanding. They had people who combined leads of Oxford and Treble Bob and called it another method. The whole Exercise would feel that the people responsible for the resolution had displayed great sense and dignity in agreeing to this combined resolution.

Mr. Coles said the resolution that was put up last year by Mr. Turner and himself was drawn up with the help of many distinguished people in the Exercise. It seemed to them that it was necessary to define what a spliced peal was. When they tried to define a spliced peal there was a great deal of difference in the sort of things rung. This year they had approached the matter from a different point of view, realising that the resolutions were likely to be misconstrued.

Mr. Wood's amendment at Shrewsbury seemed to meet one point—to find out how intricate the peal was, and he would like to say that the number of changes of method generally denoted the intricacies of the peal. There might be slight exceptions, but it was correct to say the more changes of method the more intricate the peal became.

As to the basis of the resolution, they must confine themselves to the definition of a method in the Council's Rules and Decisions that 'each lead shall reverse true to itself.' There was no intention in the resolution to bar anything that had been rung or could be rung. As far as he was concerned he had every sympathy with people who ring Treble Bob and cut out the portions where the tenors were in the slow.

Mr. Coles referred to the peal in six methods by the Midland Counties Association, and said if Kent and Oxford were introduced into that peal, and if the units were broken, it would not come within this definition of a spliced peal.

Mr. A. H. Pulling asked, if it was possible to ring a peal of Spliced Major in which the changes of method were made when the treble laid its whole pull behind, whether that would be considered a spliced peal.

DESIRE FOR WHOLE METHOD.

Mr. J. A. Trollope replied that it was possible to change when the treble was behind, but pointed out that if such a course was adopted one did not get the whole of the work of the method. If only half the method was rung the band could not say they had rung that method. In theory they could change where they liked, but in that case, if the method was not completed, they only got a new method.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith asked, if a peal was rung with the whole of the changes of method made when the treble was behind, how would it be affected by the resolution? Would it be a 'spliced' peal?

Mr. G. Grover pointed out that the merit was in the performance and not in the name. He moved, as an amendment, that the words 'provided' to 'intact' be deleted from the resolution.

Mr. E. M. Atkins, who seconded, thought there was a great danger in passing the resolution because they were going to make it very difficult for what ingenious people might bring forward in the future. For a long time he had in mind the splicing of methods with the treble at the back. He could not see why they should not carry on as at present, but by making it clear in the reports as to what had taken place.

Mr. Warrington: If you are going to allow this with the treble behind, you cannot condemn methods of 1,700 with a single behind.

Mr. Trollope: If you begin splicing in the middle of the lead, all you do is to create another method. If you splice them in any other way than when the treble leads, you break them up entirely ('No, no'). If you keep on splicing you get a circular action. In a 720, if you keep on splicing, all you get in the end is a 720 of Original.

Mr. Hunt: You take Treble Bob Minor. You can ring a peal without any bobs. What happens if you ring a peal without any bobs and it is spliced? The Worcester variation of Treble Bob is rung without any bobs.

Mr. Holt: Can you supply us with a 720 Worcester Treble Bob Minor?

Mr. Hunt: The method is published.

Mr. Holt: When Worcester was invented the idea was to keep the tenors out of the hunt.

The President: I do not think any good will be done by going into the finer points.

Mr. Holt: If Worcester keeps the tenors out of the Slow, how can you get a 720 of Minor?

Replying to the amendment, Mr. Coles said there was nothing new in the ringing of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob combined. Records showed that in 1840 they called it Hudson's New Light on Treble Bob, and it was first rung at Sheffield St. Peter's. Whatever members of the Council thought, these peals, as rung in those days, were variations of Treble Bob and not spliced. As to splicing with the treble behind, the point those responsible for the resolution desired to make was that the splicing should take place at the lead-end. In doing it with the treble behind they were making an unsymmetrical method.

Mr. Wood, in amplification of the point, said in a lead of Cambridge Major if they left out the second's place they called in Primrose. If they rang the first half lead of Cambridge and spliced it with Primrose the work of some of the bells would not change. If the amendment was passed the resolution was cut down to the resolution which originally stood in his name. In view of the fact that two members of the Council had each given way and sunk their own views in order to please as many people as possible, it would be a mistake to turn down half of it and go back to one of the original resolutions, although it happened to be his.

The amendment only found 13 supporters and was defeated by a big majority.

SWINDON, WILTS.—As a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. S. Faulkner Allison, the local ringers of St. Mary's Church rang a quarter-peal of Doubles, seven different 120's of Grandsire and four different 120's of Plain Bob, on Friday evening, May 29th: A. C. Hollick (first quarter-peal) 1, J. S. Roberts (conductor) 2, P. V. Spackman (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, C. Watt 4, H. E. Brown 5, W. B. Greenaway 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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EFFORT TO REOPEN CHESTERFIELD TOWER.

The President presented the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee (which was printed in 'The Ringing World' of June 5th). Mr. Lewis said that members of the committee had carried out inspections in response to individual requests. The number of towers which had been dealt with, in some cases by inspection, in some cases by correspondence, was 18, excluding certain minor cases. Mr. Young had had one tower, Mr. Hunt three, Major Hesse had inspected five, and he (Mr. Lewis) had had nine cases to deal with. In the case of Chesterfield he was asked by the Midland Counties Association whether the committee could do anything to get the tower reopened for ringing. It had been condemned by the architect in spite of the fact that £5,000 had recently been spent upon it in restoration. He apologised to the members of the M.C.A. for having been somewhat slow in taking the matter up, but the letter was sent to him at a time when he was making weekly journeys to Scotland, and he could not deal with ringing matters at all. But eventually he wrote to the Vicar of Chesterfield and put the matter in general terms, because they had no details of the reasons why the architect had condemned the tower, nor did they know at that time the name of the architect. It was, therefore, rather difficult for them to 'butt in.' In writing to the Vicar, he finished up his letter by saying that the committee recognised they had no standing between the Church authorities and the architect, but willingly offered their services if, thereby, the bells could once more be rung as they were in the past. He got a reply from the Vicar saying he was grateful for the letter and adding that the trouble was rather accentuated by the fact that they had changed their architect. He (the Vicar) would try and find out what opinion the architect was acting upon, as his impression was that most architects were not experts in the matter of bells. The Vicar promised to bring the letter before the Church Council. That, said Mr. Lewis, was on April 8th, but he had heard nothing since. As soon as they heard something more from the Vicar of Chesterfield they would try and get a little further. He wanted to assure the Midland Counties Association that they were trying to do their best and do it tactfully without causing trouble.

SILENCERS FOR NOISY BELLS.

Referring next to the request that the committee should give some information about the Davis Silencers, which had been in use at Bishopsgate and Bromley Common, and which, he believed, were also in use at Kingsbury, Mr. Lewis said he went specially to Bromley Common to hear the effect of these silencers in operation. The church at Bromley Common was in a residential area and the bells were very loud outside. They were a fairly powerful Simpson-tuned ring and were distinctly loud inside the tower also. It had become almost impossible for the ringers to practise because of complaints. They had tried these silencers and were now able to practise weekly without any complaint worth speaking about. The silencers were in the nature of an ordinary muffle, except that the leather was not so thick and outside it was a plate of steel. The effect at Bromley Common was almost the same as if the bells were muffled, but there was a certain amount of metallic tap against the bell. Criticism of the silencers had been raised that they would be expensive, as they did not last long. His inquiries showed that they cost about £2 for a set of 16 (for silencing eight bells), that at Bromley Common they had been in use for 12 months and were practically as good as new. Those at Bishopsgate had been used for 44 peals and were still serviceable. He thought, therefore, the criticism was not well founded. The Towers and Belfries Committee agreed to recommend the use of such silencers as well worth trial in cases where the bells were a serious source of nuisance on practice nights. They did not take the place of properly blocking up the windows, where the windows should be blocked up to render the bells quieter at all times, but in cases where funds were not available for blocking the louvers, the silencers were very well worth trying, with this warning: The committee thought it desirable, before purchasing a complete set, that trials should be made with various samples of different thicknesses of leather and steel, because they felt that each tower required to be treated on its own merits. They could not prescribe a general medicine for them all.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, referring to the case of Chesterfield, said he had ascertained that a reawakened interest was being taken in the bells by prominent Chesterfield churchpeople and townfolk, and if the Council could follow the matter up now and continue to do so, there was great hope that the bells of Chesterfield would be heard again in the near future (hear, hear).

The report and recommendation were adopted and the committee reappointed as follows: Mr. E. H. Lewis (convener), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. J. Hunt.

OLD PEAL BOARDS.

On behalf of the committee which is collecting details of peal boards and other records relating to peals rung up to the year 1825, Mr. W. H. Hollier reported that the committee's appeal for information had brought to light interesting records. Among those from the Lancashire Association was an old book, kindly lent by Mr. G. R. Newton, containing 25 records of ringing by the Liverpool College Youths and other societies. Mr. William Willson sent two old books,

dated 1776 and 1779, recording peals rung by the Leicester Scholars. One of the records was as follows:—

'At Wakefield on Monday May the 12th 1788 were rung a Peal of Tripple bob Tripples 5040 changes called Wakefield delight in 8 courses complete. The same set of Ringers without changing a man or setting a bell began another peal of Oxford Single Tripples in twelve courses consisting of 5040 changes and called Wakefields Surprise, both these peals consisting of 10080 changes were performed including the raising and setting the bells in 7 hours and 1 minute and were rung with exactness and nice distinction an instance never before done in the Kingdom. What adds to the singularity of the performance there were Two Fathers, Five Sons, Five Brothers, Four Cousins, One Uncle, One Nephew, yet only eight persons and only two names.'

The Sheffield and District Society sent records of peals rung at Sheffield Parish Church, which include the first peal of Cambridge Surprise, 6,040 changes, rung in 4 hours 18 minutes, the first in this method ever rung in the country.

The Kent County Association records included peals rung at Christ Church Cathedral (Canterbury), at the Wye and Ashford towers, and a book kindly lent by Mr. Harry Hoskins, in which were records of 17 peals rung at Greenwich by the Kentish Youths and one by the Eastern Scholars. The first was rung on December 1st, 1732.

Other records came from the Woolwich tower, Waltham Abbey, Romsey Abbey, St. Mary's, Warwick, St. Mary's, Ealing, St. Mary's, Twickenham, St. Margaret's, Westminster, All Saints', Fulham, the Watford Youths, Lavenham, Suffolk, Carisbrooke and Newport (Isle of Wight), Newark, Oldham, Croston, Preston, Thaxted, Eye and Shrewsbury. Records by the Society of Bristol Youths had also been received, and the Leeds and District Society sent the record of 'two whole peals of Holt's Triples, rung at Otley, in 6 hours 22 minutes, the first in 3 hours 10 minutes, and the second in 3 hours 12 minutes, on Tuesday, 20th February, 1787, being the first set of ringers that ever completed the above in time and course in England.'

The committee tendered their sincere thanks to all those who had so kindly assisted them, and thanked in anticipation those who have promised to assist.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected as follows: Mr. W. H. Hollier (convener), the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre.

The adoption of the report of the Biographies Committee (printed in 'The Ringing World' on June 5th) was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who emphasised the request contained in the report that those who had received forms and had not returned them would do so without delay, and also send with them photographs wherever possible.

Mr. W. A. Cave seconded and the report was adopted.

The committee was re-elected as follows: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (convener), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. W. A. Cave.

BALLOT FOR STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Council then came to the election of the Standing Committee, and for this purpose ballot papers were issued, and nominations invited by the president.

Mr. E. J. Butler proposed and Mr. C. Mee seconded that the six eligible retiring members should be re-elected, and this was agreed to. They were Alderman Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith and E. Denison Taylor.

Twelve names were proposed for the remaining six places, and when the result of the ballot was later announced, the following were declared elected: Archdeacon Parry, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, S. H. Wood and A. Walker. The unsuccessful were Messrs. P. J. Johnson, S. F. Palmer, F. M. Mitchell, E. Guise, H. Knight and G. Chester.

The President expressed the thanks of the Council to the committees who had served them for the last three years for the work they had done, which, he said, was pretty considerable. A great deal of the work of the Council was done by committees in between the meetings. The Council did not hear much about it, but it represented many hours of labour in most cases.

MUFFLED BELLS—INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed the following motion: 'That, with a view to providing future guidance, the officers of this Council be requested to consider the question of the correct method of muffling and ringing church bells on occasions of national and local mourning, and, after consulting at discretion those who may be able to give information, draw up a recommendation on the subject, which, if possible, shall be submitted to the Church authorities for approval and laid before the Council at the next meeting.' He said he brought this motion forward because of the uncertainty that seemed to prevail, on the death of King George, as to the proper way in which bells should be muffled for the death of a sovereign and how and when they should be rung. As Editor of 'The Ringing World,' he received inquiries by post, telegraph and telephone asking for authentic information on the subject, but he was unable to give it. Correspondence in 'The Ringing World' afterwards showed that there was a desire for guidance, and he thought the officials of the Council were the best people to collect the information. If, then, they could issue it with authority of the Church behind it, those in doubt in future would have something definite to act upon. He emphasised there was no desire to do anything to interfere with ancient local customs, which in many cases were interesting survivals and would

probably be a help to the Council officials in drawing up their recommendations.

The hon. secretary seconded the motion.

HISTORICAL REVIEW.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said with one exception, what was correct in the services of the Church for the King was correct for anybody else. The King was entitled to be married or buried in exactly the same way as a commoner. The only exception was his coronation service. Clearly, therefore, what was correct for an ordinary person was correct for the King; the only difference was in the elaboration; the essentials were exactly the same. The muffling of bells was invented by ringers for ringers. The earliest reference to muffling did not go back further than the eighteenth century, and that was to full muffling. The first reference to half-muffling was in 1785, and the first muffled peal was rung about 1816. In ecclesiastical matters it took him did not know how many centuries to make a 'custom.' The correct way to muffle bells was to do it in the way in which it sounded best to people outside.

Continuing, Mr. Trollope said if the question of the whole of the observance of the 'passing bell' could be investigated it would be of interest. There was a great deal of misunderstanding as to the use of bells at deaths and funerals, and most of the old customs were rapidly dying out. People talked of 'the passing bell,' but 'the passing bell' had not been rung in England for a matter of over two hundred years. 'The passing bell' was rung, of course, before the person died. The ordinary 'death bell,' which was now practically extinct, was rung immediately the person died; a bell rung at a funeral was a different thing altogether. How far that went back he was not quite certain. When the King died, the very first thing that was done was to send a message to the Lord Mayor of London requesting him to order the big bell of St. Paul's to be tolled. They would observe, said Mr. Trollope, that it was sent not to the ecclesiastical authorities, but to the Lord Mayor, and he was requested to order it. That was not done for religious purposes at all, and it was not done out of respect for the dead King. It was simply done so that the citizens of London should have the earliest opportunity of knowing that the King was dead, because, in the case of disputed succession, it was to their interests to know immediately. In the same way the 'death bell' that used to be tolled was an announcement. If they went through some 17th and 18th century diaries they would find that people in Oxford used to go about listening to the bells that were tolled, just as the ordinary man of to-day turned to the first page of 'The Times' in the morning to see who was dead.

Mr. W. H. Hollier spoke of the impressiveness of the bells of Westminster Abbey rung half-muffled on the occasion of the late King's funeral.

The Rev. F. Li. Edwards said he was glad to hear it stated that there was no intention of suggesting interference with local customs. There were local customs in considerable variety, and it was most to be desired that where these local customs held sway there should be no attempt to introduce rigid uniformity. He thought, however, the resolution would be of great use in enabling guidance to be provided in towers where there was no regular practice, and where advice was required. In investigating this question he thought the officials might collect valuable information as to the most impressive way of using bells.

The Rev. H. Drake expressed the view that the report of the officials should not be submitted to the Church authorities until it had been considered by the Council. If the Church authorities approved of it first, the Council could hardly discuss it afterwards. They could agree to it or not agree to it, but they could not very well, out of respect to the Church authorities, throw it out afterwards. He thought the proper thing would be first of all to discuss it at the next meeting, and then, if the Council agreed with it, to submit it to the Church authorities afterwards.

An amendment on these lines was proposed by Mr. E. P. Duffield, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake and carried, and the motion as amended was then adopted.

The President thanked Mr. Trollope for his historical survey, and said he had looked up the question of muffled ringing in the Oxford Dictionary to see if he could get any light upon it. The only reference he could find was in connection with the death of Beau Nash at Bath, of which Goldsmith—Oliver not Jack (laughter)—wrote of the death of Nash in 1762 that he was 'buried like a King' and that the bells 'rang a muffled peal of Bob Majors.'

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ENJOYABLE MEETING AT STOURTON.

North Dorset Branch gatherings at Stourton are always a big attraction, and on June 13th, in spite of continuous rain, about 60 turned up for the branch quarterly meeting. Twenty-seven parishes, in five counties, were represented. Some enthusiasts from Bristol and Poole must have cycled about 80 miles ere they reached home again. The Guild office was conducted in St. Peter's Church by the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Wigg), who gave an inspiring address, exhorting the members, in the words of St. Paul to Timothy, to 'stir up the gift that is in thee.'

The ladies of the Church Council prepared and served a sumptuous tea in the Memorial Hall, tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. F. Li. Edwards presided at the ensuing short business meeting. Apologies were received from the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master), the Rev. I. G. Cameron and Mr. W. C. West, and Mr. E. J. Rowe (captain of the local ringers) sent greetings from Shaftesbury Hospital, where he is recovering from a fractured leg. The members were very pleased to hear that he is making good progress and hoping shortly to be home again.

One new member was elected, Mr. F. Feltham, of Bourton.

Thanks to the Rector for his cordial welcome to Stourton and for the service, and to the ladies for the good things provided for the tea tables (proposed from the chair and seconded by Dr. W. G. Addison, Rector of Zeals), were carried with acclamation, especially by a visitor from Stoke Wake, who enjoyed a free tea!

The Rector, in reply, said it was always a great pleasure to receive a visit from the Guild, and he kindly undertook to conduct a party round the beautiful Stourhead gardens.—Mrs. King also replied on behalf of the ladies.

The bells of Mere, Zeals and Silton were also available, and good practice was obtained in various methods.

AN EXCLUDED PEAL.

In reference to a paragraph which appeared in our last issue, Mr. Percy Amos, of Northampton, writes in the course of a lengthy letter: 'I notice in your issue for June 19th that the hon. secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild calls the attention of the Peal Analysis Committee to the fact that the peal of Doubles, rung at Whiston, Northants, on April 11th, 1936, for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is not included in their records, one of the ringers not being a member. As I happen to be the ringer concerned, I shall be obliged if you will permit me space to say that the peal is quite in order in being thus published. I was proposed and seconded a member previous to starting by member friends whose wishes have the right to be respected.'

'In the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, as in all other associations, a rule exists that such membership shall be legitimate, subject to ratification at some subsequent meeting of the Guild; and no rule exists to say that a ringer who has been a member and ceased for any one reason shall not be re-elected. The committee, taking it upon themselves to ignore the wishes of these members, not only show meanness, but prove that they were afraid of a show of hands in refusing the right of ratification to be put.'

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years in advancing the interests of the association, and they had decided to make some recognition of those services. He asked Mr. Groves, who was secretary of the Western Division for 21 years, to accept their gift, which he hoped he would be able to look upon and hear, and keep his time by for many years (applause).

He handed to Mr. Groves a handsome mantel chiming clock, striking the Westminster quarters, and inscribed:—

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Mr. Groves, who received the gift amid applause, thanked the members for their kindness and appreciation. He was pleased to be able to say that in the whole time he held office he had been able to attend every meeting (applause). He thanked the members for their support and hoped they would extend it to his successor equally as well.

Mr. Manley suggested that the association should adopt a form of service for use at meetings. He pointed out the advantages of this practice in other associations and guilds, and said he was sure the clergy would appreciate it. He caused some amusement by referring to a recent occasion when the ringers, on going into service, were given hymn books, and the clergyman immediately gave out a psalm. He added that it was more difficult to remember the words of a psalm than for a conductor to remember the calling of a peal.

Mr. Charman seconded, and, after some discussion, the proposal was agreed to.

The Master was thanked for presiding and also for the fact that he had been present at a number of divisional meetings during the year.

It was announced that a collection for the Benevolent Fund, taken at the tea tables, amounted to 16s. 6d.

In the evening there was further ringing at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Churches, and also at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

NOTICES.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. service at Cathedral; 4 p.m. tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop); 4.30 p.m. business meeting. Times of ringing will be sent to each tower.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5.30 p.m., in the Parish Room. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —The summer meeting will be held at All Saints', Bingley, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Tea (1/6) in the Church House at 5.30. Business meeting immediately after tea. A good attendance is earnestly desired.—F. Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. —The next practice has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-Super-Mare.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at White Hart Hotel, 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells), near Poulton, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bring food, tea provided. Bus leaves Talbot Mews 2.20 p.m. Ringing visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. O. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —A meeting will be held at Kirkby Moorside (by kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Evensong at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Ashbury (6 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, at 7 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Eckington, near Sheffield, Saturday, June 27th (Norton not available). Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—(Established 1623).—The 313th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Elstow (6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at Red Lion at 5. Come and ring at 'John Bunyan's' tower. All ringers very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 30th, Southwark Cathedral on July 2nd and 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 16th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea by July 1st, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield (6 bells) on Saturday, July 4th. Short service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify Rev. J. Thompson, The Rectory, Bradfield, for tea. No charge for tea to members of society. Bus service at Malin Bridge Tram terminus.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, July 4th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 4th, at Horbling. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1/6) and business meeting at P.R.H.A. If possible Billingborough bells will be available in evening. Notification from those requiring tea by Wednesday previous, please to C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute, Bancks Street, 5 p.m. Dunster (8) and Carhampton (6) bells available after the meeting, or at other times by previous arrangement.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks in Charnwood, near Shepshed, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, July 2nd.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: St. Mary's (10), 1.15 to 2.15 and after tea; St. Michael's (8), 1.15 to 2.15 and 7.15 to 8 p.m.; Holy Rood (8), 6 to 7.15 p.m. Meeting in Chantry Hall 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. J. W. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, by Thursday, 2nd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at North Collingham on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Will those who require tea please notify Mrs. East, North Collingham, Notts, not later than Wednesday, July 1st.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Rocester (8 bells) on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Peal Board unveiled at 4.45. Service at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. W. Bullock, 3, West View, Rocester, Uttoxeter, Staffs, not later than July 1st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Please note. Meeting arranged for Croft on July 4th is postponed. Other arrangements later.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight (8 bells) on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know not later than Wednesday, July 1st?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Other towers will be open for ringing at 7 p.m. if necessary.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elmham on Saturday, July 4th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea *must* notify me by Tuesday, June 30th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Owing to sickness the meeting at Newton St. Peter's is postponed to a later date, and the meeting at Christ Church, Aughton, has been brought forward to July 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Summer Festival will be held at Bromham on Saturday, July 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45. Tea arrangements will *only* be made for those who notify Mr. F. C. Tysoe, Bromham, Beds, beforehand. This is important, so please send a p.c.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) and **GUILD-FORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Farnham District).—A joint meeting will be held at ASH on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the District President of the Ladies' Guild, in the Church Room, 5 p.m. All welcome. Please notify for tea by first post Wednesday, July 1st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Barford on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival at Chertsey, Saturday, July 11th. All welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5.15 (1s. each). Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 7th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting, originally notified for June 27th, will now be held at Coombe on Saturday, July 11th. Service 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Royal Oak. Towers open: Coombe (6), Bladon (6), Woodstock (8). Tea will be provided *only* for those who let me know by first post Thursday, July 9th.—W. Evetts, Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—**SHIELD CONTEST** will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entries close June 27th. For tea please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, nr. Barnsley, by Wednesday, July 8th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cards for tea please to Mr. L. A. Porritt, 18, Picton Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, July 9th. Half-fares (up to 2/-) will be paid to members attending. A good, representative attendance is requested for important business meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by the first post on Wednesday, July 8th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Nominations are invited for branch secretary.—J. Norton, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. District towers see that you are well represented, and visitors come and be welcome. All ringers should enjoy a pull on these historic bells. Please send a p.c. for tea to A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Preliminary notice. A meeting will be held at Fletching on Saturday, July 11th. Dedication of Fairwarp bells, Saturday, July 18th. Keep a note of these dates. Full particulars later.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Twineham on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Those who intend to be present please advise me by the previous Wednesday. Half rail fare, max. 1/6, allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1936, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher Rev. C. Elliot-Wigg (Deputy Master). Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Owing to Dining Hall not being available on this date, lunch will be served at The Cartax Assembly Rooms, by Messrs. G.

Weekes & Co., at 1.30 p.m. Tickets (2/- each) to members (3/- to non-members). Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Gen. Sec. not later than Wednesday, July 15th. Further details will be given on printed notices to each tower.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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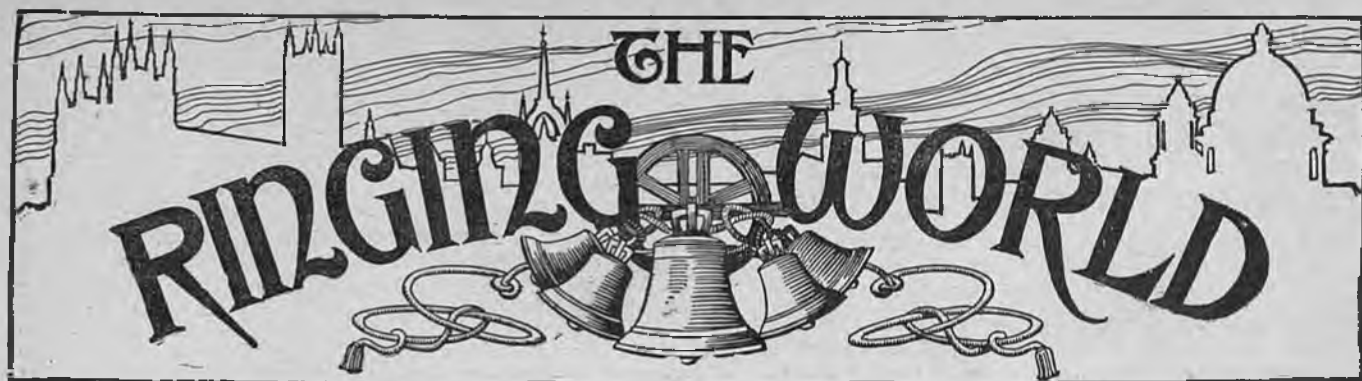
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GEORGE KENWARD 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE 4	ARTHUR S. BOAR Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY NEWMAN Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
THOMAS WORRALL 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
GEORGE CONDECK 3	WILLIAM E. JONES 7
WILLIAM H. BARNETT 4	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung for the 42nd birthday of His Majesty King Edward VIII.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
HARRY BAKER 2	RAYMOND OVERY 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 4	*JAMES W. SPILLETT Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King Edward VIII. Ringer of 4th from Southsea, 6th from Plymouth.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	RICHARD A. POST 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
R. GORDON CROSS 4	C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. E. WIGG.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise by all except the ringers of 6th and tenor, as conductor, and on the bells. R. A. Post's 100th peal. Rung, after the induction service, as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Harold Pickles, formerly Vicar of West Wycombe, Bucks.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Treble	GEORGE PARSONS 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 7
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The conductor's 1,400th peal.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LANXON'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY WILLIAMS Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS 5
*FREDERICK HARRIS 2	CYRIL E. LANXON 6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 7
JOHN WOOD 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal on eight 'inside.' Rung in honour of the King's birthday and to mark the 26th anniversary of the dedication of Truro Cathedral bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

KEITH W. WHITTELL Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	*ARTHUR R. WOODWARD 6
JAMES ROSE 3	CHARLES SHEMMING 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 4	SHELFORD SPARROW Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by SHELFORD SPARROW.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday. * First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor. A. Grimwood has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary for Sunday evensong on May 10th, 1232 Bob Major: B. Norman (longest length of Major) 1, B. Wayman 2, J. Parish 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, F. C. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, R. Smith 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

*FRANK H. HICKS Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 2	ALBERT RELFE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	*CHARLES BRASIER 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King. The ringers of treble, 5 and 7 belong to Rotherfield and this is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells in which local ringers have taken part.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGKIN Treble	H. RICHARD FRENCH 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
PERCY PAGE 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

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

The composition, No. 363, is rung for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY Treble	*EDWIN LLOYD 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT 6
KENNETH A. ROE 3	HERBERT W. PERKINS 7
RICHARD F. ROE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Cambridge.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR KNIGHTS' No. 24.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	RAYMOND WOOD 5
THOMAS DENYER 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
CHARLES W. DENYER 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Nancie Denyer, sister of ringers of 2 and 3, and Mr. Reginald Whitford, who were married at Aldershot on Monday, June 29th, both bride and groom being ringers at Aldershot.

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MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's:—

- (1) Hanley, Milton, Allendale, Westminster.
 (2) Rossendale, Stamford, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Annable's London, Netherscale.
 (3) Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick, Hexham.
 (4) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre.
 (5) Chester, Newcastle, Munden, Alnwick.
 (6) London, Wells, Cuneastre.
 (7) Cambridge, Hull, Bourn, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY *Treble* | THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
 * CHARLES W. WOODS ... 2 | † HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
 HORACE M. DAY ... 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... *Tenor*

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 32 methods. † First peal in 32 methods 'inside.'
 This peal was arranged and rung for the second time so that all the seven ringers who have practised together could ring it 'inside.'

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Four callings.

* MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... *Treble* | * WILLIAM GARROLD ... 4
 ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 2 | JOHN CROOKS ... 5
 * MISS BARTHOLOMEW REEVE ... 3 | * VERDUN VENN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. A. FLEMING.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method by all.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Single Court, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. GARRETT ... *Treble* | T. M. GRIFFIN ... 4
 W. SHERBORNE ... 2 | G. F. GRIFFIN ... 5
 A. MUNDY ... 3 | F. CARTER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFIN.

This peal was rung for the jubilee of the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Hunt. It was the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Single Court. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... *Treble* | CECIL J. MAYER ... 4
 JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 2 | GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 5
 WALTER TOMLINSON ... 3 | GEORGE E. FEIRN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Rung within the octave of the patronal festival.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SIDNEY FLINT ... *Treble* | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4
 ALFRED E. BACON ... 2 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
 WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3 | CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First seven-method peal on the bells.

HEYDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt.

H. F. CARTER ... *Treble* | H. C. READ ... 4
 MRS. F. CARTER ... 2 | W. MEDLER ... 5
 A. F. BOYCE ... 3 | G. BAILEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

FORD END, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 5 cwt.

* CHARLES S. SMITH ... *Treble* | RUSSELL PARKER ... 4
 PERCY GREEN ... 2 | HARRY BRADLEY ... 5
 HARRY WAIN ... 3 | HERBERT DEVENISH ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT DEVENISH.

* First peal and first attempt. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Ronald S. Denny and Miss Gladys Wade, of Ford End, who were married the same day at this church, Mr. Denny being a ringer at Broomfield.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Pitman's and 36 six-scores with 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES W. COOK ... *Treble* | * BERT DEAN ... 3
 * ALBERT G. THOROGOOD ... 2 | * GEORGE EASY ... 4
 * ALBERT R. HURST ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

* First peal and members of the local band. Also first peal on the bells, which were rehung in 1895.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT PEARSON ... *Treble* | CYRIL HARNES ... 4
 HORACE PEARSON ... 2 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5
 ARTHUR ELLIS ... 3 | * EDWARD BARNES ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ON THE GREAT NORTH ROAD.

IN THE COUNTIES OF HERTFORD, BEDFORD AND

HUNTINGDON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in One Hour and Forty-Four Minutes,

In a Private Coach,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

HORACE L. WAITE ... *I-2* | WALTER AYRE ... 3-4
 WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5-6
 Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witnesses—Messrs. A. V. Good, G. E. Debenham, F. W. Elliot, H. Golding, W. Feasey, W. Shepherd and others.

The first peal rung 'on the road.'

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TO GET AWAY FROM CHANGES 'BY HEART.'

A new reader, who has not long since taken up ringing, but who rather unfortunately finds himself among a band who, from his account, have made no progress for years, but who think they are 'change ringers' because they are proficient in ringing the 'old ten,' asks us how he can get these ringers to move out of their rut. He has been to one or two ringing meetings, has seen how different is the real thing to that practised in his own tower, but hesitates to say much to his colleagues in case he upsets them. That, in effect at any rate, is what he writes to us.

We are afraid he has got a difficult and not very thankful task before him, and, as he is the junior, he will have to be very tactful about it if he wants to succeed. Apparently our correspondent does not know much about change ringing himself, so he can scarcely do any teaching.

We think he should begin by quietly trying to get the others interested in the association in his district, at any rate to a sufficient degree to get them to give an invitation to enough members to come to the tower, so that a simple change ringing demonstration could be given, and the local ringers shown something of what can be done on scientific principles. The important thing is to try and stir their interest and to show them that there really is something in our art worth practising. Without interest, of course, the whole thing is hopeless, but tactful conversation, the introduction into the belfry, almost casually at first, perhaps, of one of the simpler text books on ringing, the bringing along of a change ringing friend one practice night, references to some of the interesting things happening elsewhere in the country, as revealed week by week in 'The Ringing World'—all these little things should have a cumulative weight and eventually lead to a breakdown of the barriers.

Then, if they can ring the 'old ten' fairly successfully—and by the 'old ten' we presume they mean what is in reality Original Doubles, that is all the five bells pursuing a plain hunting course—why not endeavour to get them to introduce a little variation.

Probably at present they ring the same bell every time and know the thing by heart. Persuade them first of all, say two at a time, to change to a different bell. Explain to them that this is quite simple. They ring the thing they had memorised, except that they begin in a different place. The 5th man, for instance, took the bells in this order: 3, 1, 2, 4 (lead, lead), 3, 1, 2, 4. If he rings the 4th instead, he will have 1, 2 (lead, lead), 5, 3, 1, 2, 5, 3. He would soon get used to seeing the circle of ropes from a different spot and to looking out for the bell he had previously been ringing instead of the one he is now handling.

Let the ringers thoroughly master this plain hunting from every bell. It may need a little patience, but it is the first step. One thing more they should attempt to do at this stage, and that is to count the places as they pass through them. Thus: After leaving the lead, count the consecutive blows: 2nd's, 3rd's, 4th's, 5th's, 5th's, 4th's, 3rd's, 2nd's, lead, lead.

When this has been accomplished, try to get them a step further. It is unorthodox, but it might help to break the ice. When the man who is ringing the treble comes to lead the first blow, let him say 'Lead.' At this signal the man who is striking over him will strike over him again and lead: he will then hunt through the other bells, as he would have done if this 2nd's place, as it is called, had not been made, except that he begins at a different place in the cycle.

When the treble-man calls out, the man who has passed three bells going up, when, in fact, he is in 4th's, steps back a place before going forward again (this is called a 'dodge'), while, to fit in with this, the one who had just previously struck over the treble behind steps back into 4th's after striking in 3rd's, before going on again. The bell that is actually striking behind when the treble leads has two whole pulls there instead of one. When the treble leads for the fourth time the bells will come round.

Soon the ringers will notice that the 'work' follows in a cycle and that after making 2nd's, the interruptions in the plain hunting occur in regular succession: The dodge on the way down; the two whole pulls behind; the dodge on the way up. When this becomes clear, the trebleman should no longer call out when he is leading, and the other ringers should make their dodges or their extra whole pull behind from their knowledge of the cycle of work and the counting of their places.

GARDEN FETE FOR BELLS FUND.

In aid of the fund for the restoration of the tower and bells of St. Andrew's Church, North Weald, Essex, a garden fete is to be held, by kind permission of the Rev. and Mrs. Gosney, at the Vicarage next Wednesday. The fete will be opened by Lady Llewellyn Smith at 3.30 and ringers are invited to 'come along and help.' A set of twelve handbells will be available, and handbell ringers for the evening would be specially welcomed and admitted free. Admission to the fete is 4d.

The church bells are at present at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. They are to be tuned, have all new fittings and be hung in a reconstructed frame, which, at the suggestion of Mr. E. H. Lewis, will be erected on a reinforced concrete foundation. The cost will be £450; already £210 has been raised since the appeal last December.

DEATH OF MR. EDWIN HIMES.

A GREAT RINGER.

We regret very much to record the death of Mr. Edwin Himes, of Bicester, Oxon, a ringer of great talent, who has shared in more than one notable performance.

He died as the result of an accident while at work, but the information that has reached us is rather scanty. He was crushed, we believe, by a falling crane, although he shouted a warning to his fellows to jump clear.

Formerly Mr. Himes lived in Oxford and was an excellent heavy bell ringer and was usually to be found at the 'back end' in peals. He rang the 7th to the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington in 1899, when J. W. Washbrook, who composed the peal, called it from the tenor. It occupied 11 hours 12 minutes, and although afterwards the truth of the peal was disputed, it still stands as one of the greatest ringing performances on record, at any rate as a physical effort.

Mr. Himes was also one of the band who rang in the then record length of London Surprise Major, 11,328, at Drayton, Berks, in 1896, a record which stood until 1903.

Mr. Himes was one of the few men who could ring two church bells to changes, and at Launton, Oxon, in 1926, he rang the 2nd and 3rd to a peal of Bob Minor, which he called. Another accomplishment was that he was able to ring four handbells in changes, and was the only man who had rung a peal thus. In 1926 he rang 1-2-3-4 to 5,040 Stedman Doubles, with Mr. F. Neale ringing 5-6. On one occasion he attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, 'four-in-hand,' with the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and it was only the slipping of one of his bells that caused a breakdown.

In the realm of composition Mr. Himes had considerable knowledge, which he displayed with distinction by being the first to obtain the longest length of Cambridge Surprise Major, a 12,896 rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, in 1923. We remember on one occasion in the early days of 'The Ringing World' a well-known composer published a composition of Cambridge Major with the tenors parted. Within a day or so Mr. Himes wrote pointing out the repetition of just two changes in the peal.

Edwin Himes was of a quiet, retiring disposition, but he was an accomplished ringer, and his death will be mourned by many old friends.

THE 'MOVING' PEAL.

BOB MINOR IN A MOTOR-COACH.

To the peals that have been rung on board ship, in the train, in bed and other unusual places has now been added a peal on the road in a motor-coach! This was a 'moving' peal in more senses than one. The idea originated as a joke, and later taken seriously. The Apsley and Hempstead ringers were having their day out and picked up Mr. G. E. Debenham at St. Albans at 6.32 a.m. To avoid being disturbed if the coach had to stop at all, the 'pealers' moved to the worst possible place—1-2 and 5-6 on the back seat (one each side of the gangway), while the conductor sat on the edge of the next seat—in reverse order, with his left leg propped against the opposite seat. 'Go' was called about 6.40 (Fleetville, St. Albans), and things went along merrily until such places as Knebworth Corner, Tempsford Bridge, Sandy, etc. On these occasions such remarks as these, 'Hold tight! Double Corner! Bob!' would be heard—the conductor fortunately knowing the road (although facing rearwards).

So we proceeded, the edge of the seat getting a firmer hold as time went on. On one occasion Les rose to ease his position, but he chose the wrong moment—as he was materially assisted by the bus travelling over a 'culvert' bump. However, with the exception of two or three small trips, quickly put right, the end was reached (8.16 a.m.) just before coming to Stilton. Loud applause rewarded the 'heroes' or '!!!!!!' and welcome refreshment was speedily forthcoming. That was the beginning of a glorious day's outing. One person was afterwards heard to say that he did not know which was the worse—'a peal in bed' or 'one on the back seat of a travelling coach.'

W. A.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Southern District of the London County Association met, on June 20th, at Woolwich, in glorious weather, but with only a moderate attendance. After some ringing, the members attended evensong, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. F. Leadbitter), who gave a very interesting address, in the course of which he mentioned that he was a change ringer, and spoke of the untold effects of the sound of the bells on people outside the church. Just over 20 persons sat down to tea, kindly provided in the Rectory grounds. Then came some handbell ringing, to be followed by the routine business, when it was decided that Isleworth should be applied for on August 15th for the next meeting.

Those present stood for a moment as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. Goddard, of Isleworth, an old member of the association, who died recently.

Methods rung during the day included most of the standard methods and the four popular Surprise methods. The thanks of the district are due to the Rector and the local band for the arrangements made.

YORKSHIREMEN'S JOINT MEETING.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern area of the Yorkshire Association was held at Penistone on Saturday, June 20th, and about 30 members were present from Arksey, Barnsley, Conisborough, Doncaster, Eastwood, Elland, Handsworth, Rannmoor, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Wath, Wortley, Selby Abbey, Sherburn and the local company.

Owing to the absence of the secretary, who was away on holiday, Mr. E. Cooper, of Arksey, officiated in his place and was thanked for his services.

Tea, provided by the local company in the Schoolroom, was very much appreciated, and the business meeting was held immediately after, the Rector (the Rev. A. B. Carleton) presiding.

Mr. C. A. Hewitt, of Sheffield Cathedral, was elected a member of the association.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held jointly with the Barnsley and District Society at Barnsley on September 12th, if Barnsley bells are back from the foundry and are available. Failing this, it was left to the secretary to make other arrangements.

Mr. S. F. Palmer (a representative on the Central Council) spoke of the need for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' mentioning what had transpired on this matter at the Central Council meeting in London. He stressed the fact that the Exercise might find itself in danger of losing the paper through the apathy of ringers generally owing to lack of support. He hoped that all present would do their utmost towards getting members in their own towers to take it, and the secretaries of the various associations do all they could to get additional subscribers.

Mr. Potter, of Barnsley, in supporting this, suggested that the Central Council should take it over and levy financial support from the associations and societies which are affiliated to the Council.

A discussion took place on this proposal, and Mr. Palmer pointed out that any suggestion that any member had to make would be forwarded to the secretary of the Central Council and receive every consideration.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and wardens, and to the ladies for providing tea, were heartily carried and replied to by the Rector and brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AT BIGBY.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday, June 13th. The weather was at its best and brought together a nice 'gathering of the clans.' Towers represented were Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Scunthorpe, Waltham, Burton-on-Stather, Killingholme, Grimsby and the local members. The Rev. R. Marsden, Vicar of Ulceby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell, of Goxhill, and three members of the Gainsborough District were also present. Owing to an illness near the church the bells were muffled.

The president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry) conducted the service and gave an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ. Mr. Bramwell very kindly rendered a solo, 'Bless this house,' which was very much appreciated. Through the kindness and generosity of the president and Mrs. Parry, the company of 36 afterwards sat down to a substantial repast in the school.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. R. Marsden, Mr. W. Harvey and Miss M. Rowntree, of Ulceby, were elected members, and Mr. H. Morwood (Bigby) re-elected. A telegram of congratulation was sent from the meeting to Mr. G. Ladd, of Pinchbeck, on his having completed 50 years as a member of the Guild.

Mr. J. Bray gave a very interesting account of his first attendance as a representative of the Guild at a meeting of the Central Council. He said he was greatly impressed by what he saw and heard, and he, as well as Archdeacon Parry, made it quite clear why more ringers should take 'The Ringing World' every week. They pointed out that if 'The Ringing World' ceased to be published, it would be a great blow to the Exercise.

Heartily votes of thanks were given to the president for his hospitality, for conducting the service, for the use of the bells and for his address, and also to the ladies for arranging the tea; to Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Bramwell for his excellent rendering of the solo.

Members then brought the handbells out and others returned to the tower, where further ringing brought another very happy meeting to a close.

LAVENHAM'S 125th RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

A very happy gathering took place on Saturday, June 20th, at the undisturbed old English village of Lavenham, when many ringers availed themselves the opportunity of a pull on the grand old peal. Everyone was catered for, and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. Among those present were Messrs. H. Chapman (Keyston, formerly of Manchester), J. Waugh (Woodford), J. Ward (Saffron Walden), T. A. King (Shipley, Yorks), Miss H. Snowdon (Halstead), and Miss E. Le Beau (Bocking). Other parishes represented were Acton, Cornard, Coggeshall, Cavendish, Groton, Kelvedon, Little Waldingfield, Long Melford, Monks Eleigh, Newton, Sudbury, Thorington and Woodbridge.

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COMMENTS AT A MIDDLESEX MEETING.

An interesting meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Stanmore on Saturday week, and, despite attractions elsewhere, some 35 members attended. After the usual ringing a short service was held at 5 p.m. This was followed by tea, at which the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewett) presided. Subsequently the usual business meeting took place, with the district vice-president (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) in the chair.

Six new members were elected; Barnet was chosen for the next meeting, if possible, on July 18th or 25th; and an announcement made that a joint meeting with the Hertford Association would be held at St. Albans on August 29th.

A vote of congratulation to the Oxhey and Watford handbell band, who had recently rung peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, double-handed, was moved by Mr. C. T. Coles, who described these peals as the greatest handbell performances ever accomplished.

Mr. G. R. Pye, one of the two surviving members of the band that rang the first peals of London and the only peals of Bristol on handbells some 30 years ago, seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

The hon. secretary reported on the recent meeting of the Central Council, which he described as a most successful and interesting one. After going through the Council agenda and reporting on the most important items discussed, Mr. Coles said it was noticeable that many more members of the Council than usual spoke at the meeting, and there appeared to be a greater desire to sift matters, with a great deal less prejudice than usual. This was all for the good of the Council. On the question of the resolution relating to 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Coles said he thought the only safeguard for the future was an increased circulation, and he urged members to do their best to further this.

Comment was made by Mr. Coles on recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' in connection with splicing, and he amused the company by stating that the last letter published, which he had not taken the trouble to reply to, contained some extraordinary fallacies. After stating that a certain peal of Spliced Surprise Major contained 1,000 changes in one method, and only 120 in another, the writer added that Minor ringers did not do this. 'Well,' said the speaker, 'in two of the recent peals of Minor rung in a very large number of methods there was a 720 consisting of 13 methods, containing 12 leads, or 288 changes, in one method, and one lead only, or 24 changes, of each of seven other methods. So the Minor ringers do do that! Not that it mattered,' continued Mr. Coles, 'but it was nonsense to criticise such classes of peals when it was obvious that the greater the number of methods rung, the fewer the changes available for each method, whilst the truth of the peal always had to be considered.'

Another fallacy of the writer of the letter was the idea he had that only ringers of Major need only learn part of a method, and he had quoted the case of a ringer who had learned two leads of Bristol Surprise only before ringing a peal in four methods. 'Some few years ago,' said Mr. Coles, 'I went to a meeting at a six-bell tower, and there met my good friend Mr. George L. Joyce. George asked me to join in a touch of Spliced London and Wells Minor, but when I pointed out that I did not know the work of Wells, he said, "That will be all right, catch hold of the second and ring London." And I rang London, whilst the others rang London and Wells! So it is not only Major ringers who do these things, and the fact still remains that this class of ringing is the highest yet achieved, and recent peals of Major and Minor have reached the highest class.'

Mr. Coles ended his report by saying that the arrangements for the Council meeting were excellent; a great deal of business had been got through in record time, thanks to the way everything had been prepared by the hon. secretary, and to the tactful way in which the president controlled the meeting.—The report was adopted amid applause.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher urged members to support 'The Ringing World' and to send in their suggestions for its improvement. If ringers would only state what they wanted it would be considered and, if practicable, adopted. Mr. Fletcher also gave particulars of insurance of ringers, which may now be had at a very low premium.

The usual votes of thanks to the Rector, the towerkeeper (Mr. G. Hughes), etc., concluded the meeting. Whilst ringing was enjoyed (!) in the heat by some, others enjoyed a walk round the beautiful Rectory grounds, and it would appear that the victim of this arrangement was the District Master, Mr. Tom Lock, who had to stay in the belfry all the time.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Saturday, June 20th, at St. Michael's Parish Church, Aldershot, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Gower 1, Miss Doris Viggers 2, T. Denyer 3, Miss Marjorie Smith 4, W. Denyer 5, W. Viggers 6, C. Denyer (conductor) 7, P. Eldridge 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher, parents of Miss A. Fisher, tower secretary. Mr. Fisher was for many years a member of St. Michael's company. After the ringing the ringers were entertained by Mr., Mrs. and Miss Fisher.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.**ANNUAL MEETING AT LICHFIELD.**

The annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Upwards of 80 members and friends attended. Through the kind intervention of the Archdeacon the Cathedral bells were available from 3 p.m. to 3.45, and again from 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) were in use from 3 o'clock. A large percentage of the members took advantage of attending evensong at the Cathedral.

A meat tea, served in St. Mary's Parish Hall, was followed by the general meeting. The Ven. Archdeacon R. L. Hodson (the society's new president) took the chair, and was given a warm welcome. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Ben Gough, who, through illness, was unable to attend; Mr. F. Brotherton, retiring Ringing Master, who that day had taken unto himself a wife; and Mr. H. Boswell.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. The latter showed an increased balance on the right side.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception that Mr. H. Boswell was elected to the office of Ringing Master.

The following places were chosen for forthcoming meetings: September, Codsall; January, Tipton; April, Aldridge; and the annual, in June, at Lichfield. It was resolved to continue bi-quarterly meetings for practice. The first is to be held at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, July 25th.

Votes of thanks to the president for taking the chair and to Mrs. Cresswell, in catering for tea, were moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary), and received with acclamation.

In their annual report the committee said meetings during the year had been held at Lichfield, Kinver, Kingswinford and Walsall—all with a moderate attendance. There had also been two bi-quarterly meetings held, viz., at Pattingham and Wombourne. These were a 'try-out,' with the object of giving aspirants a chance to practise something fresh from what they had been accustomed to, which met with some success; also to do a little missionary work where change ringing was at a low ebb. It was hoped that such meetings would be arranged for the coming year, also that they would be better supported than those under review.

Bell restoration was still on the move. The six bells at Codsall had been recast and two trebles added to complete the octave. The trebles were the gift of the Misses Moreton, in memory of their father, Mr. Edwin Moreton, who for 50 years was a ringer at Codsall. The five bells at Aldridge had been recast and a treble added. The five at Seighford had also been rehung. Preparation was in progress for the restoration of both Coseley and Willenhall rings of eight.

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RINGERS WEDDED AT ALDERSHOT.**MR. R. J. WHITFORD AND MISS NANCIE DENYER.**

In the presence of many friends and relations, the wedding took place at St. Michael's Parish Church, Aldershot, on Monday, of Mr. Reginald John Whitford, youngest son of the late Mr. F. Whitford and of Mrs. Whitford, of Southampton, and Miss Nancie Mary Youles Denyer, younger daughter of Mr. William Denyer and the late Mrs. Denyer, of Aldershot.

Both bride and bridegroom are ringers at Aldershot, the bride having been the youngest lady ever to ring a peal on tower bells. The bridegroom was formerly a ringer at South Perrott (Dorset), and is now in business as a shoemaker in Aldershot.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Canon H. Le Fleming) and was fully choral. The bride, who was attired in a pink silk dress, with hat, shoes and gloves to match, was given away by her father and attended by Miss Edna Southby as bridesmaid. Miss Southby is also a ringer at St. Michael's. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Charles Denyer.

The bridal pair left the church through the belfry under the crossed ropes, held by their fellow-ringers, who immediately after set the bells going to Stedman and Grandsire.

A reception was held at Messrs. Darracotts, and a number of ringers were present. Their gift to the happy pair was a rimless mirror. There was a large number of other presents.

When Mr. and Mrs. Whitford left for their honeymoon at Littlehampton, they departed to the sound of handbells violently jangled on the railway platform.

DEATH OF MRS. H. DAINS.

Mrs. Dains, widow of the late Mr. Henry Dains, the celebrated composer and Royal Cumberland Youth, died last Saturday at the age of 80 years after a long period of illness. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Finchley. Mr. Dains died in 1916.

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The number of peals rung during the year was 37 (as against 15 for the previous year). Five were rung half-muffled as a tribute to His late Majesty King George V. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on October 7th last, was rung half-muffled to the memory of the Ven. Hugh Bright (Archdeacon of Stafford), president of the society from 1924 to 1935. The committee regretted to record the loss, through death, of the following members, in addition to the late president: The Rev. Charles A. Clements, of Grappenhall; Mr. A. Kermeth, of Penn; and Mr. Peter Preston, of Stone.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of five bells at Rushden, Herts, is to be rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Seven Lincolnshire ringers have been practising Spliced Surprise Minor together. Six of them rang a peal in 32 methods. The performance has now been repeated so that the 'odd' man and the trebleman in the first peal could ring the 32 methods on an 'inside' bell. That is a very brotherly action.

Mr. George Williams reached his 1,400th peal last week when he conducted a peal of Bob Major at East Tytherleigh, Hants. The Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild is 78, but that he carries his years well is not only obvious from his appearance, but from his powers of performance. Part of it, we think, must be due to his consistently cheery outlook on life.

To take part in a peal at Marham, Norfolk, the conductor, Mr. Nolan Golden, cycled 38 miles each way!

Mr. A. D. Stone, who has just relinquished the office of hon. secretary of the Sussex Association, has been advised to refrain from ringing at the moment, but he hopes to resume Sunday service ringing activities after a little while.

The death took place at Dunstable on June 18th at the early age of 36 years of Mr. George W. Harris, a member of the Priory Church band and formerly of Deptford.

INTERESTING PEAL TABLET.

The first peal on the bells at Costessey, Norfolk, was rung on Thursday, June 18th, by a band from Norwich, but a peal tablet in the belfry records the feats of the local company in 1766, and is inscribed as follows:—

'June 4, 1766.

'Twenty two Peals, rung off by this Company,
'many a time without setting up the Bells.

'The names of the Peals as under,

'Old Doubles	Church Doubles
'Grandsir	The Dream
'Fortune	The Nonesuch
'Hudibrass	Interlope
'Gog	London doubles
'St. Simon's doubles	Jack of both sides
'Cambridge delight	New doubles
'Reading doubles	Stedman
'Dunstan do.	The Mare-maid
'St. Clement's do.	The Exodus
'Westminster do.	and Success

'Ringers Names'

'Thomas Smith	Treble
'John Smith	2nd
'Robert French	3rd
'John Carr	4th
'Saml Watson	Tenor

'These are the Ringers, those Peals they did ring
'Success to Old England, and God save the King.'

The board is in an excellent state of preservation.

N. G.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

VISIT TO ANCIENT ROSTHERNE.

On Saturday last, a meeting of Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at the ancient church of Rostherne amid the glories of the Cheshire countryside. The bells were made full use of till service in church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Hughes, who in the course of a short talk drew attention to the antiquity of the bells of Rostherne. He also remarked upon the difference there would be if there were no churches in this country. He said it was the church buildings which were witnesses to the sight, and the bells were the witnesses to the hearing of the people, and he felt sure that no one could feel indifferent to God when confronted by an ancient church or hearing a peal of bells.

After the service some time was spent in inspecting the church and an old Bible dating back to the 16th century and printed in the old English style of lettering.

Tea was served in the Egerton Hall, and 30 members and friends enjoyed an excellent repast.

The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Vicar, who welcomed the Guild to Rostherne.

It was decided to send a letter to the general secretary of the Guild regretting his resignation and expressing appreciation of his services to the Guild. The members also passed a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. J. M. Simon, an honorary member of the Guild for many years.

A short account of the committee meeting was given, and it was decided to join with Macclesfield branch at a meeting in September.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his services and ready assistance, to the organist, to the ladies who had maintained Rostherne's high reputation in the provision of tea, and to the local ringers for having everything ready.

The bells were then made full use of till late in the evening, the methods rung including Cambridge Surprise Minor, Clailwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Doubles.

BELL BROADCASTS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you permit me to make one or two comments on the correspondence on broadcasts?

The Central Council at their meeting were discussing two quite separate forms of broadcasting, which were not always kept distinct by the speakers.

When the B.B.C. broadcast a service from a church, which they have selected, they naturally broadcast the singing, the ringing, the praying and the preaching to which the congregation is accustomed and with which, presumably, it is satisfied. I see no reason, however, why wireless listeners should not express their opinions of any part of the service. If the ringing is not up to accepted standards, there is a good chance for the local association to do some missionary work.

On the other hand, when the B.B.C. broadcast bells as a special item, as in the 'Ringing Isle' series, it is only fair to the Exercise as a whole that the ringing should be as perfect as possible. To ensure that result the best possible band should be picked, from local ringers if possible, and, even more important, the band should not attempt to do more than they can do well.

In my remarks on Yorkshire and Lancashire ringing I referred to only one of the latter cases in each of the two counties. From the other towers I was referring to service ringing.

I hope that Worsley will take my opinion seriously. It has been confirmed by every ringer to whom I have spoken about it, and no objection to my remarks was raised at the Council meeting. May I commend to Mr. Ridyard the excellent restraint of the recent service broadcast from St. Mary's, Nottingham? The rounds on six, eight and ten bells were a joy to listen to. Has Mr. Ridyard considered why, from St. Mary Redcliffe, a twelve-bell tower, Cateters were broadcast last August? The very mixed band approached their task with much trepidation, and took the trouble to ring a quarter-peal for practice earlier in the evening. It would have been quite easy to have got two more ringers and to have murdered Cinques.

I should like to add my appreciation of the ringing from Pudsey. Except for a slight nervousness at the start and the two trips already mentioned, the ringing was first class.

Finally, may I plead that this correspondence should not lead to personalities. At the Council meeting I tried to express, without fear or favour, what I believe to be the general opinion of the Exercise on some recent broadcasts.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Moorecocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks.

BROADCASTS FROM LANCASHIRE.

Sir,—I was very interested to see Mr. Ridyard's letter in your last issue, and if I may be permitted to paraphrase Holy Writ, I would say with the Psalmist (Psalm 37, verse 25, with variations), 'I have been young, and am now of a certain age, and yet saw I never anyone quite so anxious to demonstrate that the cap fits.'

I think I am right in saying that Worsley was not specifically mentioned at the Central Council meeting, but now he has raised the question, may I ask Mr. Ridyard whether he seriously maintains that the ringing broadcast from there was a credit to the tower, or the county, or the Exercise?

We all know that there are many good ringers in Lancashire, men capable of accurate striking, and it seems a pity that, when a broadcast has been arranged, apparently no one is sufficiently interested to organise a really first-class band for the occasion.

The Pudsey men deserve the congratulations of the whole Exercise on the truly excellent ringing they put over recently. It was a pleasure to listen to and I hope we may have some more.

A. PADDON SMITH.

Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

'LEAVE WELL ALONE'

Dear Sir,—May I express the opinion (held, I feel sure, by many others) that the Central Council would further the interests of the Exercise best as regards broadcasting by leaving well alone. All of us like to hear good ringing, but it would be better not to over-stress its importance rather than risk the breaking up of bands and doing an injustice to ringers who may be good churchmen and keen in the belfry, although perhaps not quite so proficient as their brethren; and ringers are not always plentiful.

I think the B.B.C. prefer a local atmosphere in their broadcasts, and the proposals of members of the Council tend towards unlocality. Does not all broadcasting contain items of music good, bad and indifferent? And do those who make these proposals really think that intelligent listeners will be 'gulled' into the belief that the ringing in our towers is always of such a high standard?

Certain remarks at the Council meeting will not promote co-operation between the clergy and ringers (a cause we are supposed to have had at heart for many years). A clergyman may be, and probably is, quite aware without being told of the imperfections of his ringers and other churchworkers, but he is bound to act charitably towards them all, and not supplant them by outsiders.

SIDNEY J. PECK.

Fynesbury, St. Neots, Hants.

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FIRST MASONIC PEAL IN THE CITY.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT ST. OLAVE'S.

On Sunday, June 21st, a pleasant little ceremony was performed in the belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, the occasion being the unveiling and dedication of a board erected in the tower recording the first peal ever rung in the City of London by a band of Freemasons, viz., a peal of Stedman Triples on October 28th, 1935.

At 9.30 a.m. the complete band assembled in the tower and rang upwards of a thousand changes in the same method, after which Bro. the Rev. St. Barbe Sladen, Rector of St. Margaret Pattens' Church, City (who was deputising for the Rector of St. Olave's whilst on holiday), in spite of his 80 years, ascended the belfry stairs, and, after a few well-chosen words and prayers, unveiled and dedicated the board the glory of God.

The Rev. St. Barbe Sladen was thanked for his services by the conductor of the peal, who mentioned that a more appropriate tower could hardly have been chosen for this peal, standing as it did almost in the heart of the City of London and the hub of the universe. Before his departure from the tower for 11 a.m. matins, a bob course of Stedman Triples was rung with the band standing in the same order as in the peal, viz.: Bros. Arthur D. Barker 1, Ernest Brett 2, Arthur G. Mason 3, Stafford H. Green 4, George W. Steere 5, William Bottrill 6, James Bennett (conductor) 7, Henry T. Willson 8.

The work of painting and writing the board, which has a black background, gold lettering and a Masonic badge, has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. A. W. Coles, Master of the Middlesex County Association.

A press photographer from 'The Masonic Record' was present, and took a flashlight photograph of the board and band.

MASONIC PEAL TABLET AT EDGBASTON.

On Friday, June 26th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, the occasion being the unveiling of a tablet recording a peal of Stedman Triples rung by members of the Masonic craft in honour of the 80th birthday of Worshipful Brother J. S. Pritchett. In requesting the Vicar, Canon Stuart Blofeld, to accept and dedicate the gift, Brother T. H. Reeves stated that it was erected in recognition of Worshipful Brother Pritchett's great services to Masonry and bellringing, he being Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire and Master of St. Martin's Guild of Church Bellringers for the Diocese of Birmingham.

Mr. Councillor A. Paddon Smith, a vice-president of St. Martin's Guild, unveiled the tablet in the unavoidable absence of Worshipful Brother Pritchett.

In accepting the gift, the Vicar said he appreciated the honour of having Mr. Pritchett's name perpetuated in his belfry, for he was a man he greatly admired for his public services. In addition to his activities in his profession as a barrister, he was also an alderman of the city and bailiff of King Edward's High School, Birmingham.

The tablet was specially designed by Worshipful Brother J. W. Pemberton and is carried out on strict Masonic principles.

HANDBELLS AT WEDDING.

At St. John's Church, Kingston Vale, the marriage recently took place of Miss Audrey Holbrook, niece of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, to Mr. M. Burges-Short. As the church has only one bell, members of the London County Association kindly came to the rescue with handbells. To the surprise and delight of the bride and bridegroom and the large assembly of guests, they were greeted at the church door with rounds and Queens, followed by a course of Grandsire Triples: F. Ll. Edwards 1-2, F. Hawthorne 3-4, T. W. Taffender 5-6, W. Barratt 7-8.

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THE BROADCAST FROM ST. HELENS.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. G. R. Newton's remarks at the Central Council meeting regarding broadcasts, a report of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on June 19th, there is no doubt the tower Mr. Newton refers to is St. Helens Parish Church. Mr. Newton stated he offered to bring a band of ringers to carry out the broadcast at St. Helens. This was not exactly the case. Mr. Newton was asked, in case the local band did not wish to broadcast themselves, would he bring a band. Mr. Newton raised certain queries about the difficulty in collecting ringers on Sunday, as the majority preferred to ring in their own towers, which is quite natural. This was taken into consideration and we decided to rely on our own ringers. Mr. Newton advised us to ring rounds and call changes and not try any fancy touches. We took the advice of this experienced ringer and rang rounds and call changes, and from the number of letters of congratulation we received, not only from experienced ringers, but from the public, our broadcast was a success and thoroughly enjoyed. It is rather strange that Mr. G. R. Newton in his speech should state, 'Rounds and call changes should not be encouraged.' We, in St. Helens, would welcome ringers of Mr. Newton's calibre on practice nights, when perhaps the next time we are on the air our broadcast would be appreciated by the president and other members of the Central Council.

H. GRUNDY.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

NEED FOR GREATER SUPPORT.

The question of promoting the circulation of 'The Ringing World' among ringers was discussed at the meeting of the Central Council. It was brought up on a motion placed on the agenda in the name of Mr. F. E. Dawe in the following terms: 'To call attention to the present very inadequate support given to "The Ringing World," and to consider what steps (if any) can be taken to increase the circulation.'

Mr. Dawe said this was a most important subject for the ringing Exercise. In 1878 he began taking a paper called 'Church Bells,' and he had taken the ringing papers right up to the previous week, but no ringing paper had ever been supported as it should have been. In the early days of 'Bell News' when he used to travel the country a great deal, he did his best to get support for that paper, and he found then, as he found now with regard to 'The Ringing World,' that in many towers 'Bill Smith buys a paper and passes it round.' He had recently heard of a case where a good change ringing company existed. One man bought 'The Ringing World' on Friday for 3d. He kept it two days, then sold it to another member of the company for 2d., and this member in turn sold it to another for a penny two days later. 'Nobody knows what becomes of it after that,' added Mr. Dawe, amid laughter. Since he sent in his resolution he noticed the words '(if any)' had been inserted. They were not his words, because he had the greatest hopes that something might be done, but in those two words there was just an element of a bucket of cold water thrown on the motion. Something must be done. They must have a ringing paper of some description and they should give 'The Ringing World' more support, not only to enable it to be made a better paper, but to make it worth a competent man's while to give his time and skill to the publishing of it. The enthusiasm and energy of Mr. Goldsmith for over 25 years had been wonderful, and it was marvellous that with the meagre support he had kept the paper going. He (Mr. Dawe) had done his best to drive it into people's heads that if they would support the paper properly it would be improved. At Warwick he made an offer, if a few others would do the same, to give £5 a year towards a fund for improving the paper, so as to endeavour to induce others to take it, but he had since discovered there would be a certain amount of difficulty over that. For one thing, as subscribers died out it might be difficult to replace them. But they wanted something done. He was going to suggest that all the associations should be requested to approach each individual member and use every persuasive power. In that assembly there were many skilled business men from some of the most go-ahead towns in the world. Some were hopeless when it came to discussing the question of retaining old and valuable and historic bells (laughter)—they would destroy anything for the good of trade—but he felt sure on this question of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' they would get the best advice from the best business men in the room. He knew it could be done and it would have to be done (hear, hear).

HOW HELP MIGHT BE GIVEN.

Mr. E. A. Young, who seconded, said all associations relied on propaganda, and one of the greatest pieces of machinery for this purpose was undoubtedly the Press. The ringing Exercise was exceedingly fortunate in having a paper devoted to its interests. Mr. Pilson Young made a special point of it in his article in 'The Radio Times.' What they had to do was to look ahead. If they lost their paper, they would lose their best means of propaganda and the preservation of their interests. When the time came that they lost Mr. Goldsmith they would have a difficulty in inducing anyone to succeed him and who would look after their many-sided interests unless he received a fair return for his labours. How were they to do something? It was difficult to know. The Council had not the money. It supported the paper by advertising, and he wondered whether Mr. Goldsmith could be allowed to put under the heading of the paper the words, 'The official organ of the Central Council of Church Bellringers,' and whether members of the Exercise, who had anything to advertise, would use its columns. As an instance of unexpected results from advertising in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Young said he once wanted to sell a harp. He tried an advertisement in 'The Ringing World.' It seemed rather a forlorn hope, but within a fortnight he had sold it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said it was regrettable to come across towers, as one frequently did, where only one copy was taken among perhaps eight or ten ringers. He supported the suggestion that ringers should use the advertising columns more, and he thought that associations in their annual reports might tell their members of the importance to the Exercise of a ringing paper and the serious difficulty of maintaining the circulation. They could urge members to support the paper as a duty, and to take it not only in their own interests, but in the interests of the whole Exercise. With the circulation that it had got he had often wondered how it had been possible to carry it on at all. If for any reason the paper ceased publication it would be a great blow to the Exercise. They all knew that. He felt it was their duty to act as propagandists (hear, hear). If they would do that and try to push the paper, he thought it would give new heart to their friend and probably lengthen his life by another 50 years (laughter and applause).

Mr. G. Pullinger advocated a scheme which he had put into practice for a number of years. He said he had taken two copies of 'The Ringing World' every week. That cost him sixpence and he believed it was worth it. His surplus copy he left at different towers all over

the district. He did not leave them with the same man every week. In a number of cases, he believed, this had resulted in ringers becoming subscribers. He believed if every member of the Council from that time would take two copies a week and do as he had done, they would see good results. It was, perhaps, only a ' flea-bite,' but it was something to go on with (applause).

Mr. T. Warrington suggested that each association should make a grant of two guineas a year to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to distribute copies to that value to those towers, known to the secretary, who did not take the paper. It would not, of course, be sent to the same towers every week, but it would probably lead to new subscribers.

THE QUESTION OF PRICE.

Mr. S. F. Palmer said he believed the great bugbear was the question of price. They in that Council, of course, all knew it was worth threepence, but they could not make ringers who did not take an interest believe it, although he believed they would take it if it were a penny. He thought the Council might approach the various associations with the idea of getting them to communicate with their towers and asking how much greater support they would give to the paper if it were published for a penny. They would thus find out what sort of a guarantee they would get. He believed, if the price were reduced to a penny, nearly every ringer would take it.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said the paper was worth its price to the enthusiasts, but to the ordinary man threepence was too much. At present they paid 13s. a year to a newsagent—if they paid 8s. or 9s. direct to Mr. Goldsmith and had the paper sent by post, they would get a better and a cheaper paper. He suggested that if three or four members of the Council discussed the subject they would find a way to do it.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said while there was something in the point Mr. Pulling had raised, and some people certainly did grumble about the price, he did not think that was the real trouble. People might pay threepence and grumble, but if the price were reduced to a penny they would have to increase the circulation so much that there were not sufficient ringers in England to make up the amount. They might do it with twopence, but a penny was out of the question. What they must do was to go on with their propaganda and persuade people that the paper was a necessity for the Exercise and try and get them to support it for their own sake.

Mr. G. R. Newton said after the matter was discussed at Plymouth four years ago the Lancashire Association decided to pay double the amount they had been paying for the notices of the meetings. If all the associations would do that, it would go a long way towards solving the financial difficulty. Continuing, Mr. Newton said he did not see why ringers should grumble at 3d. They lived in a world of their own, and 'The Ringing World' was the only thing that kept the Exercise together. He hoped other associations would follow Lancashire's example.

SUGGESTIONS INVITED.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) said they were all agreed that they wanted to do the best they could to keep the paper going. In his experience in the last four or five years he had found that some members of the Council did not take the paper, and he was not certain that all secretaries of affiliated societies took it; at any rate, he had come to the conclusion that some of his advertisements had not been read by them. The Council would remember, continued Mr. Fletcher, that four years ago the officers of the Council were requested to consider the matter and put forward suggestions. It was raised again last year, and he thought the time had come when they should ask members and associations to send their suggestions. There were plenty of grumblers, but they did not get suggestions. He, therefore, moved that 'this Council requests all members and secretaries of affiliated societies to send in suggestions with a view to increasing the circulation of "The Ringing World," that the suggestions be considered by the officers of the Council and Mr. Goldsmith, and that a report be circulated to all members.'

Mr. Dawe accepted this motion and seconded it.

Mr. J. W. Jones said with regard to propaganda he pushed the paper at practically all the meetings held by his association. He advocated obtaining the paper direct by post from the editorial office, instead of through a newsagent. It would make a tremendous difference, and he hoped all ringers would do this, as well as push the paper at their meetings.

Mr. J. Hunt supported the suggestion that the paper should be obtained through the post. If everyone did that, he believed it could be sold a penny cheaper.

The motion proposed by the hon. secretary was then put and carried.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he had deliberately kept out of the discussion so that the members should not be in any way influenced by what he might say. He hoped the discussion would lead to something practical being done, because his chief concern was for the future of the Exercise, which depended so largely upon having a ringing paper. He thanked the members of the Council for the very sympathetic way in which they had discussed the matter.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY'S RECOMMENDATION.

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Lichfield, Mr. B. Horton, one of the representatives of the society at the Central Council meeting, quoting from what was

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PROPOSAL FOR EARLIER MEETINGS DEFEATED.

For many years past the meetings of the Central Council on Whitsun Tuesday have begun at 11 a.m., and there have been occasions when the business has been so lengthy that members have had to leave before it finished. At the last meeting an effort was made to get the hour of meeting altered.

Mr. G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) moved that 'In the opinion of this Council, the morning session of Council meetings should, when possible, commence at 10 a.m.' He said it appeared to him, at several of the meetings he had attended, that the time had been insufficient to deal with the Council business, although that day it seemed to be otherwise. In recent years there had been a great deal of work, and the result had been that towards the end of the session the business had been rushed. Under such circumstances it could not be dealt with properly. What drew his attention to it was that at some of the meetings in the provinces members who had to travel long distances had to leave before the meeting ended. He knew of one case where a representative had been instructed by his association to vote on a certain question in a certain way, but was unable to do so because he had to leave before the question was reached on the agenda. The ideal way would be to spread their meetings over two days, but there was a considerable amount of difficulty in that. It was impossible to start their meeting on Whitsun Monday, because many guilds and associations held their annual meeting on that day, and the representatives would be unable to attend, or, if they did, and the Central Council meeting was held at a distance, they would be unable to attend their own association's meeting. There were many representatives who had to be back at their work by Wednesday morning, and if the meeting were extended to Wednesday they would be unable to be present. The alternative was to meet earlier on Whitsun Tuesday. The only objection he could see to this course was that the Standing Committee met before the Council meeting. That was not so serious as it used to be, because, owing to better travelling facilities, it had been found possible to hold a meeting of the Standing Committee on the previous evening. The committee had met at eight o'clock the night before; if they had met at seven o'clock they could have got through most if not all the business that had been left until that morning. The last thing he wanted to do was to add to the difficulties of the Standing Committee, but unless the Council could properly debate the matters that came before them in the time available they should meet earlier. If they could not meet at ten o'clock they should meet as soon after as possible.

Mr. F. W. Rogers, who seconded, said that day, thanks to the work of the Standing Committee, the business of the Council had been got through in a workmanlike manner earlier than it had been in the last two or three years, when members had had to leave the Council meeting long before the business had been finished. There ought to be no difficulty about starting their meeting earlier, as seventy or eighty per cent. of the members were in London on Monday evening. Mr. Rogers also threw out the suggestion that in future years the social at headquarters should be held on the evening before the Council meeting, instead of after the meeting.

The Rev. P. Ll. Edwards said that wherever the meeting was held there were a certain number of members who could not arrive until the same morning. In view of the fact that their proceedings generally began with a civic or episcopal ceremony, and sometimes both, they wanted a full attendance at the time they did open. He would propose as an amendment that the time be 10.30, although he was in favour of eleven o'clock himself.

The Rev. H. Drake said for those unable to get to the place of meeting until the morning, ten o'clock was too early.

Mr. J. Parker said they must bear in mind those who had to do the Council's work. After the previous night's meeting of the Standing Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher worked until two o'clock in the morning to get papers ready for that day's meeting. If they had to get up in time to be at that meeting at ten o'clock, he did not know what they would say. Eleven o'clock was quite soon enough.

Mr. E. A. Young said while he was secretary, taking one year with the other, they got through their business by half-past four or five o'clock. For about three years now there had been a wave of motions discussed which had taken up a lot of time, but it did not always occur. They might now be in for a cycle of quieter years.

Mr. S. H. Wood said he thought, if they met an hour earlier, there were people in the Council who would still manage to make the meeting last so that they would finish at just the same time (laughter). That day's had been a better meeting than the last two or three had. If they could avoid the 'red herrings' and stick to the points put down on the agenda paper, there was no reason why they should not get the business done between 11 o'clock and 5 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out the difficulty of calling the Standing Committee together earlier, and the amendment for 10.30 was then put, but no one voted for it.

The original motion by Mr. Pullinger was voted on and was defeated by a large majority.

ACCESS TO RINGING BOOKS.

The President moved 'That all persons having collections of books on ringing matters be invited to supply particulars to the hon. librarian, and to indicate whether they are willing to give access to their collections.' He said the reasons for the motion were twofold; that all ringers who were interested in research in historical matters should know where they might be able to find the editions or copies of rare editions of some of the earlier books, and it was very desirable that the Council should know where these books were, so that, in case of death, they knew where they were going to be in the future and could safeguard them from being thrown away or getting into hands where they would not be appreciated. What they particularly wanted was to enable those interested in research to know where to find them. This motion, added the President, arose out of some discussion on some books he was able to pick up lately and which he did not like to ask the Council to buy, because it would have absorbed their funds for a year or two.

The hon. secretary seconded the motion, which was agreed to without discussion.

NEXT MEETING AT CANTERBURY.

The President said that from the discussion in the Standing Committee as to the next place of meeting, one or two things emerged, which it was just as well the Council should know. One was that the Council had changed a good deal in the last 40 years and there were very few of the original members left. Hitherto they had not repeated a visit to any place except London, but the committee saw no reason why they should not start to revisit places they had been to before. In view of that and in view of the fact that that was the beginning of a new Council, under new rules, indeed, that it was almost a new start, the Standing Committee threw out the suggestion, bearing in mind that the next meeting will be very close to the Coronation, and that in the circumstances they would not want to travel far, that the Council should go to Canterbury next year, with the idea perhaps of going to York the following year. There had been invitations to Leeds, to Ripon and to Dublin, but he thought, in any case, Dublin would be out of the question next time because of the Coronation.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell proposed that the next meeting be held at Canterbury. He was sure the Kent County Association would do its best to offer the Council a welcome.—Mr. E. A. Young seconded and the proposition was carried.

A MESSAGE OF GREETING.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith called attention to the fact that in December the new tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, would be dedicated. In view of the happy relations set up with Hobart ringers on the occasion of the visit of the English tourists in 1934, he thought it would be a nice gesture if, on the occasion of the dedication, the Council, through the president, sent a message of congratulation and greeting to the church and ringers of Hobart.—Major J. H. B. Hesse seconded the proposal, which was carried.

THE PYE MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Mr. C. T. Coles referred to the William Pye Memorial, which was first mentioned last year at Shrewsbury. The scheme was brought to a successful conclusion on the previous Saturday. He would like to thank those associations who supported the appeal. No fewer than 37 associations supported the scheme, which he thought was very satisfactory and showed the great esteem in which Mr. Pye was held by the Exercise. He asked the representatives of the associations and guilds to take back with them the thanks of the committee for the support they gave to the scheme.

Mr. E. P. Duffield, as one of the Memorial Scheme Committee, paid a tribute to the extraordinary amount of work done by Mr. Coles and Mr. Butler, the secretaries, in connection with the scheme. He felt it was only right that some public mention should be made of the indebtedness of the committee and the subscribers to the scheme to these two gentlemen (applause).

CONGRATULATIONS.

The President said it might interest the Council to know that the handbell band at Oxhey had rung a peal in four Spliced Surprise methods in hand. He thought they should send their congratulations to the ringers (applause).

ATTENDANCE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that of the 49 associations affiliated to the Council, 26 were fully represented at that meeting with 67 members, and 16 partially represented with 35 members. Only seven societies were unrepresented. Altogether 102 representative members were present and 12 honorary members, a record total of 114.

THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and City Corporation for the use of the Guildhall. Without hesitation he could say it was quite as fine a room, if not the finest room, they had been in for a meeting. They were very much honoured by being allowed to meet there (applause). Continuing, he said they ought also to send a letter to the Dean of St. Paul's for his kindness in coming there to welcome them. He also proposed that the thanks of the Council be sent to His Majesty's Office of Works for the use of the bells at the Imperial Institute, and to the Church authorities and steeplekeepers at all the towers where ringing had been permitted; to the associations in the London area for their co-operation in making

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said there, urged the members who were not already doing so to support 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who made a trenchant appeal for a greater circulation for the paper, gave an account of his experiences in different parts of the country, remarking that in many places only one copy of the paper was taken for the whole company.

Mr. H. Knight pointed out the serious position in which ringers might be placed some day if the journal was not better supported, and advised each contributor to try and get at least one more subscriber, which would tend to put 'The Ringing World' on a sound footing.

The Chairman said he took a very serious view of the matter, and proposed that a recommendation should go from the society to the Central Council suggesting that, considering the importance of a weekly paper to the Exercise, the Central Council should take the matter up so as to assure the future of 'The Ringing World,' and further suggesting that the Central Council should ask for annual subscriptions from the ringing societies, so as to enable the price to be reduced to one penny per week, which should greatly increase the circulation. In conclusion, he urged ringers to do their best to keep 'The Ringing World' going.

His recommendation was carried.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. Duffield 1, W. J. Houghton 2, F. Banner 3, B. H. Heyhoe 4, T. G. Jeffries 5, T. H. White 6, H. L. Tuttle 7, L. W. Houghton (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 7.

WILDEN, BEDS.—On Thursday, May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Sims (first quarter-peal) 1, C. H. Harding (conductor) 2, H. E. Harding 3, R. Houghton 4, E. Wagstaffe 5.

PERRY BARR.—On Monday, May 25th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Pettigrew (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, G. Williams 2, R. Ingram 3, A. Short 4, W. Rishworth 5, W. Best 6, F. Price (conductor) 7, W. Davies 8.

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the arrangements, and particularly to the committee, Messrs. A. A. Hughes (College Youths), G. H. Cross (Royal Cumberlands), E. J. Butler (Essex), C. T. Coles (Middlesex), T. W. Taffender (London County), F. M. Mitchell (Kent) and C. H. Kippin (Surrey). To all these he proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded and that the hon. secretary be requested to write to them accordingly.

Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the president for the way in which he had conducted the meeting. It had been his privilege, he said, to attend 44 annual meetings of the Council, and he, therefore, knew something of what the president had to do. He could go back to the time when the Standing Committee met some time in the morning, towards 12 o'clock, and the Council began its meeting at 2 o'clock and ended at five o'clock. Then it was found that the Council had to meet in the morning and the Standing Committee had to meet much earlier. It would have been quite hopeless to think of the committee meeting the night before, because people could not get there. He thought the Council had done wisely to keep to the same hour. To succeed in the chair at that meeting they must have a man who was respected by his brethren, who knew the duties of the chairman and who knew the work for which the Council was summoned together. All these were combined in Mr. Lewis, and he wanted to say how pleased they were to have him in the chair. He hoped he would continue for the next 20 years.

The motion having been carried by acclamation, Mr. Lewis replied. He said he had tried to do his best, but what he had done had been made extraordinarily easy for him by Mr. Fletcher. They must not forget to give him a hearty vote of thanks, for he had done the brunt of the work (applause).

Mr. F. E. Dawe paid a tribute to the kindness of Mr. A. A. Hughes, to whom was due, he believed, the fact that they had obtained the use of the Guildhall.

The Hon. Secretary said it was entirely due to the efforts of Mr. Hughes that they met in that hall. If it would interest the members, he could tell them that Mr. Hughes was summoned to the bar—not in a place associated with bellringing—but he was acquitted and was with them that day (applause).

This concluded the business and the Council then rose.

During the afternoon His Majesty the King's reply to the Council's loyal message of greeting was received and read. The text of the message and the reply were printed in our issue of June 5th.

SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR.

Mr. J. Hunt writes pointing out, in connection with the discussion at the Central Council meeting on the resolution defining a spliced peal, that he did not reply to Mr. Holt's inquiry as to whether a 720 of Treble Bob Minor in the Worcester variation could be obtained. He said he was of opinion that, as a 720 of Treble Bob Minor could not be obtained when the methods are spliced at the lead-end, the other method of ringing them should be recognised as spliced.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 16th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. 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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield (6 bells) on Saturday, July 4th. Short service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify Rev. J. Thompson, The Rectory, Bradfield, for tea. No charge for tea to members of society. Bus service at Malin Bridge Tram terminus.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 4th, at Horbling. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1/6) and business meeting at P.R.H.A. If possible Billingborough bells will be available in evening.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Do not come to

Benenden if you don't like really good meetings. The summer meeting of the Tonbridge district, combining with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, will be held here on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members who have booked coach seats please meet at Tonbridge S.R. Station, main entrance, 2.30 p.m.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute, Bancks Street, 5 p.m. Dunster (8) and Carhampton (6) bells available after the meeting, or at other times by previous arrangement.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) and GUILD-

FORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District).—A joint meeting will be held at ASH on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the District President of the Ladies' Guild, in the Church Room, 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks in Charnwood, near Shepshed, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: St. Mary's (10), 1.15 to 2.15 and after tea; St. Michael's (8), 1.15 to 2.15 and 7.15 to 8 p.m.; Holy Rood (8), 6 to 7.15 p.m. Meeting in Chantry Hall 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at North Collingham on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Other towers will be open for ringing at 7 p.m. if necessary.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elmham on Saturday, July 4th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Summer Festival will be held at Bromham on Saturday, July 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45. Tea arrangements will *only* be made for those who notify Mr. F. C. Tysoe, Bromham, Beds, beforehand. This is important, so please send a p.c.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Barford on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 4th. Bells 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 meeting of the above Branch, arranged for Saturday, July 4th, at Christ Church, Aughton, is cancelled.—William O. Farimond, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for July. Service ringing: St. Clement Danes, Strand, July

5th, 10 a.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, July 12th, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, July 26th, 5.30 p.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, July 6th, 6.30 p.m., to be followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; July 20th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, July 28th, 8 p.m.

The BELLS of Plympton St. Maurice Church, Devon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Monday, July 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Ring of eight recast and rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

CAMBRIDGE.—Surprise practice is to be held at the Roman Catholic Church on Thursdays at 7 to 8.30 p.m., July 9th, July 23rd, August 6th and August 20th. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival at Chertsey, Saturday, July 11th. All welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5.15 (1s. each). Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 7th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting, originally notified for June 27th, will now be held at Coombe on Saturday, July 11th. Service 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Royal Oak. Towers open: Coombe (6), Bladon (6), Woodstock (8). Tea will be provided *only* for those who let me know by first post Thursday, July 9th.—W. Evetts, Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cards for tea please to Mr. L. A. Porritt, 18, Picton Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, July 9th. Half-fares (up to 2/-) will be paid to members attending. A good, representative attendance is requested for important business meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by the first post on Wednesday, July 8th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Nominations are invited for branch secretary.—J. Norton, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. A number of outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranford (6 Bells) on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 7th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Twineham on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Those who intend to be present please advise me by the previous Wednesday. Half rail fare, max. 1/6, allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District and the East Grinstead Guild.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. A good attendance is requested for the first joint meeting with the Southern District. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. Wallace, Mount Pleasant, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey, Wednesday previous to meeting.—W. Claydon and G. Lambert, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langdale on July 11th. Bells (6) will be ready at 3 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 11th. The Bells of Bath Abbey will be available from 3-4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, followed by tea and meeting. St. Mark's bells will be available from 3 o'clock, and Twerton after the meeting. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Miss Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath, by Tuesday, July 7th?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45 Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Usk on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tattershall on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Fortescue Hotel 5.15 p.m. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, July 7th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk St., Boston, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. All those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 8th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, July 11th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Tea given by Rector.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first Summer meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, July 11th, at 2.30. East Midland buses (No. 4) run from Worksop, 1 p.m. and at 20 minute intervals. For tea do please send a post card before July 8th, to R. Fowler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Dinham, on Saturday July 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Please let me know by Tuesday if any member requires tea—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Peckleton (not Croft as arranged) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (9d. each) at 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, Leicester. All ringers welcome.—Arthur E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Fletching on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 8th. No rail fares this meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Beenham on Saturday, July 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea (6d) 5 p.m. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea *must* be sent in before July 7th, to Rev. R. Howes, Beenham Vicarage, Reading.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL.—In connection with the augmentation fund a Bells Service will be held on Wednesday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 6.15 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Bells Committee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1936, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master). Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Owing to Dining Hall not being available on this date, lunch will be served at The Carfax Assembly Rooms, by Messrs. G. Weekes & Co., at 1.30 p.m. Tickets (2/- each) to members (3/- to non-members). Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Gen. Sec. not later than Wednesday, July 15th. Further details will be given on printed notices to each tower.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the New Hall, at a moderate price. Business meeting to follow. Please remember a postcard to E. F. Godfrey, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. This is one of the county's beauty spots.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and 6-bell contest at Saddleworth on Saturday, July 18th. Entries and applications for tea (1/6) to be in my hand July 11th. Subscriptions due.—F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Rd., Hightown, Liversedge.

LANCASHIRE FRIENDS WELCOMED.—Please note Halifax Contest at Saddleworth Church. Anyone desiring tea (1s. 6d. each) notify Joseph Burgess, West Lodge, Greenfield, nr. Oldham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, July 16th. Ringers and friends from any district will be welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Book these meeting dates, please:—July 18th, Feltham and Bedfont; August 15th, Ruislip; Sept. 5th, Staines and Egham; October 10th, Hillingdon (social). Details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Halewood, on Saturday, July 18th (note change of date). Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea apply Mr. J. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.—The new ring of eight, tenor 15½ cwt., by Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated on Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Chichester. Further details next week. Will those attending please notify Mr. O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, by Tuesday, July 14th. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, July 18th. 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 14th, J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Secretary, Yateley, Hants.

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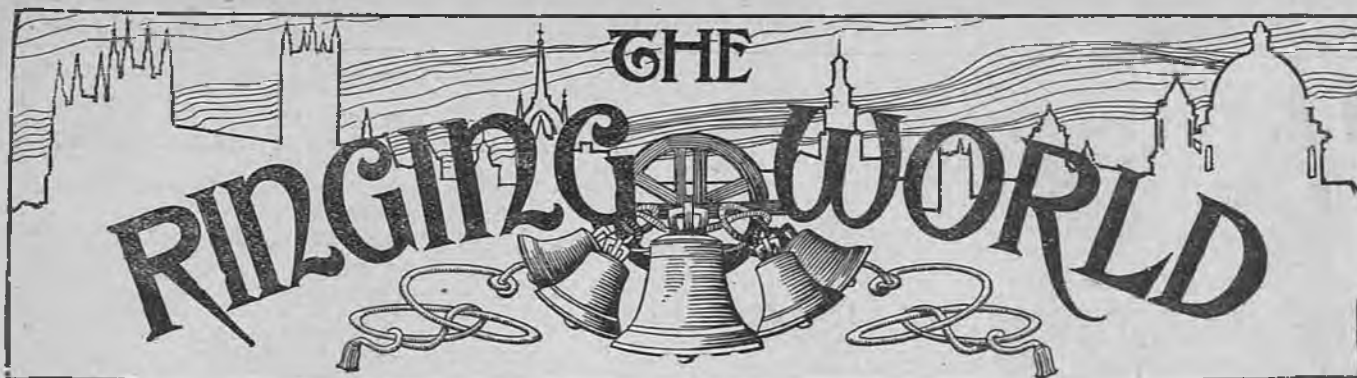
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All this is very modern, and perhaps, very enterprising. It will be called by some the bringing of science to the aid of religion; it may also be looked upon as an ingenious means of saving money. But to us this type of substitute for the real thing leaves a feeling that for the sake of effects of a sort, but certainly not spiritual effect, those who are responsible have made a sad and serious departure from the principles that have guided the pious builders of our churches in the past, when the very thought of subterfuge or sham was abhorrent and nothing but the best was considered good enough. It is a proud boast in many an old church, where the work of the skilled artisan is visible, that if you could inspect the hidden part of the work you would find it as carefully and as lovingly wrought as that portion which can be seen. There are no shams. It is a pity, we think, that in this new church there should be sham bells and a more or less sham organ. And what guarantee is there that there may not, later on, be 'tinned' sermons, reproduced from gramophone records, a mechanical choir provided by the same means, the whole thing eventually becoming as we have suggested, a mechanised and soulless religion!

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On Tuesday, June 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERIC B. HARTLEY Treble	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 7
MISS KATH. BRADFORD 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE
* First peal of Surprise. The first peal in the method by the association and all the band.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE W. SLACK Treble	FRANK SCHOLEFIELD 5
PERCY J. JOHNSON 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
FRANK ARMITAGE... .. 3	JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD 7
FRANK RAYMENT... .. 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BOCKINGHAM. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. H. More, M.A., an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association, who was instituted to the living of Sible Hedingham, Essex, the previous Thursday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	*GEORGE E. PADGETT 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	†ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN... .. 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	EDWARD FOSTER... .. 7
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent. A birthday compliment to J. Saddington. G. E. Foster's 50th peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF CRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	CYRIL J. BURNS 6
WILLIAM J. CLOVER 3	CECIL V. EBBESON 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	HENRY TOOKR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all on the bells and for the association. The composition contains 50 course ends with the 6th the extent in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd in sixth's and all the 4-5's in 5-4's. It is rung for the first time.

CODSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. TIMMIS Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
HARRY BOSWELL 2	CHARLES R. COLLINS 6
HERBERT E. BOOTH 3	ALBERT D. COLLINS 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
ERIC B. HARTLEY 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Charles Jackson.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	ERNEST FURBANK... .. 7
ALIC GENEY 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

The conductor's 900th peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... Treble	ROY K. MOWFORTH 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST J. KING 6
*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK... 3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 7
E. RALPH MACKRILL 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on eight bells and in the method.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK MORGAN Treble	JAMES G. POWELL 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	GEORGE KING 6
THOMAS HOAD 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	*JACK HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

* First peal and first attempt. First as conductor in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 11 methods, being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells; (2) Norwich; (3) Primrose and Norfolk; (4) York and Durham; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge; (6) Hull; (7) Bourne. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*ALBERT L. WARD Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 2	†ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* 25th peal. † First peal in 11 Surprise methods 'inside.' First Surprise peal on the bells.

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HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*DENNIS A. BAYLES Treble	*STANLEY FENN 4
T. WILLIAM DEVILLE 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER 5
STANLEY W. GULL 3	† REGINALD H. HEWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by R. H. HEWITT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble is aged 14 years and the conductor aged 19. Rung for the benefit of the conductor, who hails from Gateshead, County Durham.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 240's, with 21 callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... Treble	FRANK C. PREECE 4
ALBERT E. JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
RICHARD J. RAWLINGS 3	JOHN H. MOUNTFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. Ellis Rowlands, who was retiring at the close of evening service. It is ten years since F. C. Preece rang his first and last peal.

NEWINGTON, HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WALTER C. CHANDLER ... Treble	*FREDERICK T. HARDEN ... 4
FRANK A. SLINGSBY 2	*JOHN BARTER 5
CHARLES TURNER 3	ALFRED R. LONGHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*JAMES TAYLOR Treble	JACK WILKINSON 4
*FREDERICK WOODWARD 2	*JOHN BROWN 5
JAMES MARTIN 3	*ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Edna, eldest daughter of Mrs. Bennett. The conductor's 40th peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, Dr. Langford, for his hospitality after the peal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*DUDLEY BOXTON Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 4
† MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	† FRANK E. DAREY 5
† DANIEL COOPER 3	† CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal. † First peal of London Surprise Minor.

GOOSNARCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 4
*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
FRED RIGBY 3	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. William Clarkson, an enthusiastic member of the local company, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

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

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

RONALD BOWNESS Treble	GEORGE L. HALL 4
GEORGE DOBBS 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
*MARTIN WALKER 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Arranged by Rev. E. BANKS JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First Surprise peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HARGOLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpires: Stephen H. Hoare and John E. Rootes.

The peal consisted of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, and 672 Cambridge and Superlative, with 111 changes of method. The umpires checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

O. E. LAXON'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

234567	362475
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253746	S 453762
S 762453	S 724653
— 347562	— 367524
— 253647	— 356472
S 672453	— 243756
S 436572	— 672543
453267	657324
S 274653	— 436257
S 632574	— 724536
— 456732	752643
— 274356	S 637452
S 362574	S 426537
S 543762	S 574326
— 275643	S 365274
— 362475	* — 423765

Eleven times repeated, substituting Single for Bob* half-way and end. First rung at Kenwyn, Cornwall, on June 26th.

DEATH OF BOOTLE RINGER.

Christ Church, Bootle, ringers mourn the sudden death of Mr. Dan Lea, one of the local company, at the early age of 31 years. Mr. Lea was a regular Sunday service ringer at the church as well as being a sidesman and Sunday School teacher.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday, July 1st. The bells at Christ Church were rung fully muffled for the funeral, and four of his friends rang the handbells over the grave.

Although deceased only rang two peals, the Lancashire Association has lost an enthusiastic ringer, and his colleagues have lost a real friend.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM DOUBLES TO MINOR AND MAJOR.

Our article last week suggests that there may be some young ringers who, having mastered Doubles, find just a little difficulty in going on to Minor and Major. Apart from the little extra ropesight that is required to 'see' the additional bells, one of the problems is that of 'leading.' Doubles, except in a five-bell tower, are usually rung with a covering bell, and the beginner in change ringing, having, of course, already learned how to lead in rounds, has no trouble when he comes to lead in Doubles. We hope he always bears in mind that for good striking there should be the space of one bell between the backstroke of the tenor and his own handstroke.

When he comes to ringing Minor or Major, of course, he has no fixed bell, like the tenor in Doubles, to lead from. The bells behind are continually changing, and if he wants to make a good lead he must look for the last bell and lead from that. We have seen some otherwise good ringers who, when they come to lead, just drop their eyes to the floor and trust to luck. The result is that they may put in a good lead, or they may not—more likely not.

You must pick out the bell you are going to lead off, just as you pick out the bell you are going to strike over in hunting up or down. You can look for it immediately you have pulled off in second's place before leading, and with a little practice you will quickly find it. Lead from it, allowing for the same interval as you would in leading from the tenor, and as you pull off watch for the bell which in that change will strike over him. Then put your backstroke in, snappy and clean, from that second bell. If you lead at backstroke when you have found it and not before you have found it, you ought to have your blow in the right place. There should be no interval.

In a simple method like Plain Bob, these bells that you want to be able to 'spot' are not really difficult to find. Remember you lead at hand off one, at back off another. These bells are coursing one behind the other, and on your way down you will have 'crossed' them consecutively next above and in the middle, that is to say in Minor, in 5-4 and 4-3; and in Major in 6-5 and 5-4. There is a slight difference after you have made 2nd's place, but you get your cue by having to lead your first blow from the bell you led off last, before making 2nd's. You must look for the bell that is coming behind next, if you do not happen to know the coursing order.

In going from Bob Doubles to Bob Minor, the effect of the additional bell is to turn the four blows behind, when the treble leads, into a dodge in 5-6. What you do in 3-4 is not affected, except that both the 5-6 dodges come between the 3-4 dodges.

After dodging in 4-3 down, you dodge the next lead in 6-5 down; the following lead in 5-6 up, before coming back to 3-4 up; followed by the 2nd's place. When you go on to Major the additional dodges are in 7-8, and are inserted between the dodges in 5-6, first 8-7 (down), then 7-8 (up).

In trying your hand at Major, after having been used to Minor, don't forget to hunt right up behind, instead of turning round, when you reach 6th's. Remember your course bell—the one you took off at lead, and when hunting up, don't attempt to turn round and come back until you have turned your course bell from behind.

You can try to build up your own table for ringing the method. Recollect that after every dodge, you pass the treble one place earlier, until, at length, you pass it in 1-2 and have to make 2nd's. This working of things out for yourself is a great help; so try it. If you do it correctly you will find the jig-saw exactly fits.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION NEW BADGES.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Watlington on Saturday, June 6th, the number attending being most satisfactory. The bells, a handy ring of six, were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening in a dozen different methods, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, and also with rounds for the beginners.

The association's form of service was conducted by the Rector.

The general secretary, Miss K. Willers, presided at the business meeting, having cycled about 40 miles in order to be present. This, it is suggested, should be noted by the slack ones in the district.

One new member was elected, and Leverington chosen for the next meeting. The new badges were available, every member present purchasing one.

The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Rector, who briefly replied.

MARCH MEETING IN JUNE.

A meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at March on June 20th. Only about 12 ringers attended before tea; they included Mr. and Mrs. F. Hurry and Mr. J. H. Shepherd. (It's not a foot rule he carries, but a five foot one.)

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to March, and three of the local company made things more easy and gave that touch of welcome. After tea more ringers came along, and the bells were well made use of.

The next meeting will be held at Whittlesey, and due notice will be given in our notice columns.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BUCKLAND.

A quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association (Southern District) was held at Buckland on Saturday, June 27th, when 32 members and visitors from Reigate, Redhill, Merstham, Betchingley, Limpsfield, Chart, Lingfield, Horley, Kingswood, Capel, Dorking, Leatherhead, Beddington, St. Peter's and St. John's, Croydon, with the local band, attended. Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Dunk, M.A.), who gave an address on bells and their usages. The lesson was read by Alderman Temple Newell. Tea, served in the Village Hall, was kindly provided for by the Rector, who also took the chair at the business meeting.

Before the business commenced the secretary reported the loss of an old friend in the late Rector of Horley (the Rev. Lewis), who had been an honorary member for about 25 years. He passed away on May 12th. The Master (Mr. A. Bull) and the local band had attended the funeral, and a wreath was sent from the association.

It was proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow, and the members then stood in silence for a few moments.

It was reported that two peals had been rung during the last quarter, London Surprise Major at Betchworth and Cambridge Surprise Major at St. John's, Redhill.

Four new members were elected, Messrs. R. Tidy, J. Tidy, R. Jefferys and A. Taylor, all of Limpsfield Chart.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Burstow in September, and the secretary gave notice that a joint meeting would be held with the East Grinstead Guild at Lingfield on July 11th. He hoped members would give it all the support they could, it being the first joint meeting with the Southern District.

The next quarterly peal was proposed to be attempted at Horley, the method to be Cambridge Surprise Major, conductor Mr. R. Fuller.

The Secretary said he had been asked to report that the Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, had tendered his resignation after six years owing to ill-health, but was carrying on until the end of the year; also that the general treasurer was resigning at the end of the year. They would thus have to look for a new Master and general treasurer.

The Rector thanked the ringers for paying a visit to Buckland, this being the third time since he had been Rector that they had visited the village. Thanks were accorded to Mr. F. Sanders for having the bells ready, and to the ladies for assisting at the tea.—Alderman Newell replied and thanked the Vicar for the service and his address.

A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells, also a course of Grandsire Caters, assisted by the motoring section from the North-West Division. A return was then made to the tower, where the light peal of six bells (which, it is hoped, may become eight one day) were kept going until 9 p.m. in various methods.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETS AT BENTLEY.

A pleasant time was spent by members of the Farnham District of Guildford Diocesan Guild at Bentley on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing started soon after 3 o'clock, and Doubles and Minor were rung and some good striking was heard. The weather was not very kind, and probably accounted for the small number of ringers present. Nevertheless, some excellent practice was put in. At half-past four the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandler (Rector) conducted the Guild service and gave an interesting address, taking for his subject the Trinity season. The hymns sung were 'We love the place, O God' and 'The church bells ringing from the height.' A splendid tea was served at Linden Cottage by Mrs. Trotman, a company numbering just over 20 sitting down. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, organist, blower, vergers, Mr. A. Raggett and the local ringers, and Mrs. Trotman and her helpers, for the various parts taken in the arrangements and success of the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master) and Mr. A. J. Stedman (hon. member).

The tower was revisited after tea and more ringing enjoyed. Five towers were represented, viz., Scale, Aldershot (in force), Frensham, Ewhurst and Bentley. The bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m.

SIX-PART PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

5,120, BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M	W	H
42356	B (one lead)		1
45623	LBSL	2	1 1
24653	LSL		1
52643	LBSL	3	1
34625	LSL	1	1 1
46325	LSBBLB		3 2
23645	LSBLB		2 2

Repeat five times, but in third and sixth parts ring BBSL in place of first five leads, calling 1M 1W 1H.

Cambridge may be rung in place of any Superlative lead. This is the first six-part composition in these spliced methods.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BINGLEY PROVIDES WESTERN DIVISION WITH FULL DAY'S ENJOYMENT.

The Clerk of the Weather excelled himself when the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held their summer meeting at Bingley on June 27th. The weather was almost perfect, and upwards of 60 members availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting this delightful Yorkshire town in its picturesque setting.

Boating was in full swing on the river, whilst on the hillside scarcely a stone's throw from the church groups of ringers reclined in the sun discussing the efforts of their more energetic brethren in the tower. A little further away the Sheep Dog Trials proved an added attraction, whilst in the evening other ringers were heard of who were still making the acquaintance of belles by the riverside, so Bingley provided a really full day's enjoyment.

The bells were raised in peal at half-past two, and no doubt gave fresh courage to a newly-married couple who were just leaving the church. A great variety of methods were rung during the day, ranging from Treble Bob Minor to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, and, in spite of the heat, the bells were kept moving until 9 o'clock, excepting for the tea interval.

The usual fault of some ringers in failing to send in for tea made two sittings necessary, but this difficulty was made light of and a really good meal was enjoyed by all in the Church House.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, and the gathering was a very representative one, over 26 towers being represented. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells was ably moved by the chairman, who darkly hinted of his former exploits at the Church House (then known as the Ring of Bells).

The vote was supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Broadley, who also enlarged upon the happenings of those 'bad old days.'

A vote of thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements was proposed by Mr. A. E. West and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. This was endorsed by the chairman, who pointed out how fortunate they were in being fully supplied with refreshments when so many had failed to send in for tea.

Mr. Allen Hopewell, in replying for the Vicar (who had been called away) and for the local company, said how pleased they were to have the summer meeting at Bingley, and they all hoped that it would not be so long before the visit would be repeated.

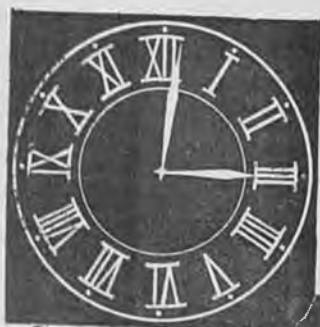
The following new members were admitted to the association: Messrs. A. Hopewell and J. Walker, of Bingley; Mr. A. Slater, of Elland; and Mr. A. Ashton, of Bradford.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Balley early in September had been received, and this was accepted.

At the conclusion of the meeting the company were entertained by some wonderful handbell ringing ('four in hand') by Messrs. A. E. West and D. Sharp, of Sutton-on-Hull, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bingley, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Denholme, Drighlington, Elland, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Keighley, Leeds, Oxenhope, Silsden, Sutton-on-Hull, Skipton and Shipley.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 28th, for evening service, 720 Norwich Surprise (L. Camp, conductor), 360 Cambridge Surprise (E. Sitch, conductor). The following local ringers took part: A. Bradley, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, J. Sitch, G. Camp, L. Camp.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild held its thirteenth festival at Brecon on Saturday, June 27th. The service at the Cathedral was well attended by ringers from all parts of the diocese, the following clergy taking part: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Canon E. A. T. Roberts, Canon John Simon, the Rev. T. M. Hughes (Vicar of Cadoc-ton), the Rev. D. Parry Jones (Vicar of Llanelly, Brecon) and the Rev. Ifor Jones (Brecon). Mr. J. Humphrey Carden presided at the organ. Canon Roberts intoned, Canon Simon read the lesson, the Rev. T. M. Hughes gave an excellent address and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

After the service tea was provided on the lawns at Ely Tower, by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, who presided over the annual meeting which followed.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) presented the statement of accounts, which was adopted. A credit balance of £48 18s. 2d. was considered very satisfactory.

The following officers were re-elected: President, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; Master of the Guild, Mr. S. T. Rackham; hon. treasurer, Mr. Charles Powell; hon. secretary, Mr. L. T. Havard; hon. auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands. Canon Bickerton Edwards (Tenby) and the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies (Talgarth) were elected as vice-presidents, there being two vacancies.

An appeal was read from the Rev. E. W. Edwards, Dolau, Rad.s., who requested financial assistance towards the cost of restoring and supplementing the present ring of five bells with a new treble.—It was unanimously decided to forward a donation of £5 from the Guild Fund.

The 1937 festival will be held at Gorseinon, and, on behalf of the Llanelly (Brecon) ringers, Mr. S. T. Rackham invited the Guild to hold the next competition at Llanelly. The invitation was gratefully accepted and Mr. Rackham was thanked therefore.

Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis (Central Council representative) gave the meeting his account of the last Central Council meeting held in London. The report concluded with an appeal to all ringers present to do what they possibly could to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World'; at least, see that a copy was taken at each belfry every week.

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. E. Sitch, D. J. Lewis, S. T. Rackham, C. Powell, and to be presided over by Mr. Charles Gilbertson, was appointed to go into the question of contributions by the two districts to the parent Guild. A report will be presented to the next annual meeting.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Bishop for kindly entertaining the company to tea, and to the Rev. T. M. Hughes for his address at the service.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary for Sunday evensong on July 5th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: D. Adams 1, J. Parish 2, R. Smith 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, B. Wayman 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, R. Thoday 8. First quarter of Superlative by ringers of 1 and 2.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—For evensong on Sunday, July 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): Miss E. Marshall 1, Miss P. Baker 2, J. A. Lunn (first quarter-peal on eight 'inside') 3, J. Dixon 4, C. H. Baker 5, H. Morgan 6, N. Thurlby 7, G. L. A. Lunn (first as conductor on eight bells) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon Round-Turner, who is leaving to take up duties at Little Bealings, near Ipswich.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Saturday, July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Beadle 1, R. A. Tiffin 2, H. B. Wells 3, B. Evans 4, R. V. Fuller (conductor) 5, G. Ayling 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 4 and 6, who are local men.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, Bucks.—On Monday, June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. Shouler 1, O. Warren 2, D. Cockings 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharpe (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by all. Rung in honour of St. Peter's Day.

COTTINGHAM.—Believed to be the first quarter-peal rung in the tower by a local band at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on Saturday, June 27th, with 4.6.8 behind: *Jack Whitehouse 1, Alan J. Hopper 2, *Ernest Outtill 3, *Fred Mason 4, *Wilfred Lawson 5, *Joseph Chately 6, Colin A. Hopper (conductor) 7, *Percy Henri 8. *First quarter-peal.

OXHEY.—At St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday, June 23rd, before the induction of the Rev. C. W. Allington, M.A., as Vicar of Oxhey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. L. Rosson (age 13) (first in the method) 1, C. Kaeser 2, A. Dix 3, S. H. Hoare 4, F. A. J. Steward 5, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 6, J. Rootes 7, A. F. Bowyer 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 21st, at the Roman Catholic Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: *J. Quinney 1, A. E. Pitstow (conductor) 2, *M. Ginn 3, *F. Gleaves 4, L. Pitstow 5, *R. Lathbury 6, *L. Simmonds 7, J. Ward 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. First of London Surprise on the bells.

HOWDEN, YORKS.—On June 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor for evening service: Miss D. M. Hawley (first 720) 1, Mrs. E. Bradley 2, R. B. Smith 3, F. Terry 4, R. H. Vigor (conductor) 5, E. Bradley 6. First 720 in the method by all except the third ringer.

MEETING ON CHURCH ROOF.**LADIES FIND WEATHER TOO HOT FOR RINGING.**

The annual meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on Saturday, June 20th, when about 25 members and friends attended. Owing to the intense heat, little ringing was attempted until the evening.

After tea the business meeting was held on the roof of the church. The vice-president (Mrs. E. F. Deal) presided.

The election of officers followed. Mrs. R. F. Deal was re-elected vice-president, Mrs. G. H. Cross hon. secretary, and Miss K. Bradford assistant hon. secretary. The committee was re-elected en bloc.

Two new members were elected, viz., Miss E. Worsley and Miss E. Bedford.

It was decided to reduce the number of meetings held during the year from eight to six, these to be held when possible on the first Saturday in the following months: September, November, January, March, May and June. The meeting for next September, however, will be held on the second Saturday instead of the first, at Stoke Poges.

Mrs. Fletcher reminded the members of the annual general meeting, to be held at Bath on July 11th.

The question of badges then arose, and Mrs. Fletcher requested all those who wished to have a badge to let her know, so that the order could be put through.

The business concluded, after the usual thanks had been accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. Wilson, who had made the necessary arrangements.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Mrs. Bruce (vice-president) presided at the 17th annual meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held at Ash on Saturday, when three new members were elected: Mrs. G. Hall, of Liss, Miss M. Manfield, of Ash, and Miss W. Manfield, rejoined.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Vice-president, Mrs. Bruce; secretary, Miss H. F. Mills; committee, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Whittington and Miss Fisher; Central Committee, Mrs. Bruce and Miss Mills.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting in conjunction with the most convenient district meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. It was also decided to hold a meeting, if possible, in the Alton District in October.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Steedman and Misses J. and M. P. Kingdon, and also 'Henry VIII.' Miss B. Mills, of the Central District, was a welcome visitor.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE W. HARRIS.**FORMER DEPTFORD AND DUNSTABLE RINGER.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the passing of Mr. George W. Harris, whose death took place at Dunstable on June 18th at the early age of 36. He learned his ringing at Deptford with Mr. G. H. Daynes, and rang several peals with the London County Association under Mr. T. H. Taffender. He went to live at Dunstable about 10 years ago, and became a valued member of the Priory Church band. He rang his last peal, one of Treble Bob, in 1930. About four years ago his health broke down, and he had to give up active association with the tower, although never losing interest in the affairs of the band. His last visit was on the day of the funeral of His late Majesty King George, when he tried to ring, but found it too much for him.

The funeral took place on June 20th at Dunstable, when the Priory band was represented by Mr. C. E. King and Mr. G. W. Heley. Always of a quiet and unassuming nature, George Harris will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Thatcham on Saturday, June 20th, when over 40 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening. Members were present from Bucklebury, Beedon, Compton, Chieveley, East Ilsley, Midgham, Newbury, Pease-more, Shaw and Thatcham. Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary, was also present, with visitors from Abingdon, Bradfield, Hillingdon, Wooburn and Stoke Wake, Dorset. The service was conducted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), who gave a very helpful address. Miss E. Mathews (a Bucklebury ringer) was at the organ. Tea was served by Mrs. Adams, 36 sitting down.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided over the business meeting. The next meeting was fixed for Kintbury on Saturday, September 19th.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, to Miss E. Mathews and to Mrs. Adams. The tower was again visited, when several more ringers had arrived; various methods up to Cambridge Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

'OLD PEAK' DISTRICT MEETING.

The members of the Old Peak District Society had an enjoyable afternoon at Norton, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 20th. Towers represented were Ashover, Bakewell, Chesterfield, Dore, Darley Dale, Norton and Sheffield Cathedral. The bells were kept going in touches of Stedman, Little Bob, Forward, etc. Tea, provided by the Vicar, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. H. More, until recently Vicar of Burley, Leeds, and an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association, has been instituted to the living of Sible Hedingham, Essex. A farewell peal was rung at Burley on June 30th. During his stay in the Yorkshire town, in addition to other things, the six bells at St. Matthias' Church were recast into eight, and the ringing room was made as nearly ideal as possible.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the order to rehang with new fittings in a new frame the ring of six at St. Breward, near Bodmin, Cornwall.

Twin performances by the twin sisters, the Misses G. and K. Burchnall, have reached an interesting stage. They have never been separated in their peal ringing and they have now scored their 100th peal together. Cannot they now call a few peals by sharing the conducting?

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has now scored 50 peals, and they have been rung in 50 different towers. This is a new record. Few people even get the opportunity to visit 50 different towers while in search of their first fifty peals. The peals, of which Mr. Cannon has conducted 31, consist of two of Doubles, 16 of Minor, six of Triples, 24 of Major and two of Royal.

It will be interesting to know, when the time arrives, how many ringers have been successful in ringing in peals on the definite days of the Coronations of Kings Edward VII., George V. and Edward VIII. 'Curious' says that, with several others, he is living in hopes.

An added attraction to the meeting of the Middlesex Association at Feltham on July 18th will be a visit to the works of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Hanworth Park, under the guidance of the District Master, Mr. W. H. Coles. The tea will probably be arranged there as well!

Friday must be their lucky day, and Spliced Surprise peals 'in hand' are becoming a habit with them. The Oxhey company have rung yet another peal of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol on handbells.

Ringings at the Croydon Parish Church is to be discontinued until further notice.

TWIN SISTERS' RECORD.

MISSSES BURCHNALL'S ONE HUNDRED PEALS TOGETHER.

An interesting record has been made by the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, who are twin sisters. They recently both rang their one hundredth peal, and it is remarkable that they have never rung a peal apart.

The following is their list of peals: Doubles 3, Minor 47 (one in nine methods, 13 in seven methods, two Surprise), Stedman Triples 5, Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 10, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Oxford Treble Bob Major 7, Spliced Kent and Oxford Major 1, Double Norwich Major 5, St. Clement's Major 1, Forward Major 1, Little Bob Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 4, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

THE AUGMENTATION SCHEME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago, 'The Ringing World' made it known that, as part of its jubilee celebrations, the Chester Diocesan Guild proposes to sponsor a scheme for the addition of two trebles to the present ring of eight at the Cathedral.

May I appeal, through your columns, to all who have in the past been associated with this ancient city, and who still have some regard for its Cathedral and bells, for their support in the task of raising the necessary amount to make the augmentation possible?

Subscriptions addressed to me at Wayside, Circular Drive, will be most gratefully acknowledged.

Chester.

J. W. CLARKE.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT COVENTRY.

HANDBELLS RUNG IN CHURCH.

Two members of the Stoke (Coventry) band were married at St. Paul's Church, Foleshill, on Saturday, June 6th. The bridegroom was Mr. Ernest Sibley (late of Northampton) and the bride Miss Vera M. Freeman, elder daughter of Mr. C. Freeman, also a service ringer at Stoke Church.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar of St. Paul's, and as there is only one bell at this church, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the gallery at the conclusion of the service.

On leaving the church the couple passed under an archway of handbells held by their fellow-ringers.

Afterwards a reception was held in the adjoining Schoolroom, at which further handbell ringing took place. Later the happy pair left for Shanklin, where the honeymoon was spent, and the following ringers proceeded to Stoke Church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the 'go' of the bells not permitting a peal attempt: Mrs. F. Rouse 1, W. Smith 2, W. T. Cox 3, R. Haine (first quarter with 'inside' bell) 4, F. Pervin (conductor) 5, D. Ellender 6, J. H. White 7, F. Rouse 8.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS TO BE RECAST. NEW AND HEAVIER PEAL OF TWELVE.

The ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral are to be recast and increased in weight. This announcement was made to a meeting of Friends of the Cathedral last week by the Dean.

The present peal is a 'patchwork' affair, and ringers who know them will be delighted to hear that at last there is the promise of a worthy peal to crown this grand old pile.

The project is the outcome of steps originally contemplated by the Friends of the Cathedral, who had decided to provide funds for the recasting and rehanging of two of the bells. When this came to the knowledge of Mr. F. Hopkins, managing trustee of the Barron Bell Trust, he offered, from the funds for the Trust, to provide the additional money to make a clean sweep of things, so that the Cathedral could have a new ring of twelve. The work will be carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the weight of the tenor will be raised from 30½ cwt. to 35 cwt.

OFFER ACCEPTED BY DEAN AND CHAPTER.

In making the announcement, the Dean said the help the Friends offered in connection with the bells had worked like a snowball. No sooner had they given the order to the well-known bell founders, Taylors, of Loughborough, to recast and rehang the two bells which had become unsafe, than they received an offer from Mr. Hopkins and the Barron Bell Trust to pay the cost of making a really good job of the bells by recasting and rehanging the entire peal and adding a new tenor bell in time for the Coronation next year. That was a magnificent offer and had been gratefully accepted by the Dean and Chapter, and they realised that the action of the Friends had put them in the position to do so. The bells would be removed early in August—he believed the work would begin the day after Bank Holiday—and although Taylors would not absolutely guarantee that they would be completed in time for the Coronation in May next year, they had every hope that it would be possible.

HOW THE PEAL GREW.

The present bells appear to have originated with a heavy peal of six, cast by Richard Phelps of the Whitechapel Foundry in 1734. To these Thomas Lester, his successor, added two trebles in 1742, thus making a peal of eight.

The agreement for the ring of bells cast by Phelps is still in existence. It shows that the Dean and Chapter were to send to the foundry old metal of the weight of approximately five tons, which was about the same weight as the new peal. It is assumed that the old bell metal was that of an earlier ring of six bells, put in late in the 17th century, as it was in the year 1634 that the tower was closed in. The agreement provided that Phelps was to allow only 24s. less per cwt. for the old metal than the cost of the new. The tenor bell, it was stipulated, was to be agreeable to the note of the organ of St. Michael's, Cornhill, which was taken as the standard at that period.

Of the bells cast by Phelps in 1734, only one, the present 9th, remains. The present 11th was recast by him in 1737. At different times the old treble, 4th and 6th of the eight were recast by Robert and James Wells, of Aldbourne, the treble in 1772, and the others in 1804 and 1814 respectively. In 1891 the tenor became cracked and was recast at Whitechapel, and in the following year Mears and Stainbank added two trebles to make a ring of ten, the treble being given by the inhabitants of Winchester and the second by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The 5th of the ten, cast by Phelps in 1734, cracked in 1903 and was recast at Whitechapel.

The two present trebles, making a peal of twelve, were added by the Winchester Diocesan Guild as a memorial to the members who fell in the Great War.

There is something of a mystery about the present 6th. Its inscription is 'Theodore Ecclestone, Esq., 1742. T.L.' Theodore Ecclestone was a wealthy patron of bells and bellringing, and a ringer himself. His home was at Crowfield Hall, in the parish of Coddanham, Suffolk. He gave several of the bells to this church, as well as being the donor of the peal of ten at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk. That he ever had any connection with or interest in Winchester there is nothing to show. But in 1742 it would appear that the two trebles to make the ring of eight at Winchester Cathedral, the peal of eight for Coddanham and the ten for Stonham Aspal were all in Thomas Lester's foundry at Whitechapel at the same time. Did Winchester get the wrong bell, or was the inscription a mistake on the part of the craftsman?

AMERICAN VISITOR'S QUARTER-PEAL.

On Monday, June 29th, in St. Mary's belfry, Newmarket, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): Reginald Heath 1-2, Albert E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, Reginald Sharpe 5-6, Lloyd William Taylor 7-8. First quarter-peal on handbells by the ringers of 1-2, 5-6 and 7-8. Mr. Taylor is staying in Cambridge on a visit from America, and commenced to learn the art of change ringing towards the end of last year. He is shortly returning to U.S.A.

BELL BROADCASTING.

PERSONAL 'SACRIFICE' FOR ULTIMATE GOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I express an opinion regarding some points Mr. S. J. Peck raises? Referring to the 'local atmosphere,' let us remember that if the ringing was of the highest standard only, the people living in the near vicinity of some 'local atmosphere' would have a standard upon which to judge their local band. This would certainly give the intelligent listener interest—a little disturbing for some local bands, perhaps.

With regard to the supplanting of a ringer by a better man, it is a poor thing if a ringer cannot stand down when he knows his 'sacrifice' is for the ultimate good. If he is a churchman, he should be willing to. If a ringer would break up a band for the sake of his own personal pride, he could not be a worthy churchman.

This trouble and, indeed, many other troubles could be very easily overcome if ringers would work and live to Christian principles. The sad point is that they, like many others, obviously find this a little too difficult, or inconvenient, perhaps.

FREDERICK H. OLDNALL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

REMARK RESENTED.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. A. P. Smith, the fact we are concerned about is the base remark used against the Lancashire towers in question, and that we strongly resent his attitude and expression at the Council meeting.

As it is the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association in September, we trust this matter will be brought forward and receive its full attention.

Finally, may I suggest to Mr. Smith that we might leave the 'Order of the Holy Writ' apart from this controversy?

J. H. RIDYARD.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT ECKINGTON.

As Norton, near Chesterfield, was unavailable, the first quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Eckington on Saturday, June 27th. The bells (8) were open during the afternoon and evening, when visitors took part in all standard methods. The committee met in the afternoon and carried out various routine duties. Tea was served in the White Hart Inn, and between 20 and 30 members from each district of the association sat down. The general meeting followed, at which the president, Mr. E. Demison Taylor, took the chair, supported by Mr. W. E. White, hon. treasurer, Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary, and Mr. Robinson, churchwarden of Eckington. The president gave a review of the quarter's work, commenting on peals rung, those of special note being the first of Leicestershire Surprise Major, rung at Wigston Magna, and the clerical peal at Holmer, Hereford. He briefly touched on matters arising from the Central Council meeting, commenting on the fact of the association's new representative, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, becoming librarian. Messrs. A. J. Harris and J. H. Swinfield each gave reports on their impressions of the Council meeting, giving explanations on several items on the agenda.

Mr. Taitton proposed a vote of thanks to the representatives on their excellent report.

Various suggestions were put forward as to the better support of 'The Ringing World,' and it is hoped that local representatives of towers would take notice of these and act upon them.

New members proposed during the quarter were three honorary, nine ringing, two rejoins, three life, who were duly elected.

Mr. W. E. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for making the meeting such a pleasant one, and Mr. Robinson (churchwarden) suitably replied.

This concluded the business, but before the assembly broke up a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by J. H. Swinfield 1-2, E. Morris 3-4, J. Pagett 5-6, J. P. Fidler 7-8, G. Freebrey 9-10, and a tune by Messrs. E. Morris and J. Pagett. Further ringing on the church bells and 'informal meetings' elsewhere terminated a very enjoyable afternoon.

THE 'G.O.M.' OF IBSTOCK.

To mark the 83rd birthday of Mr. John William Hopkins, the veteran churchwarden and ringer of Ibstock, near Loughborough, a special touch of 1,400 Grandsire Doubles was rung on June 27th on the bells of the Parish Church, composed for the occasion and containing exactly 83 calls (one for each of his years). It was rung by W. Goadby 1, O. Verrey 2, W. H. Ball 3, W. Atkins 4, W. Woodward 5, A. Overton 6. The conducting was shared by W. Woodward and C. Verrey.

Mr. Hopkins is still a regular ringer, and for over half a century has interested himself in the church work and public life of Ibstock. For the past 30 years he has been churchwarden, and at the restoration of the bells in 1905 he was greatly responsible for their augmentation to six. He is a member of the Midland Counties Association, for whom he has rung two peals, and all members, in wishing him good health, will hope he will continue many more years in the good work.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SPILSBY'S DIFFICULT BELLS.

A party of ringers from Lea, Upton, Willingham and Lincoln spent an interesting, though wet, afternoon on Saturday, May 30th, in ringing around Spilsby. The first call was at Raithby, a charming little village just off the busy Skegness road. A pleasant six, tenor 11 cwt., by Carr, of Birmingham, was found here, but they have rather a long draught of rope. An excellent 720 of Bob Minor was, however, rung on them. The next stop was for tea at Spilsby, and then on to Alford nine miles away. The bells here must be the finest six of their weight in Lincs. They had a special interest to some of the party, as they were seen assembled in their frame at the Loughborough Bell Foundry 18 months ago when the old five were recast and a treble added. The tenor weighs 12½ cwt., and the bells were heard to good effect in another 720 of Plain Bob.

It had been hoped that Willoughby (six, tenor 8 cwt.) would be available, but Spilsby had to be substituted at the last minute. The 'rough' state of these bells was known and the visitors did not expect an easy time. When, however, an attempt was made to pull them up in peal it was soon evident that this was out of the question, as there is an enormous draught of unguided rope which seemed more like elastic than hemp, and chose to come down everywhere but where it was wanted. The visitors, however, managed to ring a six-score of Grandsire Doubles and two courses of Bob Minor, and then decided to lower the bells before disaster befell anyone. As far as the ringers are concerned here the clappers might be 'tied,' as it is impossible to hear anything except a faint rumbling overhead. The ringers had a very enjoyable outing in real old-fashioned Lincolnshire country.

MORE LINCOLNSHIRE DIFFICULTIES.

Twenty ringers and friends from Howden, Hemmingbrough, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull and a visitor from Woodford in Essex set forth on June 1st by coach on a tour through North Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. At the outset they were obliged to satisfy the insistent cravings of a gentleman who had travelled from Sutton at an early hour without any breakfast, but they were soon whirling south, and, having missed several turnings, arrived at the first destination over the devious twists of a winding by-road.

At Epworth they put in a good half an hour's hard labour on the bad-going peal of six (tenor 30 cwt.), ringing Doubles and Cambridge Minor with such effect that the tenor rope protested by parting at a splice. At Haxey the ringers had another spell of horse work on a similar peal (tenor 25 cwt.). It seems a pity that two fine peals like these should waste through lack of rehanging. Next the party proceeded to Gainsborough, where the grand peal of eight were a delight to ring and handle. There they lunched and recuperated from their morning's activities.

Going on to Sutton-on-Trent, they were met by the Misses Burchnall, and although some found the trebles rather tricky to handle after the previous peals, yet good use was made of the bells, and admiring comments were passed on the carpet and belfry. After a short ring at East Markham, the tourists paid their last call at East Retford, where on the peal of ten (tenor 24 cwt.) Grandsire Triples and Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung, a course of Bob Royal coming to grief in the last half-lead through the tenor rope breaking.

This concluded a very satisfactory day's ringing, for which they have to thank Mr. Fred Terry, to whom were due the origin and the management of the outing, and the arrangements made by the ringers of the several towers that were visited.

MALDON RINGERS' TOUR.

The ringers of All Saints', Maldon, Essex, together with wives and friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 13th. Starting from Maldon at 7.45 a.m., they journeyed via Colchester and Ipswich to Woodbridge, their first stop. They soon had the fine bells going in a touch of Stedman, which was much enjoyed. Other touches were rung to give all a chance, and then a move was made to Lowestoft, where a splendid lunch was in readiness at the Crown Hotel. Afterwards the ringers paid a visit to St. Margaret's Church, where, a wedding having just taken place, they were able to ring the wedding bells for the bridal couple. After tea a move was made for Stowmarket, where some of the local ringers were met and some good ringing was very much enjoyed. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a tour of 170 miles. Although the weather was not very kind, it did not damp the spirits of the party and the day's outing was a great success. The ringers wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells and the local ringers for having the bells ready and for meeting them.

HELMINGHAM RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 27th, the Helmingham, Suffolk, band, with a few friends, making a party of twenty, held their annual outing. Leaving Helmingham Church a few minutes past six in the morning by motor-coach, a course was steered for Long Sutton, Lincs, which was reached just before ten o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson were there to give them a warm welcome. Ringing started with a good touch of Stedman Triples, with eight of the party who were over 50 years of age. The conductor was W. G. Crickmer, who is one of the

three survivors of the famous 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham in 1892. The youngsters then took over for Superlative, but were surprised to find themselves all mixed up after a lead or two. However, a good wiggling from their fathers and a change over to Cambridge resulted in a good course being brought round. After other courses of Bristol and London had been rung, the party left for Boston, where an excellent lunch was awaiting them at the Scala Cafe. They felt the full effects of doing 'ample justice' when afterwards they climbed the famous Stump. Most of the party reached the ringing floor after much puffing and blowing and inquiries as to 'How much further?' The ringing here was not all that could be desired, but Treble Ten and Stedman Caters and a course of London on the back eight were brought round. The next call was Pinchbeck, where some good courses of Surprise and Double Norwich were rung. Then came a visit to Surfleet with its light twelve. It was some time before three leads of Treble Twelve could be brought round, followed by a course of Stedman Caters and a course of Stedman Doubles on the front five to oblige L. C. W. Glyn Garth for tea was the next item, and it will be a long day before that tea, which Mrs. Richardson had prepared on the lawn, will be forgotten. Afterwards Rupert entertained the party for an hour or more with his 'movies,' and it was great fun to watch some of the doings of celebrated ringers who had previously visited Surfleet. A few minutes before eight the party said 'Good-bye' to their kind host and hostess, to whom they tendered their best thanks for guiding the Suffolkites and helping them on the higher numbers of bells, also for entertaining them and making this the most enjoyable outing they had ever had. Home was reached about 12.30 a.m. But just after ten o'clock the same morning Bristol was rolling off, followed by Stedman, for morning service at Helmingham. The party would like to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all incumbents for use of bells and the steeple-keepers for having everything ready.

A WEEK-END.

The 37th annual outing of the St. John the Baptist's Society, Leytonstone, took place on June 20th and 21st—indeed, it can be said to have begun on the 19th, for, late on that evening, most of the party travelled to Basingstoke, Hants, which was the centre from which excursions were to be made on the following days. A strong muster of local ringers was on the railway platform to welcome the visitors on their arrival, headquarters being at the Railway Hotel. Here a chat with newly-made friends brought supper time and bed, in preparation for the following two days' excursions. The Master joined the party next morning, and after breakfast they set out by charabanc for a round of visits to towers, going first to Alton, where there is a fine ring of eight, and then to the little village of Upton Grey, with a handy ring of six, and on to Odiham, which also has a peal of six. After lunch at headquarters three of the local band joined the party, and a trip of eleven miles brought them to Highclere, with its handy ring of eight. Going farther on, they next called at Andover, where the eight bells run the wrong way round, and where, it was learned, the local men would welcome the services of a good bellhanger. Alas, there is a lack of money to enable a restoration to be put in hand. Tea, kindly arranged by Mr. New, was followed by a visit to Whitechurch (eight), Deane (six), where the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was for some years Vicar, and Wootton St. Lawrence (six).

On Sunday arrangements had been made to ring from 7.15 to 8 a.m. at St. Michael's, Basingstoke. After breakfast the party set off for Newbury. A pleasant run through the country brought them to the old Berkshire town, where they enjoyed ringing on the fine peal of ten. On the return journey they experienced a heavy storm—the only rain during the excursion. After lunch at headquarters visits were paid to Sherfield and Bramley, and the evening service ringing was at All Saints', Basingstoke (eight). This brought a very successful outing to a close, in the course of which 720's of Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich Surprise and many shorter touches of Minor, including 'Spliced,' were rung at the six-bell towers, and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge at other places. At every tower visited the Leytonstone ringers were met by the local men, who did everything they could to help make the outing an enjoyable and memorable one. These local ringers are thanked for their kindness, as are all the clergy who so readily granted the use of their bells.

INCIDENTS ON IPSWICH OUTING.

On Saturday, June 27th, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing. Starting from Ipswich at 6 a.m., they had a good run to the Half-way House, East Horndon, on the London-Southend by-pass, to breakfast at 8.15. They then crossed the Tilbury-Gravesend Ferry, ringing at Gravesend, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester Cathedral.

A course of Rochester Surprise Royal was rung at the Cathedral, and a good look round the Cathedral and the Crypt was very interesting. An excellent dinner was served at the George, Leeds, where the late James Barham was famous. Barham was an ancestor of the Tilletts, of Ipswich. Then lastly to Maidstone, where three of the company were locked in the tower for half an hour. The ringing of the treble brought Mr. Spiller to the rescue.

The methods rung were Grandsire on seven and nine bells, Superlative, Treble Bob (eight), Double Norwich (eight and ten), Cambridge (eight and ten), and the novelty, of course, the Rochester Surprise Royal at Rochester Cathedral, perhaps the first rung outside Ipswich.

A somewhat alarming incident occurred on the homeward journey. A hitch in the ferry ticket caused the secretary to be delayed in the office while the ferry began to move off. Sprinting well for his age, he found the ferry now 8ft. away from the quay head, but her stern swung round within about 2ft., and he clambered aboard, to the delight of all.

The society wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all incumbents and steeplekeepers for having things in readiness, and also Mr. Robert Brundle's son and Mr. E. J. Beer, both of whom made admirable pilots, in making the outing a grand success. Ipswich was safely reached by midnight.

NORTH SHIELDS RINGERS VISIT EDINBURGH.

On Thursday, June 25th, the ringers and choirmen of Christ Church, North Shields, joined forces for their annual outing, and visited Edinburgh by a railway excursion. The weather was ideal, and, having an hour to spare on arrival before luncheon, they split into small parties and visited the Shrine, the Castle and other places of interest. After luncheon the ringers, organist and some of the choir went to St. Cuthbert's Church. Permission had been granted for the use of the bells, and a few short touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. The visitors were met by two of St. Cuthbert's ringers, who gave them a kind welcome. After looking round the church, which is very beautiful, especially the small Chapel Shrine, dedicated to the men of the parish who gave their lives in the Great War, the party visited the Zoo, where forces were united again. Here, we are told, the party 'had a glorious time, some seeking relations of other members and feeding them and other animals; the fun was great.' After tea they started out again in small parties to see the city, and meeting again at the station in good time for the return train. The journey back was a pleasant finish off, being kept lively with songs and speeches, the party according thanks to all, including the Vicar, churchwardens, secretary and others who had helped in giving them such a good time. The Vicar replied for himself and joined in the thanks to the absent churchwardens. Thanks are also extended to the Vicar and ringers of St. Cuthbert's Church for their share in the arrangements.

FIVE TWELVE-BELL TOWERS IN A DAY.

On Whit Monday the ringers of St. Laurence-in-Reading carried out a most ambitious programme by ringing at three Staffordshire and two Warwickshire 12-bell towers. Through the kindness and fine organisation of their old friend, Mr. Albert Walker, everything was ready for the visitors at each place. Leaving Reading at 6.18 a.m. by G.W.R., Birmingham was reached at 11 a.m., two trains having been struck off time tables owing to Bank Holiday arrangements. However, St. Martin's bells were going to Cinques at scheduled time and a pleasant hour spent there. Then dinner at the Crown Restaurant, Corporation Street, which was greatly enjoyed. Afterwards at Aston everyone rang Stedman Cinques and paid their respectful homage at the last resting place of the immortal Henry Johnson. Walsall was the next objective. Here again everything was ready and the usual Stedman Cinques went rolling along. Three leads of Treble Twelve were also rung. The beautiful Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, was greatly admired, both inside and out, before climbing the belfry stairs. These bells were liked by all, and a good course of Double Norwich was rung on the back eight to finish the ringing, the only time all day in which less than 12 bells were pulled off. After tea a move was made to West Bromwich, where the party arrived ten minutes before time, but got on with the work, and left for Snow Hill Station, where a suitable farewell was taken of Mr. F. Haynes (St. Martin's Guild Ringing Master), who had given the whole day to the visitors. Will all the ringers who met the party and had things ready at each tower accept the heartfelt thanks of the St. Laurence's ringers, including, of course, the man whom they did not meet, Mr. A. Walker?

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'REIGATIANS' TOUR FIVE COUNTIES.

On Saturday, June 6th, a party of 22 left Reigate by motor-coach in lovely weather for their annual ringers' outing. The first stop was at Barnet. At St. John the Baptist's Church, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. A well-struck course of Cambridge came to grief near the end owing to the tenor rope breaking. In the journey from Barnet to Waltham Holy Cross, four College Youths rang courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples on handbells. At Waltham Abbey, rounds were rung on the twelve, with a touch of Grandsire Caters and three leads of Treble Ten. After dinner at a hotel close to the Abbey, a delay of half an hour was caused before resuming the journey owing to a puncture in a rear wheel. The local inhabitants were entertained to a course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' at the Market Place while the coach driver made a quick 'change-over.'

The best scenery of the day was passed on the road through Epping Forest to Brentwood. Here, at St. Thomas' Church, short touches of

Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Romford being the next objective, most of the ringers were keen on trying the famous peal at the Church of St. Edward. The bells were rung to Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich. An excellent tea was provided at the Golden Lion Hotel. Onwards, through the maze of London traffic, West Ham was reached in just a slight fall of rain. The 'Reigatians' were welcomed at All Saints' Church by four or five local ringers. Good striking was a feature at this tower. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and three leads of Treble Ten were rung, and, to finish the day's ringing, a well-struck course of London Surprise Major was scored with one 'local' to assist. This is the first course rung on a Reigate Society outing.

Homeward bound, the Blackwall Tunnel provided a new experience to some. Passing by Greenwich Observatory and through Beckenham, the borough was again reached by 10 p.m. Special thanks are accorded to all those responsible at the various churches for such an enjoyable day.

SUNDERLAND RINGERS TOUR LAKE DISTRICT.

The ringers of St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, had their annual outing on Wednesday, June 24th. The party consisted of the Rev. P. N. W. Strong (Vicar), the Rev. F. E. Marples (curate), Mr. J. F. Eccles (churchwarden), several other friends and eleven ringers. Leaving Sunderland in a 32-seater coach shortly after 8.30, the first stop was at Barnard Castle; then on through Bowes and across the moors to Appleby and Penrith. Keswick was reached at about 12.30.

An excellent lunch awaited the visitors at the Waverley Hotel, after which some of the party went to Friars Crag to get a view of Derwentwater, and the remainder visited St. Kendrick's, Crosthwaite, a fine old church on the outskirts of Keswick. The bells are a very good peal of eight, with 16 cwt. tenor, and touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were much enjoyed. The ringers stand on the ground floor at the west end of the church, and the following very interesting 'Orders' are inscribed on a tablet nearby:—

You Ringers all, observe these Orders well,
He eight-pence pays who overturns a bell;
He who presumes to ring without consent,
Shall pay one shilling, and it shall be spent.
And he who rings with either Spur or Hat
Shall pay his eight-pence certainly for that.
He who in ringing interrupts a peal,
For such offence shall pay a Quart of Ale;
In falling bells one penny must be paid
By him who stops before the signal's made.
And he who takes God's Holy Name in vain,
Shall pay one shilling and this place refrain.
You ringers all take care, you must not fail
To have your forfeiture spent in Ale.
With heart upright let each true subject ring,
For Health and Peace, for Country, Church and King.

At 3 o'clock a move had to be made homewards, by the side of Bassenthwaite via Bothel and Carlisle, Brampton being reached at 5 o'clock. Here tea at the Howard Arms was followed by hearty thanks to all who had contributed to the day's enjoyment, and the Vicar recited two touching poems, entitled 'The Verger' and 'The Charabanc Sleepers,' which he had composed during the journey, inspired no doubt by the 'shades' of the Lake District poets?

The next stop was at Lanercost Priory, where the party was photographed under the entrance archway, and after a glimpse of Naworth Castle, Hexham was reached at about 9 p.m., where the party had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. G. H. J. Bailey, their late Vicar, now Rector of Patterdale. Sunderland was reached shortly before 11, the general opinion being that the happy combination of weather, district and good company had resulted in one of the best outings the company have ever had.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RINGING.

At St. Mary's Church, Ashford, Kent, on June 23rd, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, H. C. Castle 2, F. Conley 3, G. Swaffer 4, W. Oldfield 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, R. Goldup 8.

At St. Mary's, Ross-on-Wye, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Davies 1, W. T. Poston (conductor) 2, A. Wheelwright (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, J. J. Webb 4, G. Cornwall 5, R. E. Summers 6, W. Colwell 7, H. H. Winney 8.

At Rotherfield, Sussex, on Tuesday evening, June 23rd, after meeting short for Triples, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob): F. Hammond 1, H. R. Butcher 2, A. P. Lewry 3, W. A. Kitchenside 4, E. Bishop, sen. 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, H. Hinson, tenor (covering). Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

At St. John's Church, Bournemouth, on Sunday, June 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Waylen 1, Miss F. M. Childs 2, H. R. Bennett 3, A. G. Rose 4, Miss M. White (conductor) 5, F. B. Lufkin 6, H. Mitchell 7, H. Longman 8. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

DEATH OF AN OLD NOTTINGHAM RINGER.

The death occurred on Thursday, June 25th, of Mr. Albert Lambert, a ringer at St. Mary's, Nottingham, for over 55 years. He had reached the ripe age of 75 years. Not a brilliant ringer, having only three peals to his name, he was one of those steady, useful men to have in a tower, who thought more of Sunday service ringing than peals. He was a prominent Oddfellow, and in his earlier years was connected for a long period with the local Volunteer Regiment.

The interment was conducted by the Vicar, the Right Rev. Bishop Talbot, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Miss Thompson 1-2, G. Peck 3-4, A. Coppock 5-6, R. Narborough 7-8, all of the St. Mary's band. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the new peal at St. Mary's by F. Collings 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, F. Blood 3, G. Peck 4, F. Bradley 5, A. Coppock (conductor) 6, R. Narborough 7, W. Nichols 8.

The deceased just lived long enough to see what he desired most, the renovation of the bells at his beloved church. A permanent memorial is to be placed in the tower.

RETIREMENT OF MR. F. S. WILSON.

Mr. F. S. Wilson, manager of Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Wincanton, has retired after 43 years' service. He is now residing in Mayfield, West Lavington, Midhurst, Sussex.

Before leaving Wincanton he was the recipient of a handsome case of Locwe pipes from the members of his staff, while the Freemasons gave him a large silver cigarette box, inscribed as follows: 'Presented to Wor. Bro. F. S. Wilson, P.P.S.G.W., by the brethren of Science Lodge, No. 437, as a token of esteem and regard and in recognition of his services as secretary, 1930-1936.'

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Rochester on Saturday, July 4th, when 37 members and friends were present from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Crewe, Cheshire, Draycott, Derby Cathedral, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newhall, Newcastle, Rochester, Repton, Sutton, Stoke-on-Trent and Uttoxeter. A peal board was unveiled by Mrs. J. B. Colley, which recorded the first peal of Major on the bells. The board has been given by the ringers who took part.

A service was also held, which was conducted by the Rev. Goering (Vicar of Alton), whilst the Rev. J. B. Colley (Vicar of Rochester) was at the organ. Tea was held at the 'Welcome' house, where a very warm welcome was extended to all present by the Vicar, and Mr. J. W. Bullock, the secretary for Rochester ringers.

The members were very pleased to have with them Messrs. R. T. Holding, J. H. Swinfield, J. Pagett and others.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. B. G. LEEDHAM.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Bertram G. Leedham, of 19, Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield, which took place on Sunday morning at the age of 51 years.

The deceased had been connected with the ringing at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, as towerkeeper and Ringing Master, and had taken part in about sixty peals, although he did not keep any exact record. The news of his sudden death came as a great shock to the ringers of the church. He was of a genial disposition and always ready to oblige anyone in matters connected with ringing. The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 27th, and, favoured with good weather, was attended by a good muster of members and visitors from Aldbourne, Bristol, Faringdon, Nailsea, Southwark and Wootton Bassett.

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to his parish and impressed on them the importance of personal worship.

No meeting was fixed for July, but the August and September meetings will be held at Highworth and Stratton St. Margaret respectively.

The ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, and about 7 p.m. the company adjourned to the neighbouring village of Ashbury, where a meeting of the Oxford Guild was being held.

EDINBURGH RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Friday, June 19th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh, a touch of Grandsire was rung by a joint band of St. Outhbert's and St. Mary's on the occasion of the wedding of the conductor, Mr. Charles R. Raine, and Miss N. Macfarlane. A clock with Westminster chimes had previously been presented by the combined ringers.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Friday, June 19th, at All Saints' Church, Ashover, Derbyshire, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (G. A. Newton's 1,280 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled to mark the passing of Mr. Joseph Revell, for many years an official of this church, who was interred earlier the same day: I. Revell 1, B. Alsopp 2, V. Taylor 3, G. H. Paulson 4, H. Hopkinson 5, T. Dent 6, E. Hopkinson 7, A. W. H. Bowler (conductor) 8. The conductor's first attempt to call a quarter-peal. All the ringers are members of the Midland Counties Association.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 16th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival at Chertsey, Saturday, July 11th. All welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5.15 (1s. each).—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting, originally notified for June 27th, will now be held at Coombe on Saturday, July 11th. Service 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Royal Oak. Towers open: Coombe (6), Bladon (6), Woodstock (8).—W. Evetts, Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Half-fares (up to 2/-) will be paid to members attending. A good, representative attendance is requested for important business meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. A bus will leave the Plough yard at 2.45 p.m.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Nominations are invited for branch secretary.—J. Norton, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. District towers see that you are well represented, and visitors come and be welcome. All ringers should enjoy a pull on these historic bells. Please send a p.c. for tea to A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Twineham on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Half rail fare, maximum 1/6, allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District and the East Grinstead Guild.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. A good attendance is requested for the first joint meeting with the Southern District.—W. Claydon and G. Lambert, Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 11th. The Bells of Bath Abbey will be available from 3-4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, followed by tea and meeting. St. Mark's bells will be available from 3 o'clock, and Twerton after the meeting.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. A number of outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langdale on July 11th. Bells (6) will be ready at 3 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Usk on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fittleworth on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea, Swan Hotel, 5 p.m., 1/- Half fares (max. 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North St., Worthing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, July 11th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Tea given by Rector.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first Summer meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, July 11th, at 2.30. East Midland buses (No. 4) run from Worksop, 1 p.m. and at 20 minute intervals.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Dinham, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Peckleton (not Croft as arranged) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (9d. each) at 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, Leicester. All ringers welcome.—Arthur E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Fletching on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 8th. No rail fares this meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Consett to-morrow, Saturday, July 11th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE FRIENDS WELCOMED.—Please note Halifax Contest at Saddleworth Church, July 18th. Anyone desiring tea (1s. 6d. each) notify Joseph Burgess, West Lodge, Greenfield, near Oldham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1936, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master). Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Owing to Dining Hall not being available on this date, lunch will be served at The Carfax Assembly Rooms, by Messrs. G. Weekes & Co., at 1.30 p.m. Tickets (2/- each) to members (3/- to non-members). Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Gen. Sec. not later than Wednesday, July 15th. Further details will be given on printed notices to each tower.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the New Hall, at a moderate price. Business meeting to follow. Please remember a postcard to E. F. Godfrey, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. This is one of the county's beauty spots.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, July 16th. Ringers and friends from any district will be welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Halewood, on Saturday, July 18th (note change of date). Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea apply Mr. J. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, July 18th. 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 14th, J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Secretary, Yateley, Hants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, July 18th. Tea, 1/3 per head, at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Tower open for ringing on these eight good bells at 2 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, please turn up well.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Burmarsh on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leighton (nr. Spaldwick) on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. Short service. Tea at Churchyard Cottage. Hourly bus service (No. 343 St. Albans-Enfield) passes church each way.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be at Youlgreave, Saturday, July 18th. Will all members and friends who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, July 14th, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, nr. Sheffield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Claverley on Saturday, July 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Please notify me how many for tea as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those attending please make own arrangements for tea, plenty of cafes near the Church. A hearty welcome is extended to all members and friends.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Meeting at Sherfield English on Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 15th please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at S. Stephen-in-Brannel, Saturday, July 18th, 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m., at which tablet, recording the last peal conducted by the late William Pye, will be dedicated by Rev. Canon Windsor.—W. H. R. Trehwella, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leverington, near Wisbech, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Netherbury on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Everybody welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Sec.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with address by the new Rector, Rev. F. A. Sadler. Permission to walk around Ecton Hall grounds after tea. Please notify me early for tea.—A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buriton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at the Five Bells Inn. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea at the Craven Arms Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 18th. Names for tea to Mr. E. E. Taylor, 4, Cheverton Avenue, Withernsea. Cambridge Surprise and other methods for practice.—H. G. Morley, 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Next meeting at Feltham on Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 3.30. Tea at 5. Bedfont bells from 7 to 8 p.m. Advise me re tea, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—The new ring eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chichester on July 18th, at 3 p.m., when the bells will be opened by the Sussex County Association. All ringers welcome. An invitation tea will be served at the Foresters' Arms at 5 p.m. to all those notifying Mr. Oliver Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, not later than July 14th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ashwell on July 18th. Bells (6) available 3.0 p.m. Everyone welcome.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (6) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 3.30. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous. This is *very necessary*.—W. Ayre, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Rodwinter on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Tuesday, July 21st, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Wincott's Cafe for those who notify. Meeting to follow. Six and 8-bell towers also open after.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, by July 22nd. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, SURREY ASSOCIATION, and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of members of these three organisations will be held at Beddington on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5. Tea at the Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, at 1/3 per head. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Chas. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon, not later than Thursday, July 23rd.—G. A. Card, A. H. Smith, F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Bobbing on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, only to those who send a card.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. for which please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 28th.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Froome Bungalow, Mordiford, Hereford.

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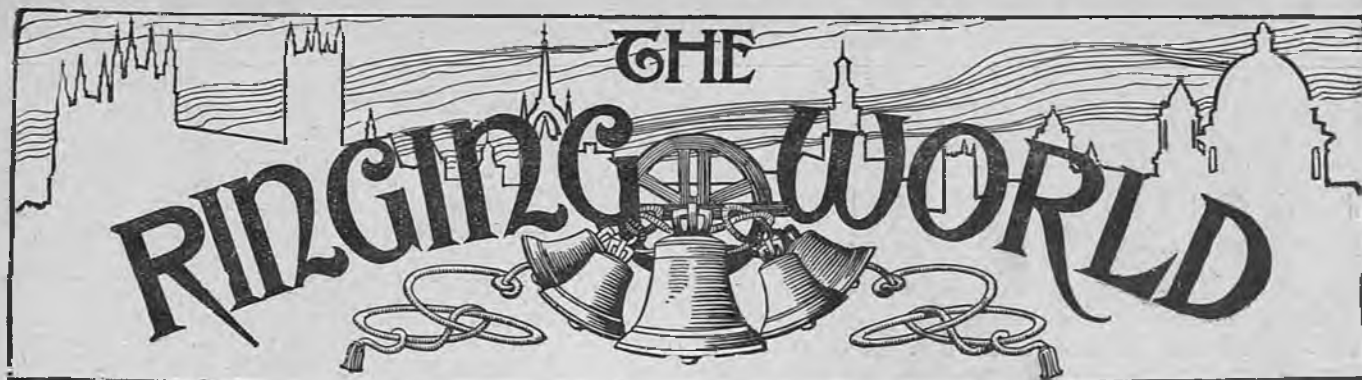
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If a band visits a tower in the area of a neighbouring association it ought, as a matter of courtesy, to credit its peal to the society whose hospitality it enjoys, and a ringer who takes part in such a performance ought to be prepared to pay the nominal subscription which would make him a 'non-resident' member for life. These subscriptions are only a moderate sum and are not a recurring liability; indeed they have been fixed for the very purpose of enabling outside ringers to become members on specially favourable terms. There is very little excuse, therefore, for peals being rung for other than the local territorial association on the ground of the cost, and unless there is a special reason for doing otherwise, there is practically no excuse for a band grabbing a peal for some society other than that which officially covers the area in which the peal is rung. Instances of this kind are not of frequent occurrence—but they do happen. Where however, for any reason, the members of an association desire to ring a peal in another area for their own society, it would smooth away all cause of friction if, as a matter of courtesy, a formal intimation of the intention, if not an actual request for permission, were made to the territorial association concerned.

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GEORGE A. FLEMMING ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
HARRY R. KOPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

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At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... Treble	ALFRED FROST ... 5
ANNIE POTTER ... 2	STANLEY HARRISON ... 7
*CHARLES J. RIDYARD ... 3	CYRIL RADDON ... 8
BENJAMIN T. ALLRED ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
HAROLD JONES ... 5	ARTHUR BORTON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Caters for all except the treble and 9th ringers. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. R. S. Brand to Miss Peggy Brown, which was solemnised at St. Mark's Church earlier in the day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD W. R. COATES ... Treble	†LEONARD C. WEBB ... 5
*HAROLD R. JERMY ... 2	ANDREW L. WHEATLING ... 6
GEORGE LEE ... 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... 7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

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

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*MISS CONSTANCE DITTON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 5
CHARLES RUSH ... 2	STANLEY A. CARTER ... 6
†MICHAEL POLLMAN ... 3	JOSEPH LADLEY ... 7
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 4	PERCY W. SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell. Miss Ditton is 15 years of age and great credit is due to her for the excellent way she rang her bell.

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On Thursday, July 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM PARKER ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
GEORGE BUTLER ... 2	DENNIS HOLLEN ... 6
ARTHUR HINGLEY ... 3	DAVID HINGLEY ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4	BERT HORTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Darlaston, Dr. Lavelle, who was inducted on July 8th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, July 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
JOHN H. CHERESMAN ... 3	*R. GORDON CROSS ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

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

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, July 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
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LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN ... Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROBERT C. HAZEL ... 6
GEORGE DAWSON ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*CHARLES R. COLLINS ... Treble	†BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
JOHN PERRY ... 2	†ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4	*RICHARD T. MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. By a coincidence, this was the 40th peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ERIC B. HARTLEY ... Treble	WALTER F. TYLER ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Triples and in the method.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hughes 1, V. Smith (first quarter-peal) 2, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 3, G. Chappell 4, W. J. Nulton 5, C. Mathers 6, E. Stith 7, J. Weathersby 8. Also as a wedding compliment to C. Hughes.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

A. W. BIRD ... Treble	G. MAYERS ... 4
*E. G. SHORTING ... 2	H. C. READ ... 5
E. BAILEY ... 3	G. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal in four methods 'inside.' First peal on the bells since 1910.

HAWKESHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

W. ROBINSON ... Treble	T. F. HEWERTSON ... 4
C. E. WEBB ... 2	J. SEWELL ... 5
F. COWARD ... 3	T. B. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the completion of Mr. C. E. Webb's fiftieth year of service as a ringer at the above church. The conductor's 100th peal.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... Treble	*HORACE L. WAITE ... 4
†WILLIAM FEAREY ... 2	§GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 5
†JOSEPH HOBBS ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 25th peal. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt. ‡ First peal in three methods and first attempt. § First peal of Minor and first attempt. Rung for the dedication festival.

FRAMPTON.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, London Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JACK GREEN ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4
JOHN R. KEMP ... 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal of Minor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents in 30 methods, viz. :—

- (1) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight.
- (2) Crowland, Abbeyville and St. Werburgh Delight.
- (3) Combermere and Vale Royal Delight.
- (4) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight.
- (6) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.
- (7) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOE WHITTAKER ... Treble	KENNETH LEWIS ... 4
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in more than seven methods. There were 88 changes of method. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. W. Fernley, who stood in at the last minute.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
CHARLES W. WOOD 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, two of Oxford and one of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. E. BRADLEY Treble	EDWARD BRADLEY 4
HORACE S. MORLEY 2	WILLIAM TERRY 5
FRED TERRY 3	ROBERT H. VIGOR Tenor

Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in six methods by all. Rung at the first attempt.

WILDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's (four callings), Grandsire (ten callings) and Bob Doubles (four callings).

*BRIAN F. SIMS Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 3
DONALD COCKINGS 2	REGINALD HOUGHTON 4
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE Tenor	

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First attempt for a peal and aged 15.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday July 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent of College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WALLACE W. COUSINS 5
CECIL B. EBBERSON 3	JOHN A. GODFREY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Size 14 in D.

*HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 7-8

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method and 25th peal together.

FOR BEGINNERS.

STEDMAN.

Those who would like to ring Stedman should not find the task of learning the method a difficult one, although there are some ringers who seem frightened of the very name. They imagine it to be a method full of pitfalls, whereas a little concentrated study should smooth the troubles away.

Unlike most methods, Stedman has no bell 'in the hunt,' which can act as a guide to the others. All the bells concerned do precisely the same work, which consists of three kinds: The slow work, the quick work and the dodging. The 'principle,' as it is termed, is based upon the 'sixes' (to use Fabian Stedman's term). That is to say, the three bells in front ring all the six possible changes which they can produce. Then one goes away and another comes in, and this and the two remaining, again ring all the six possible changes.

While these six changes are in progress all the other bells double dodge in pairs. If it be Doubles that are being rung, then there is one pair double dodging; if it be Triples there are two pairs, and so on. The dodging, of course, should be fairly easily mastered. You stop in your forward progress, either up or down, and step back one place; go forward again one place and step back a second time, before going forward to the next dodging place. After stepping back for the second time, you go forward three places before the next backward step. The actual dodges in Doubles are 4-5 (up) and 5-4 (down); that is, divided only by the whole pull behind.

The 'sixes' are so arranged that in one the three bells hunt in a forward cycle; in the next a backward cycle, and so on alternately. Between them they cause the bells alternately to come in 'slow' and 'quick.' The work of a 'quick' bell is simplicity itself. It leaves the dodging in 5-4 (down), hunts straight in, leads a whole pull, hunts straight out and dodges in 4-5 (up). Then, having dodged in 5-4 (down), the bell has to come in 'slow.' The slow work is the part of the method which perhaps needs the greatest amount of application. It is divided into 'whole turns' and 'half turns.' For practical purposes the term refers to what the bells do at lead. A 'whole turn' consists of a whole pull at lead, one blow in second's and another whole pull at lead. A 'half turn' is just a half pull at lead, i.e., one blow.

When you begin the 'slow work' you leave the 5-4 dodging, and make 3rd's place (a whole pull). Then you go to lead and do the 'first whole turn.' This begins with leading a whole pull wrong (backstroke first and then handstroke). Then you strike one blow in 2nd's, and lead another whole pull—this time the right way (handstroke first and then backstroke). After this you make another whole pull in 3rd's place.

The 'first half turn' follows, and in this you simply go in and lead one blow at handstroke, and then make 3rd's place again.

Next comes the 'last half turn,' which is the reverse of the first; in other words, you go in and lead one blow at backstroke, before once more making 3rd's place.

The slow work concludes with the last whole turn—similar to the first whole turn, but reversed—a whole pull right first, and a whole pull wrong after the one blow in 2nd's place. Then you make 3rd's place and go out into the dodging.

The work occurs thus:—

- 3rd's (right way), First whole turn.
- 3rd's (wrong way), First half turn.
- 3rd's (right way), Last half turn.
- 3rd's (wrong way), Last whole turn.
- 3rd's (right way), Out to the dodging.

Just note this: Between each piece of the slow work 3rd's place is made. The first and last 3rd's are made the right way (handstroke and backstroke), and so is the one between the half turns: but between the whole turns and half turns the 3rd's places are the wrong way (back and hand).

Your first and last whole pulls at lead are the wrong way.

The half turn is sometimes called a 'snap,' and the bell that snaps at your first whole turn, you snap with in your own first half turn.

Your last half turn is with the bell that will snap at lead in your last whole turn.

The slow work and quick work occur alternately, with dodging between.

Stedman does not begin at the beginning of a six. It starts like Grandsire, and in order that you may prick it out for yourself and examine the method thoroughly, here are the first two sixes and the odd piece:—

12345
21354
23145

Continued
34251

32415
23451
24315
42351
43215
34251

43521
45312
54321
53412
35421
34512

43152

One word of advice in the actual ringing. If you want to strike well, get your backstroke leads in smartly, always.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

IN TUNE WITH THE PAST.

A 150 Miles Search for Old Berkshire Bells.

Wherever ringers are gathered together, one invariably finds the conversation turning to 'what we have done,' so it was not inappropriate that the Crawley ringers, with some of their friends, this year chose on July 4th a tour of the old bells in Berkshire for their annual outing. What an ideal day! The temperature was perfect and we started from Crawley on the Alpha coach (a good beginning) at 7.15 a.m. It is said, however, thanks to some overnight training, a few were about well before time.

Very soon a big policeman was doting on the glories of Surrey, which we were seeing at its best and, unknown to our driver, the built-up areas were gallantly displaying the masses of roses which are so much in evidence this year. We sailed gaily along through Reigate, Guildford, Bagshot, Wokingham and arrived at Caversham as per schedule by 9.15 a.m. Just to knock the rust off, a Cambridge start and three leads of Bristol were included in the first touch of 'Spliced,' which was safely brought home before some of the party had finished their patter with Mr. Newman, the local captain, and Mr. Simmonds, who were receiving all the twenty, one by one, and ruminating on times gone by when the Caversham band were on the top rungs of the ladder—there are many towers which have not since been visited by better bands than the Caversham tourists of those days. The old bells, recently put on ball bearings locally, gave one the impression that something more, though not drastic, would be desirable.



EAST ILSLEY CHURCH.

Just a short run to Goring, where we were met by Mr. Bower, with the bells up ready, and quickly this little 8 cwt. musical box was going 'around and around'—so much so indeed that one 'old gentleman' became confused between the 4th and 6th although it was only just 10.30 a.m. This peal was recast by Mears in 1929, and one of the old bells, cast about 1285 by Richard de Wymbis, hangs on a bracket in the church. We next had the pleasure of a ring with the local man at Cholsey, Mr. Fletcher, who was the first to tell us of the lack of Sunday service ringers. It was nice to ring on six for a change and several showed special interest in the part Norman, Maltese Cross Church and an enormous yew, which they measured as 16ft. in circumference. However, when Mr. Fletcher said he wished he had our 'side,' a tonic appeared to be called for, although some were already busy on the one 'R,' one 'B' principle. On to Wallingford for lunch (skip it), and St. Matthew's with its peal of eight by Lester and Pack, 1738, where we exercised ourselves with Stedman, Bristol, etc., on 'bells for men,' tenor 21 cwt. After a 'very tidy' fall in peal, we bid adieu to Mr. Norris, who had 'kindly met us and had everything in readiness' as the best reporters say.

Another little jaunt and we reached Harwell. Some of these bells date back to Carter 1590, six were restored and the peal augmented to eight by Taylor, 1932—a very fine job. We thoroughly enjoyed the ringing. Rutland was included and in this quiet out-of-the-way spot the bells could be heard to advantage outside as well as in. Cherries, straight from the orchard, were being eagerly bought from a charming 'young miss.'—Yes! We had a complete bachelors' band, married men's band and all sorts of other things. Mr. Hitchman was anxious to get back to his work, but maybe he's responsible for the local young ladies, for he stayed on, and, let's hope, has no bad report to make. Our next tower was East Ilsley, tenor 8½ cwt., by Robert Atton, 1625; bells rebung and three trebles added by Mears, 1921. A splendid little peal these, and the motto is 'Catch the sally high.' This was our last eight, so we finished with a nice touch of 'Spliced.'

Our tea never looked like being in doubt, with Mr. Hibbert to provide it. There it was, all laid out under the drooping ash, and, oh! boy, those lardy cakes! It was, as we say in Sussex, some sense. There was so much of interest, the delightful garden, the relics of wild animals shot by Mr. Hibbert in India, which his son, who is one of the local ringers, showed us, racing stables and so on—perhaps Mr. Curtis will forgive us for the late arrival at Newbury—our last call.

What a fine peal of ten awaited us at Newbury—tenor 21½ cwt. in D and they go like tops. The back eight are by Wells, of Albourne, 1803, and were done up by Mears, 1929, who added two trebles subsequently. As it was, we rang two courses of Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, but would have liked a lot more. It was a real pleasure.

After just a quick 'Here's health' with Mr. Curtis and his colleagues, we had to make tracks for home via King's Cleary, Basingstoke and Hook, where we pulled up at the Dorchester Arms to knock off a few bar-billiards finals which had been outstanding since lunch time, and, having stayed there till 'time,' there were no further stops of interest, so we journeyed on via Farnham and Hog's Back to Guildford, Reigate, and so home. We must have done about 150 miles all day. Everyone voted it an exceedingly enjoyable outing, and, looking back over the bells, one feels a special regard to those old ones that keep their place in a peal because of their worth, regardless of time moving on.

All the arrangements for the trip were under the personal direction of Mr. Oliver Sippetts, lyrics by Kenneth Snelling, T. Pavey as the 'Compleat Angler,' 'Dusty' by himself, supported by various gentlemen-at-arms over a certain amusement park they failed to locate.

A 200 MILES' TRIP.

The St. John the Baptist (Hillingdon) Guild held their tenth annual outing on the first Saturday in July. Together with several friends, a motor-coach tour was made through the counties of Bucks, Berks, Oxon and Gloucestershire. Departing from headquarters at 7.30 a.m., various wives, sweethearts and friends were picked up in Uxbridge and the party proceeded to Wantage via Maidenhead and Henley. Here Steeplekeeper Fred was called upon to deal with the tenor rope before ringing commenced. The eight bells, tenor 22 cwt., were rung to various methods in good style considering the early hour! Hot coffee and cakes went down well here, too!

Fairford, on the edge of the Cotswold country, is a quiet old town, with houses mostly built of stone and possessing a fine church with a central tower. The church was the attraction, of course, and the visitors divided their time between ringing and inspecting the world-famed stained glass in the windows. The wonderful west window was described in detail by the local guide, who appeared to take a peculiar relish in pointing out the delights(?) of Hades as portrayed in the glass! The aforesaid guide, incidentally, was found to be related to some of the visitors, one of whom at the age of 85 was revisiting the scenes of her childhood days. The bells, a very fine ring of eight, tenor 17½ cwt., were rung to short touches. There is 70ft. of rope and the ringers stand at the foot of the chancel steps. The ringers received a well deserved rebuke here for not rising the bells in peal, which they must take to heart and ring up as well as down!

Cirencester was reached at midday and the first task was a hearty lunch at Messrs. Vipers. Later, Holy Trinity, Watermoor, was visited and the excellent ring of eight, tenor 20 cwt., rung. Had not some of the visitors been so loth to leave the festive board, a wedding party would have had the unexpected pleasure of having bells as well as choir. As it was, they (the ringers) arrived in time to see the choirboys scamper away!

After Cirencester came the best part of the tour. Minchinhampton Common (you could almost smell the sea up there!); Stroud, in the valley; Painswick, complete with a Paradise and Adam and Eve (closed); Birdlip and Northleach are places long to be remembered. The party had a glimpse of the Severn, saw the Vale of Evesham rolling away to the North Cotswolds, while Malvern Hills loomed up on the misty horizon to the west. The coach ascended to nearly a thousand feet at one point, and practically baked the driver in so doing!

The twelve bells of Painswick, one of the best rings in the country, with a tenor of 26½ cwt., were rung and enjoyed by both ringers and listeners alike. Another good ring was found at Northleach, the tenor of the octave being 18½ cwt. Ringing here was curtailed to keep up to the secretary-bloke's schedule, but the ringers were again admonished before departure about not rising in peal!

The Swan at Burford is famous for catering for hungry cyclists. Miss Lomas must now know that hungry ringers are even a more difficult proposition. The way that meat tea disappeared kept the attendants in a state of silent awe! The Church of St. John the Baptist was eventually visited, and here was found another good ring of eight, tenor 18 cwt. The glimpse of the beautiful Cotswolds through the belfry window whilst ringing will long be remembered by the scribe.

By-passing Oxford, a final halt was made at Tetworth, to try the new ring of six there. Of very sweet tone, the whole peal hardly weigh a ton, tenor 4½ cwt. The Rev. S. J. Nightingale, Vicar, arrived in time for a chat and a further invitation to the village. After suitable refreshment, the last stage of a strenuous day was completed and St. John's reached about 10.30 p.m. It was a happy day, favoured

by fair weather. The ringing, never excellent, was good for the occasion, methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, with a touch of Stedman Cinques thrown in. Seven towers were 'snatched' and new friends made, and that is what makes ringers' outings so enjoyable.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT MIRFIELD AND OSSETT.

This year the Sheffield Cathedral company, accompanied by a few friends, visited Mirfield and Ossett for their annual outing. Owing to a number of the company not being able to leave work in the morning, the journey was made by coach at 1.30 p.m. from the Cathedral via the lovely Oughtibridge valley, through Stocksbridge and over the Langsett moors, and through some delightful scenery before entering Huddersfield. After passing through the town and making their way up the hill, the party soon saw the noble tower of Mirfield standing out in bold relief. On arrival they were met by Mr. Allen Robinson and some of his colleagues, who kindly had the bells up ready and gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Forward Royal were rung for over an hour on this splendid peal of bells, by John Taylor and Co. (tenor 30 cwt.). The 'go' was excellent, but, like most heavy peals, the bells have a stately swing of their own and refused to be hurried or even drawn out of their noble grandeur. After tendering thanks and being 'spick and span' and carried out with all consideration for the Ossett through what appeared to be one endless town until at length the fine spire, which was the ringers' destination, came into view.

The coach had not actually stopped before Mr. George Bennett came alongside bidding them welcome. Then to the Flying Horse Inn, where an excellent tea was in readiness, provided by Host D. Hunt.

Afterwards, escorted by Mr. Bennett, the ringers made their way to the tower, where they first inspected the fine peal of ten bells (tenor 27 cwt.), recently installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. on ball bearings in an iron frame in their well-known workmanlike manner, everything being 'spick and span' and carried out with all consideration for the ringers. Incidentally it was noticed that room was still left for another pair of trebles on the same level, and it is hoped that these will be added at some future date. And then, what a peal!

Likewise there is a large and excellent ringing chamber, beautifully fitted up with everything for comfort. With just a bit of carpet to relieve the bare floor and produce that homely effect so essential nowadays, it would be a veritable palace compared with a great many others.

As everyone had been looking forward to ring on this delightful peal, the bells were soon raised, and touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Forward Royal and a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal brought round in excellent style, each ringer doing his best, to the satisfaction of the local men. The unanimous impression gained was that if one cannot strike his bell at Ossett, he cannot ring at all.

Both as all were to leave the bells, the party perforce wended their way back to the Flying Horse for an hour's conviviality, some to recall past memories and others to make their acquaintance with the bowling green attached to the inn, where they had left the chief verger, not knowing until then that he was a very 'ace' at this game. What a surprise!

The return journey was commenced at 9.30 p.m., and, travelling by way of Wakefield and Barnsley, the old home pile was reached at 11 p.m. Thus ended another of the traditional outings much enjoyed by everyone.

The best thanks of the party are herewith confirmed to all who so kindly assisted toward the arrangements, especially Mr. Bennett, who did everything that could be desired, and to the Vicars of Mirfield and Ossett for their spontaneous permission given for the use of the bells.

S. F. D.

WESTMINSTER RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 4th, the towers selected being in the counties of Herts, Beds and Bucks. A start was made soon after eight o'clock from this famous West End church, and, after picking up two of the company at Park Royal, Rickmansworth was reached about 9.20. Time allowed only two touches on this recently augmented ten, one of Stedman Caters and a very good half-course of Cambridge Royal. A quick run through Chorley Wood, Chenies and Chesham, and Northchurch was reached. Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung to the satisfaction of ringers and listeners alike on another lately augmented peal. The journey was then continued through some most beautiful country to the grand Priory Church at Dunstable. The introductory effort here was a course of London, followed by a touch of Spliced Surprise in the four usual methods, finishing with a 167 Grandsire Triples, which, on this lovely peal, was unanimously agreed to be a welcome and pleasing variation.

After dinner at Dunstable, the tour was continued to Leighton Buzzard. Here, it was found, a wedding was about to be solemnised which slightly delayed the programme, but the happy couple were fortunate in having a course of Surprise Royal, half Yorkshire and half Cambridge, rung for them as they left the church. A short touch of Stedman Caters terminated the proceedings.

At Stoke Mandeville upon a small peal of eight, in a small tower, in a small village, Bristol, Superlative and Stedman Triples were the methods rung. The Vicar welcomed the party and said how pleased he was to have the bells rung. He had taught some boys himself several Minor methods, but the usual village tale had to be told; the inevitable had followed, a depleted band and progress stopped.

Haddenham was the last call of the day. Tea was partaken of at an old farm house, and ringing commenced with another touch of Spliced Surprise Major, followed by courses of Bristol and Yorkshire. A pleasant social half-hour was spent in the village, and the homeward journey provided a lovely run through High Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Uxbridge, Westminster being reached at 10.30. Thanks are tendered to all the incumbents and towerkeepers for permission to ring and the arrangements made. One more happy day was thus added to the list of 'annuals,' which started in 1925.

G. M. K.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION SOUTH WALES RESTORATIONS AND AUGMENTATIONS.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association took place at Usk on Saturday last, when a good number attended. The bells, described by those who heard them for the first time as the best they ever heard, are the product of the Loughborough Foundry, were raised at 3 o'clock and rung in various methods.

A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Davies, and tea was served in the Schoolroom, over 70 sitting down to enjoy the hospitality of the Vicar and churchwardens, the helpers including the ringers' wives.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar, by whom a cordial welcome was given to all present.

In connection with restorations and augmentations, it was reported that the rehanging of Bonvilston bells was in the hands of the bell-hangers, the order for two bells to complete the octave at Llanfrecfa tower had been given to the bellfounders, and it had been definitely decided to place in Ebbw Vale tower a new ring of eight bells, which meant another octave for Monmouthshire.

Applications for assistance for the schemes at Bonvilston and Llanfrecfa were recommended, and it was decided that these should be dealt with at the next annual meeting.

Mr. David, of Llangynydd, near Bridgend, then announced that a scheme is in hand to recast the six bells there and to complete the octave, and asked if the same assistance could be given. This, too, was recommended for decision at the next annual meeting.

The report of the Central Council meeting in London was given by the hon. secretary, who pleaded that all possible should be done to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World' by every ringer present in the room and in their respective towers.

The next Glamorgan meeting will be held at Newton Nottage, Portcawl, early in September. It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Caerleon.

Several new members were elected from Llanfrecfa, Llandaff, Llanishen and Cardiff, which concluded the business.

Councillor Horsington, of Abergavenny, very ably proposed the heartiest thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service, for presiding at the meeting, and to the churchwardens for providing a meat tea, and to the ladies for their kindness in attending on all.—The Vicar suitably replied.

The bells were afterwards kept going until late, bringing to a close a splendid, enthusiastic and pleasant meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT RECEIVES CIVIC WELCOME AT RAMSGATE.

The Canterbury District of the Kent County Association held the summer meeting at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday.

The peal of ten bells were available from 3 p.m., and good use was made of them until 4.30, when a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper, who also gave a short address.

After tea the company were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Ramsgate, Alderman and Mrs. Steed, who afforded them a civic welcome. They were introduced by the Vicar, who said 'that under all the dignity of his office, the Mayor was really a good man at heart,' and later in his speech caused much amusement by telling his hearers that the Mayor had been entertaining the 'Daily Mirror Eight,' and that during the following week was due to take the Carnival Queen over to Calais.

The Mayor, in reply, said that he was very pleased to be able to attend their tea, and to give them a civic welcome. He went on to describe the amenities of Ramsgate, and told them that they all ought to live in Ramsgate, as they would then be sure to reach an old age, through the benefits of their sea air.

The district secretary, on behalf of the members, briefly replied. At the business meeting which followed, with the Vicar in the chair, two new members were elected, the amended rules were agreed to, with one dissentient, and Wingham was chosen as the venue of the next by-meeting.

The Vicar was heartily thanked for the use of the bells and for the service.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

'THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD.'

Mr. W. H. Fussell, 19, Farnburn Avenue, Slough, would be much obliged if some old member of the Exercise could kindly supply him with the following weekly issues of 'The Bells News,' years 1903 and 1904, all the numbers from January to December for each year, and the following odd copies, Nos. 1,213, 1,278 and 1,611. Also volumes No. 9 and 10, for the two years from March, 1890, to March, 1892.

WELL-KNOWN YORKS RINGING FAMILY BEREAVED.

Mr. J. W. Moorhouse and family, who are well known in the ringing world, suffered a sad bereavement by the sudden death of Mrs. Moorhouse on June 25th. She was a lady of very happy disposition and was known to a large number of ringers.

The sympathy of all the members of the Yorkshire Association, as well as those ringers in other parts of the country who knew Mrs. Moorhouse, will go out to those who are left to mourn.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held a meeting at Acle, which was attended by 35 members. Tea, to which 27 members sat down, was presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. W. J. Lee, who was supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary), Mr. J. Harwood (Eastern Branch secretary) and Mr. F. Nolan Golden (secretary of the Northern and Southern Branches).

At the meeting which followed, Mr. Golden brought to the notice of those present the need for wider circulation for 'The Ringing World,' and asked all ringers to give it their wholehearted support. He pointed out the benefits which ringers could derive from 'The Ringing World,' and said that with a greater circulation a cheaper paper could be provided.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Geoffrey Priest, of the Acle company, for providing the tea and for the excellent arrangements he had made.

Ringing took place in the afternoon and was resumed in the evening up to 10 p.m. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung singly and spliced, Cambridge, York and London Surprise Minor and Double Oxford.

Members were present from Norwich, Yarmouth, Wymondham, Wroxham, Halvergate, Reedham, Gorleston and Norton.

The thanks of the branch are accorded to the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Williams) for the use of the bells, which are a good six, and also of the Church Rooms.

BARNSELY ASSOCIATION'S SHIELD CONTEST.**LIVERSEDGE WIN AGAIN.**

A meeting and shield contest of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Five bands entered for the competition, and were drawn as follows: 1 New Mill, 2 Holmfirth, 3 Wath, 4 Liversedge, 5 Sandal. The test piece was 720 of any method. Liversedge rang Cambridge Surprise; the others rang Oxford Treble Bob. It was about 7.30 when the last band came down from the tower.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. H. Coney) presiding.

Wortley was selected for the next meeting. The judge (Mr. W. Idle) presented his report as follows: Liversedge, 57 faults; Holmfirth, 71; New Mill, 154; Sandal, 175; Wath, 220. Liversedge were thus the winners, and each member of the band received a case of cutlery. Liversedge have won the shield for two successive years.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the ringers and hoped to see more of them in future. Afterwards some of the visitors went to the tower for further ringing until 9 p.m., when another pleasant gathering was brought to a close.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The meeting at Moreton Corbet is looked forward to with pleasure, and that of July 4th was favoured with an ideal day and all that is conducive to the enjoyment of both ringers and the ladies who accompanied them.

The Rector, the Rev. E. C. Pigot, who is treasurer of the association, had prepared the warmest of welcomes. The Rectory adjoins the church, and in the intervals between visits to the tower the ringers wandered in the garden or played bowls or putted on the lawn.

About 40 ringers, including visitors from Chester, the Potteries, etc., enjoyed the tea which they found prepared for them in various buildings, the ladies being cared for in the Rectory. A service was held in the beautiful little church, a short address being given by the Rev. E. C. Pigot.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector was carried with acclamation, and the staff and the organist were also included.

A good standard of ringing was maintained, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise. A party who made the short journey to Stanton were rewarded with several touches on a pleasing ring, which, however, needed a little more handling than the almost model peal at Moreton Corbet.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been awarded the contract to instal a heavy chime of bells, with a 24 ton hour bell, together with a large chiming clock, with 4ft. 10in. diameter Neon illuminated dials, in the tower of the new Town Hall, now nearing completion, at Luton. The old Town Hall was destroyed by fire, and the new building is being erected in a position commanding the main thoroughfare in the town.

Now that structural alterations are completed, ringing will be carried on as usual at Portsmouth Cathedral.

The outing of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to-morrow promises a pleasant afternoon. A visit will be paid to Thames-side towers in Berks, and the coach will pick up at Hershham (2 p.m.), Walton, Weybridge and Egham (2.30 p.m.). There are two or three vacant seats to be had, and the fare, including tea, is only 4s. 6d.

Press references to bellringing are to be found in strange places in these days. 'The Civil and Military Gazette,' published in India, in its issue of May 8th, reproduced the article from 'The Morning Post' of some months ago containing an interview with the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Although we concluded the publication of our 'Roll of Honour' some weeks ago, this week's mail from New Zealand has brought another name, which must be added: Mr. Cornelius Charge, of Auckland.

The bells of St. John-at-Hackney were rung on Saturday, July 4th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Start, the Ringing Master. Mr. Start is training a band at this church.

PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry to inform my friends who took part that I have to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Warnham, Sussex, on June 27th, as, through my own fault, it was false.

A. H. PULLING.

THE LATE MR. B. G. LEEDHAM.

FUNERAL AT SUTTON COLDFIELD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Bertram G. Leedham, of Sutton Coldfield, took place on Thursday, July 8th. The deceased was taken into the Parish Church overnight, where the first portion of the service was held. The officiating clergy were the Rev. G. L. H. Harvey (Rector of Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield) and the Rev. W. W. Holdcroft (Rector of Armitage), who, prior to entering the ministry, owned the business in which deceased was employed. The Rev. G. L. H. Harvey, in a brief address, spoke of the loyal services Mr. Leedham had given to the church during his ringing career and the very kindly way in which he treated everyone with whom he came in contact. He expressed sympathy with the widow and family.

The cortege then proceeded to the cemetery, where the interment took place, the committal prayers being said by the Rector. There was a large number of floral tributes, including one from the ringers of the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, and one from the St. Martin's Guild, of which the deceased was a member. The bearers were ringers, Messrs. W. G. Anker, H. Hall, N. Burgess, E. Roper, J. W. Reynolds and W. H. Funge, all from the Parish Church. The British Legion was represented by Mr. McEath, and Messrs. G. F. Swann and J. Preston represented St. Martin's Guild.

In the evening the ringers of the Parish Church, assisted by several members of the Guild, rang touches of Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled to the memory of their late comrade, the ringing concluding with the 'whole pull and stand,' the bells fading out, one by one.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The summer meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Chaddesley Corbett, a very pleasant spot in the country near Kidderminster, where there is quite a nice peal of eight. Unfortunately the weather was anything but settled; in fact, there was a thunderstorm in the afternoon which necessitated tea being taken indoors instead of out in the open.

The weather obviously had its effect on the attendance, as there were only about 35 members present. However, those who attended had a pleasant time.

Owing to the absence of the Vicar, it was not possible to have a service in church, so the afternoon was taken up with ringing.

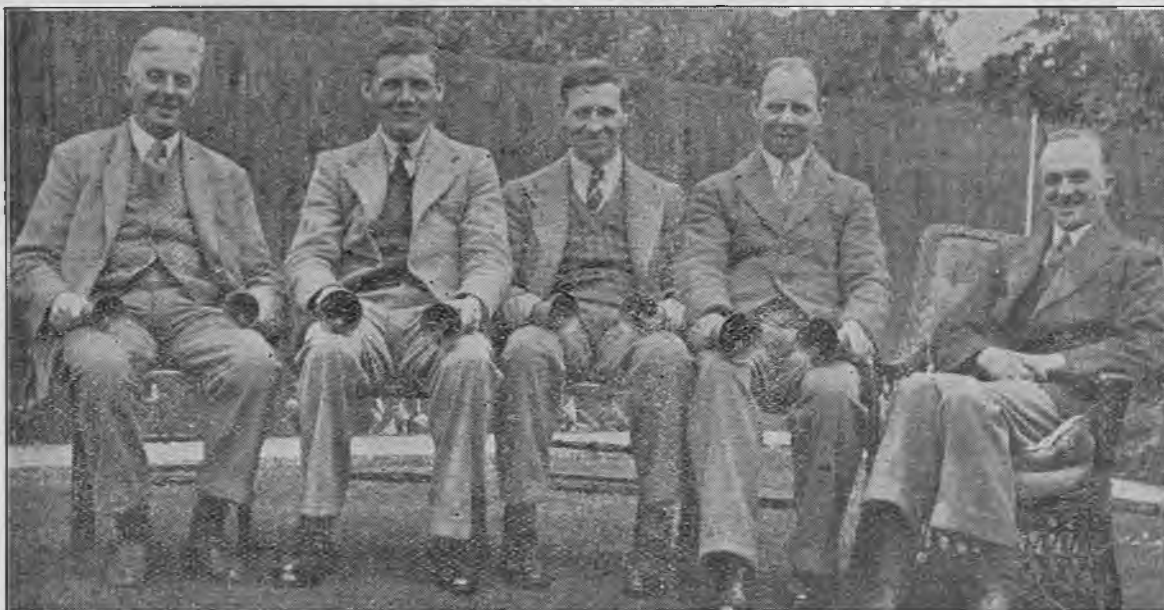
At the business meeting, which was held in the belfry, the Association Ringing Master, Mr. William Short, took the chair, supported by Mr. Thomas Hemming, Branch Master.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting in September at Brierley Hill.

The secretary reminded the members that it was at the next meeting that the annual election of officers of the branch took place.

Sympathetic reference was made to the fact that Mr. Robert Matthews had had to go to hospital on account of trouble with his foot, and wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery.

NO WONDER THEY SMILE!



THE OXHEY HANDBELL BAND,

Who have rung four peals in four Spliced Surprise Methods, as well as peals in two and three Spliced Surprise Methods.

From left to right the ringers are: Henry Hodgetts, Christopher W. Woolley, Harold G. Cashmore and Frederick W. Brinklow, with S. H. Hoare (umpire).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING IN ANCIENT SURREY TOWN.

Chertsey, where in 686 Erkenwald founded a monastery, from which centre he evangelised the north-west part of Surrey, was the venue of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's summer festival on Saturday. The Parish Church was probably built in the 13th century, and the western tower is possibly the oldest surviving portion. The chancel may be of a little later date, with a fine 14th century roof, but the nave, rebuilt about a hundred years ago, is rather garishly decorated in a style that, to some tastes at any rate, strike a somewhat jarring note.

There is a ring of eight bells in the tower, a mixed lot, but of considerable interest. The fifth, cast about the year 1310, is called the 'Abbey' bell. It is said to have been brought from the Abbey soon after the church was built, and, according to legend, was the original bell concerned in the incident, about which was written the poem, 'Curfew shall not ring to-night.' In Chertsey the 7th is known as the 'Armada Bell,' because it is dated 1588. It was cast by Robert Mot, of Whitechapel. It bears his circular stamp with his initials as well as the words, 'Robertus mot me fecit, 1588.'

William Eldridge, a Chertsey bellfounder, cast the 6th in 1712, and that fact makes Chertsey interesting from the bell antiquarian's standpoint. Bryan Eldridge was probably the first of the Chertsey founders. He was a descendant of the Wokingham founders of the same name, who subsequently set up in business at Horsham. There are a number of bells in Surrey bearing his name, and dates from 1619 to 1638, and it is surmised that he established his foundry in Chertsey in the former year. At his death the business passed to his son Bryan, the younger, who spelt his name 'Eldridge.' William, who cast the bell in Chertsey tower, was a brother of the younger Bryan. He died at the age of 82 in the year 1716, and with him the Chertsey foundry came to an end.

The Guildford Guild's gathering brought together a large party despite a showery day. The ringing was carried out under the direction of the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), and varied from rounds to Surprise methods.

The customary service was held, and, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Wanstall) through indisposition, was conducted by the Rural Dean (Canon Tringham), who gave an address on 'Worship.'

Afterwards a company of over 60 sat down to tea, the Master presiding. He thanked Canon Tringham for his address, and the Vicar for having permitted the festival to be held in Chertsey, expressing the hope that Mr. Wanstall would quickly recover his health.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. general secretary) welcomed the visitors, among them Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT TWINEHAM.

On Saturday, July 11th, a very successful meeting of the Southern Division was held at the five-bell tower of Twineham, an isolated Sussex village of 280 inhabitants. Of the pleasant peal of five, two bells date back to Reformation times, while the tenor was recast and two trebles added by Mears in 1912.

No meeting of the association had previously been held there, and, despite somewhat unpromising weather and the difficulties of transport, 24 ringers were present. The bells were kept going to a variety of methods, including St. Simon's, New Doubles and Stedman's Slow Course, besides the more usual ones of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Grandsire with the fifth and third doing treble work.

A break for service was made at 4.30, when the Rector, the Rev. E. Pierce-Seriven, gave an interesting address, in which he took the opportunity of welcoming the visitors and thanking the local ringers for their services to the church, both in the belfry and the choir.

The tea was by kind invitation of Col. McKergow, who has the distinction of having been churchwarden at Twineham for 43 years.

At the business meeting which followed, two new members were elected from Burgess Hill, viz., H. Erricker and A. Powell, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting so successful.

More ringing took place in the evening until 8.30, when the bells were rung down in peal in faultless style by the local band.

QUEEN MARY'S BIRTHDAY.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Tuesday, May 26th, to celebrate the 69th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hughes (first quarter-peal) 1, R. V. Fuller 2, J. Read 3, A. Hardiman 4, H. King 5, S. Meadows 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

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Association), Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, Mr. W. Williams, of London, and Mr. F. Corke and others from Uxbridge, and said he was glad to see amongst them once more, after a long absence, Mr. William Shepherd.

A retiring collection for the Guild Benevolent Fund amounted to 12s. The Leatherhead District contingent, who arrived together by motor-coach, paid a visit earlier in the afternoon to Albury and Aldershot. Altogether the festival proved a very successful gathering.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE RINGING.

Some 70 members, representing 21 towers, as well as visitors from Bristol and Newport, attended the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Minehead on July 4th. Touches were rung on the bells of St. Michael's (Minehead), Dunster and Carhampton Churches, and after the association form of service, conducted in St. Michael's Church by the Rev. W. Armitage (deputising for the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Knapp-Fisher), tea was followed by the annual meeting, at which the chair was occupied for the first items on the agenda by Mr. Th. Grant, of Bath. The report and balance sheets were adopted.

After referring to the deeply-regretted death of the Master (the Rev. E. C. S. Lock, of West Pennard), Mr. J. T. Dyke, the hon. secretary, in his report, recorded that the association continued to grow. The outstanding performances of the past year on tower bells were peals of London, Bristol, Superlative and Surprise Minor, on which bands of ringers at Taunton, Wilton and Chilcompton were to be congratulated. He made particular reference also to a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells at Taunton, and pointed out that though handbell ringing required a different technique from ringing on tower bells, there was no doubt handbell ringing led to improved striking on tower bells. The report mentioned that a Jubilee peal at Timsbury was due to the determination of the conductor, who, with a broken leg, sat in the tower and called the peal.

Following a reference to progress made as a result of regular weekly practices organised by Mr. H. J. Sanger, of Evercreech, the report recorded progress in service ringing—the primary object of the association. Mr. Dyke observed that it was an axiom that keen ringers were the most regular of service ringers. Nothing in the way of practice ringing should be done for service. It should be what a band could do best, even if it were only call changes. Occasionally there were reasons why bells could not be rung twice on Sundays, but he felt there was room for an increase in service ringing. In many towers the bells were rung longer and oftener for practice than for service, and clergy sometimes had a legitimate grievance in this respect. Churchmanship should come first, and then there would be no room for criticism.

INFREQUENT BROADCASTING.

Mr. Dyke commented on the very infrequent broadcasting of Somerset bells, and expressed the hope that should any Somerset ringers be asked to broadcast, they would make careful preparation in selection of the band and the method to be rung, and arrange that the bells came into rounds before the announcer gave details of the service. Somerset ringers did not want aspersions cast on their striking through lack of organisation.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £70 11s., but the report pointed out that owing to a fall in branch returns and increased expenses, the association was unable to transfer any money to the Bell Fund, on which, however, there was a satisfactory balance.

Mr. J. Hunt, Taunton (representative to the Central Council) mentioned that a well-known London ringer, Mr. J. E. Davis, had patented a method to avoid complaints of noisy bells. The system, said Mr. Hunt, consisted of attaching to either side of the ball of the clapper of each bell a piece of leather (thick or thin, as the case might be according to the size of the bells) covered with a thin steel plate. The president of the Central Council had described the method as very effective. Mr. Hunt mentioned that the cost of applying the system to a peal of eight bells would be £2.

Referring to the importance of maintaining 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Hunt said the association would have to consider a suggestion of associations throughout the country subscribing 30s. or £2 to subsidise the journal.

NEW MASTER.

At the instance of Mr. Hunt, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, of Binegar, Bath, who presided, was elected Master in succession to the late Rev. E. C. S. Lock; and also on the proposal of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. George Stacey (Minehead), it was decided that Mr. Dyke should arrange for the erection of an inscribed tablet of bell metal in West Pennard Church in grateful memory of Mr. Lock.

Mr. Dyke was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and thanked for his work.

Curry Rivel, Street, Glastonbury, and Wedmore were selected as the venues for quarterly meetings during the ensuing year, on the proposal of Mr. C. Evans, Bridgewater.

The association was welcomed to Minehead by Mr. Armitage, and grateful thanks were passed to him and also to Mrs. Quinn, who arranged the tea, and to others who helped to make the meeting successful.

SWINDON'S VETERAN.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, on Tuesday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. H. Shepherd 1, A. Lawrence 2, C. J. Gardiner 3, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 4, A. G. Wells (first quarter-peal) 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, E. J. Berry 7, W. A. Bullock 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Lawrence and Daniell. Mr. Lawrence is 81 years of age and has been a ringer at this church for upwards of 65 years. He is a pattern to many a younger man. Despite his age, he is noted for his punctuality and regularity.

BELL BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

PUBLIC AND RINGERS WOULD APPRECIATE IMPROVEMENT.
Sir,—Mr. Ridyard does not reply to the question asked in the second paragraph of my previous letter, but I am very pleased to note that the matter which was ventilated at the Central Council meeting, viz., the quality of the ringing in some recent broadcasts, may be discussed at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Lancashire Association.

I can well imagine that the officials and members of that association will welcome the opportunity of offering helpful suggestions and guidance to ringers at towers from which bell broadcasts may be arranged in the future, and any improvement that could be effected would most surely be appreciated by the public generally and ringers in particular.
A. PADDON SMITH.

Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

'THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY.'

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter re the St. Helens broadcast, I wish to say that if any of my statements at the Central Council meeting were inaccurate, I apologise to the St. Helens ringers.

With regard to my statement regarding the discouraging of the ringing of rounds and call changes for broadcasts, I have no desire to withdraw that. The St. Helens men most certainly did the right thing when they rang rounds and call changes for their broadcast, and that they received congratulations seems to me the only bright spot in connection with recent Lancashire broadcasts.

For my own part, I think that ten to fifteen minutes is far too long to be ringing rounds and call changes for a broadcast. Those who have the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book can read for themselves what used to happen when bands of expert ringers went on tour in Devonshire and Cornwall. When some of the band were engaged in peal ringing, those who stood out were endeavouring to persuade the local ringers to learn 'the much more excellent way' of change ringing as compared to stoney, etc.

In my opinion, the B.B.C. ought now to discontinue the interval broadcast of Bow Bells, and instead of the call changes which we at present get, substitute and have recorded for reproduction through the microphone a touch of change ringing. I feel sure the band who rang the call changes could ring an equally well-struck touch of changes.
GEORGE R. NEWTON.

A SUCCESSFUL BROADCAST.

Dear Sir,—I listened to the broadcast of the bells from Wilmalaw Parish Church on Sunday afternoon and thought that the Doubles they rang were excellent. Non-ringing friends in the room also remarked how nice they sounded, and, of course, were not a bit concerned about the method. Surely no other method could have sounded better on these bells, because the bells were well struck.

I venture to suggest that the non-ringer listener prefers to hear the tenor behind, however humble the method may be.

Although change ringers probably like to hear the most advanced methods rung, we must not be too selfish and overlook the fact that ringers form a very small percentage of the listeners (probably not more than one per cent.), and it is our object to please and win over the 99 per cent.
W. CYRIL SMITH.

Sutton, Surrey.

ARCHBISHOP DEDICATES JUBILEE BELL

NEW TREBLE ADDED AT WAREHORNE CHURCH, KENT.

A new treble bell, dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury before it was hung, has been added to the ring of five at Warehorne Church, Kent, which stands at the edge of Romney Marsh and the Weald of Kent. The church is in the patronage of H.M. the King, acting through the Lord Chancellor. The old tower contained five bells in 1625, and in 1770 the tower was struck by lightning and the structure fell. The tower was rebuilt, and in 1776 another stage added and the present bell frame put in, with the extra framing for a sixth bell.

In 1913 the 3rd and 4th bells were recast and the old frame strengthened by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, Suffolk. At that time a new bell was wanted, but funds have not allowed it to be added until this year. It was intended, if funds were available, that the new treble bell to make six should be put in as a lasting memorial of the late King George's Silver Jubilee. However, this was not possible last year, but through the efforts of the new Rector (the Rev. W. G. Ivens), the new bell rang out for first time on Monday, July 6th, after dedication by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the preceding day, and before the bell was hoisted into the tower.

The new bell bears the inscription, 'Silver Jubilee, 1935-36. Cast by Alfred Bowell, Ipswich.'

After the service the Archbishop visited the belfry, and the founder and ringers present were introduced to his lordship.

MUFFLED BELLS.

As their mark of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. George Halksworth in the death of their daughter Dora, the Doncaster Parish Church ringers rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled on June 30th: B. Stacey 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clark 4, H. Champlin 5, A. Staveley 6, F. Newsome (conductor) 7, P. Daw 8. Mr. G. Halksworth is the conductor and secretary of the band.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A FLOURISHING POSITION.

Criticism of Extra-Territorial Peals.

The annual report of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild refers to peals rung for one association in the area of another, and suggests that where ringers ring peals they should do so for the association in whose area the tower is situated.

The report was presented to the annual general meeting, held at Southampton on Saturday, July 4th. The following towers were represented: Alresford, Bishopstoke, Christchurch, Curridge, Eling, Fareham, North Stoneham, Overton, Portsea, Ringwood, Soberton, Southampton (St. Mary's and Holy Rood), Twyford, Upham, Wickham and Winchester. A welcome was extended to Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. secretary, Sussex County Association) and Messrs. Frank Bennett (Brighton) and visitors from Christow, Poole and Walsall. During the afternoon the towers of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were open for ringing, after which the business meeting was held in the Chantry Hall.

The Master (Mr. G. Williams) presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and hon. treasurer (the Rev. Evan Jones). The last named presented the accounts, which showed that the balance on the treasurer's account had increased to £91 17s. 7d. from £79 8s. 2d. in the previous year, the receipts from the districts having amounted to £51 6s. 8d. Grants from the General Purposes Fund amounting to £7 7s. had been made, and the balance in this fund was £48 12s. 6d. In addition the districts had in hand an aggregate of £73 16s. 7d.

The Master said he thought this showed the Guild was in a strong financial position.

The accounts were adopted and the treasurer and district secretaries thanked for their contribution to this satisfactory state of affairs.

The report, which was also adopted, said subscriptions from members showed a further increase, and there were now 756 ringing members and 179 honorary members, almost half of the latter being in the Winchester District. There was not much to report in the way of restoration work, although it was hoped during the coming year to have the peals at Alresford and Soberton put in hand. Forty-five peals were recorded in 1935, against 37 in 1934, in 29 different towers, with 14 conductors. It was regretted that only six peals were rung in the Andover, Basingstoke, Christchurch and Winchester districts. Of these, three were rung by hands chiefly resident outside these districts. It was hoped that a little more keenness would be displayed during the present year. Regret was expressed that three peals had been rung for the Guild outside the two dioceses and also that adjoining guilds had rung and claimed peals within its territory. The report continued: 'Some ringers are notoriously mean, but it is, to put it mildly, discourteous to ring a peal for one society in another's area unless it be rung for a non-territorial society. If ringers must go into adjoining lands for peals, they might at least pay the small fee necessary to join the appropriate society.'

The officers were re-elected *en bloc*. It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to one of the past presidents (formerly Bishop of Portsmouth) on his preferment to the See of Salisbury.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK.

The representatives on the Central Council gave a varied report of the proceedings at the recent session in London. It was generally agreed by them that the most important committee at the present seemed to be the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee, seeing that it affected the relationship between the Exercise and the public. It was unanimously agreed that the joint efforts of that committee and the B.B.C. should be directed towards ensuring that only the very best of ringing should be broadcast. It was also very pleasing to note that in the report of this committee the recent broadcast from St. Mary's, Portsea, had come in for special mention and commendation.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Petersfield, on the first Saturday in July, 1937.

Mr. G. Pullinger threw out the suggestion that the Guild should approach the Salisbury Diocesan Guild with a view to issuing a joint invitation to the Central Council to hold its next meeting in the south, at Bournemouth.—This was agreed to.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The question of promoting the circulation of 'The Ringing World' among ringers was introduced for discussion, and it was agreed that the Exercise without a ringing journal would, in time, be almost at stalemate. Several suggestions were put forward, among which it was suggested that associations might copy their example and insert a free advertisement in their annual reports, urging members to purchase the paper. It was agreed to ask districts to bring to the notice of the members at each quarterly meeting the necessity of maintaining a ringing paper.

After a varied discussion it was proposed by Mr. W. Andrews and seconded by Mr. G. Pullinger that the following suggestion be adopted with a view to increasing support for a larger and cheaper journal:—

'To reprint, with the Editor's permission, the leading article, "Maintaining a Ringers' Journal," in "The Ringing World" of July 3rd, and to circulate to all towers in the Guild, together with a circular inviting them to state how many of their ringers would undertake

to become regular purchasers of that journal if reduced to 2d. per copy.'

This was unanimously agreed to, and the secretary hoped to be able to report the result of this effort at the Central Committee's next meeting.

Before the meeting closed, the members stood in silence as an expression of sympathy with the relatives of old members who had died during the year.

At the conclusion of the business votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of St. Michael's and Holy Rood for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. W. Faithfull in making the necessary arrangements.

BELLS AMONG OTHER PUBLIC NOISES.

Afterwards the members attended service in St. Mary's Church, the Guild office being conducted by the Rev. Evan Jones (Vicar of Hedge End and hon. treasurer). The preacher was the Rector (the Rev. Canon R. B. Jolly), whose text was 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, holiness unto the Lord' (Zachariah xiv., 20). Referring to present-day noises, he spoke of the public worship of the noises of aeroplanes, wireless and, to them in Southampton, had come the latest, the deep boom of the 'Queen Mary.' He asked the question, on what ground had we, as ringers, to add to all this, by the ringing of our church bells? The people in close proximity to the church wanted to know, more so than those who lived next door to the blatant sounds emerging from a wireless shop. He resented the suggestion of classing our dear old bells with all these modern upstarts. From the earliest days they had been associated with the message of our Lord. First with the early Christians and then, when the ringing of church bells was prohibited, the Cursor went from house to house announcing when and where the services would be held. By the seventh century bells were in common use. The great bell at Whitby Abbey was tolled, bidding the faithful to pray for the passing soul of the Abbess, Hilda. To-day our bells played their part in times of national rejoicing or sorrow, apart from their religious purpose. What could have been more impressive than listening to the boom of Big Ben in the broadcast of the passing of our beloved George V. The message of the bells speaks from youth to age. It had become part of the life of English folk, so dreadfully missed when one was called to distant lands. 'Why do we refer to some of our bells as Big Ben, Great Paul, Big Tom of Lincoln, Great Peter of Exeter, etc.?' asked the speaker. 'Why do we give them these nicknames? We only give people nicknames because they have a personality and are affectionately regarded by us. It is for this reason and this reason only that we give our bells these names. They are part and parcel of our very life. They are entirely different to all the other voices of the world. We, as ringers, should consider it a religious duty and a privilege to ring our bells.' It is a religious act, he continued, associated with the work of God in this land, and he urged them to do as the parson was often told, 'practice what you preach.' Referring again to his opening remarks, he said that the modern world worshipped sounds like the deep boom of the 'Queen Mary'; it stood for something which represented size and speed. He would be the last to belittle the marvels of our national craft and workmanship, but one could not help noticing the unnecessary publicity and hero worship of our modern day. What a difference there was in the tremendous send-off given this huge ship to that given to one that left the shores of Southampton in 1620 with 102 souls on board, with poor machinery and a helmsman to steer them to a land they had never seen before, which took four and a half months and not 44 days to cross the Atlantic. He referred to the 'Mayflower,' with the Pilgrim Fathers on board, who carried a cargo of ideals with them. In conclusion, he bade his hearers rejoice in the fact that they were called to high service in the Church, to make their voice sound above all noises, and employ their fullest powers in the service of God for the good of His Church here, and for the glory of His Name.

After service the members sat down to tea in the Chantry Hall, after which the Rector expressed his delight at meeting the members and hoped they had had a pleasant time.

Mr. W. Andrews, in reply, thanked Canon Jolly for his wishes and also announced to the gathering the fact that Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, had been entrusted with the work of recasting the very indifferent ring of twelve at Winchester Cathedral, so that they soon hoped to have one of the finest rings of twelve in the country (tenor 35 cwt.). This had been made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the Cathedral and a munificent grant from the Barron Bell Trust, to whom they tendered their warmest appreciation and thanks.

During the evening the towers of St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Holy Rood were opened for ringing, and touches in methods up to Cambridge Royal were brought round.

NEWNHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Empire Day for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering: G. Burcher 1, F. Strawford 2, W. Burcher 3, C. W. Newman 4, George Burcher 5, A. J. Hooper 6, W. J. Cole (conductor) 7, W. A. King 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**A VISIT TO KNOWLE.**

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 4th. The village of Knowle is situated about 12 miles from Birmingham, on the main Birmingham and Warwick road, within the Forest of Arden. It contains many fine half-timbered houses, a particularly good example being the White Swan, which has recently been scheduled as an ancient monument.

The church dates back to the 15th century, having been built on the remains of an old chapel, which is mentioned in 1217. The nave has an exceptionally fine timber roof, and there is also a very good chancel screen with wonderful carving. The tower contains eight bells, which were rehung by Taylor's about four years ago. These were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a very interesting address. He mentioned that, in looking through some old church accounts, he came across an item for a set of ropes, 9s., and 12 months later another item for a set of ropes, costing 8s. 4d. There were three bells in those days, but evidently the value of money was much greater then than now.

Tea was served in the Guild House, adjoining the church, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Vice-President Mr. James George and Vice-President Mr. Councillor A. Paddon Smith.

The secretary referred to the death of Mr. Joseph Johnson, who was the youngest son of Henry Johnson, also to the death of Mr. W. Cooper, of Perry Barr, another old member of the Guild, the company standing for a few moments as a mark of respect. The secretary also welcomed Mr. John Neal, who had not been well for some 15 months. They were pleased to see him at the meeting, he said, although not very well, and wished him a speedy and complete restoration to good health.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Edward Holt, of Selly Oak, John Stanley Mason, of Oldbury, and W. S. Bannocks, of King's Norton, as full ringing members. Messrs. G. R. Goodship, of Wealdstone, and J. F. Milner were elected life members.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton on Saturday, October 3rd, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, August 8th. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and for the use of the bells concluded the business.

After further ringing a very pleasant hour was spent in the White Swan Hotel, the manager being Mr. Sydney Jessop, who for many years was a ringer at St. Martin's Church. The company were joined here by Mr. Councillor Smith, and many old associations were revived.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1936, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master). Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Owing to Dining Hall not being available on this date, lunch will be served at The Carfax Assembly Rooms, by Messrs. G. Weekes & Co., at 1.30 p.m. Tickets (2/- each) to members (3/- to non-members). Further details will be given on printed notices to each tower.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the New Hall, at a moderate price. Business meeting to follow. This is one of the county's beauty spots.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by meeting. Ringers and friends from any district will be welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Halewood, on Saturday, July 18th (note change of date). Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea apply Mr. J. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Secretary, Yateley, Hants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, July 18th. Tea, 1/3 per head, at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Tower open for ringing on these eight good bells at 2 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, please turn up well.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. Short service. Tea at Churchyard Cottage. Hourly bus service (No. 343 St. Albans-Enfield) passes church each way.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leighton (nr. Spaldwick) on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those attending please make own arrangements for tea, plenty of cafes near the Church. A hearty welcome is extended to all members and friends.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Meeting at Sherfield English on Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Church Room 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at S. Stephen-in-Brannel, Saturday, July 18th, 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m., at which tablet, recording the last peal conducted by the late William Pye, will be dedicated by Rev. Canon Windsor.—W. H. R. Trehwella, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leverington, near Wisbech, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with address by the new Rector, Rev. F. A. Sadler. Permission to walk around Ecton Hall grounds after tea. Please notify me early for tea.—A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buriton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at the Five Bells Inn. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea at the Craven Arms Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ashwell on July 18th. Bells (6) available 3.0 p.m. Everyone welcome.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Next meeting at Feltham on Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 3.30. Tea at 5. Bedfont bells from 7 to 8 p.m. Advise me re tea, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—The new ring eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chichester on July 18th, at 3 p.m., when the bells will be opened by the Sussex County Association. All ringers welcome.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Puttenham to-morrow, Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Good Intent, 5.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

CHRISTOW, DEVON.—Ring 6 rebung in new frame for 8 by John Taylor & Co., will be rededicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Exeter on Saturday, July 18th, at 4.30 p.m. Ringers welcome. Tea 1/-, please notify E. J. Ryall, Christow, Exeter.

THE CATCH OF THE SEASON:—RICKMANSWORTH. Saturday, July 18th. Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Meat tea at Red Spider Tea Rooms, Church Street, 5.30 p.m. Usual business and social talk after. Ringing (10 bells) till 8.30. Good service of trains and buses from all parts. (Herts Association).—C. H. Horton, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Feltham, to-morrow, Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, price 1/- each. Bedfont bells from 7 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The following arrangements have been made for combined practices. **BALDOCK**, Wednesday, July 22nd, 7.30 to 9 p.m. **GRAVELEY**, July 23rd, 7 to 9 p.m. **BARKWAY**, July 30th, 7 to 9 p.m. **KNEBWORTH**, August 6th, 7 to 9 p.m. Please cut this out *now* and fix it on your notice board. It will not appear again?—D. Mears.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Wednesday, July 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special practice meeting will be held at Winchester Cathedral on Wednesday, July 22nd. Bells (12) available at 7 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. & Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Mid-week practice at St. Mary-le-Bow on Wednesday, July 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Will visitors please note that the Association's Sunday ringing at this church is suspended during July, August and September?—J. G. Prior, Sec.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (6) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 3.30. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous. This is *very necessary*.—W. Ayre, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Tuesday, July 21st, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Rodwinter on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Wincott's Cafe for those who notify. Meeting to follow. Six and 8-bell towers also open after.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, by July 22nd. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, SURREY ASSOCIATION, and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of members of these three organisations will be held at Beddington on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5. Tea at the Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, at 1/3 per head. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Chas. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon, not later than Thursday, July 23rd.—G. A. Card, A. H. Smith, F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Bobbing on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, only to those who send a card.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting for general practice at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. All are welcome.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting with members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be at Rye on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be very welcome. Numbers for tea please notify by July 22nd.—C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Colmworth on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A new treble has just been added, so come over and try them. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. Mary's Church, Oldham, on Saturday, July 25th, from 3 to 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—A garden fete is to be held in the beautiful grounds of Helmingham Hall, Saturday, July 25th, in aid of church repair fund. The tower will be open to ringers from 3 till 9 p.m. Teas can be obtained on grounds.—G. Whiting, Tower Keeper.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1/- per head, for those who notify me not later than July 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield Districts.—The quarterly meeting to have been held at Binsted on July 25th, is postponed. The new date will be announced as soon as possible.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Service ringing on Sunday, July 25th, at 5.30 p.m. Practice meeting on Thursday, July 30th, both at Shore-ditch. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North and South Norfolk Branches.—The South Norfolk Branch visits Elveden on July 25th as guests of the Suffolk Guild (see notice). The North Norfolk Branch visits Salle on September 19th. Usual arrangements, details later. Please note my forthcoming change of address (as from August 1st).—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welford (8 bells) on Saturday, July 25th. 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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Greinton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. 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.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Staunton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, in Church School. All ringers who would like tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 22nd.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Countesthorpe (6) on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1/- each, inform me by Wednesday previous. A good bus service from the Newarkés. A good attendance hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch hold their half-yearly meeting at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A joint meeting of the Suffolk Guild and Norfolk Diocesan Association will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, usual place, 5 p.m. It is hoped to have a good muster of Ely, Norfolk and London friends.—R. C. Sharpe and N. Golden, Dis. Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The competition for the Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne Church on Saturday, July 25th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Rev. J. Waugh, Clowne Rectory, Clowne, near Chesterfield. Open tower after tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover St., Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Adlington, instead of Westhoughton as previously arranged, on Saturday, 25th July. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aldwincle (near Thrapston) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. G. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Marshall's Road, Raunds.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, 1s. 3d. per head, at 5. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. H. Shipp, 6, Duke Street, Staindrop, at once.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Applications for tea (at 1s. 3d. per head) must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 21st. Half rail fares paid to members attending this meeting. Please ensure that your tower is represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m, for which please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 28th.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Froome Bungalow, Mordiford, Hereford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, August 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/3 per head. Half rail fare, maximum 1/6. All those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrexham on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea (1/-). Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 29th?—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. J. W. Chapman, Tower Sec. of St. Leonard's, Streatham, is now 36, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.16.

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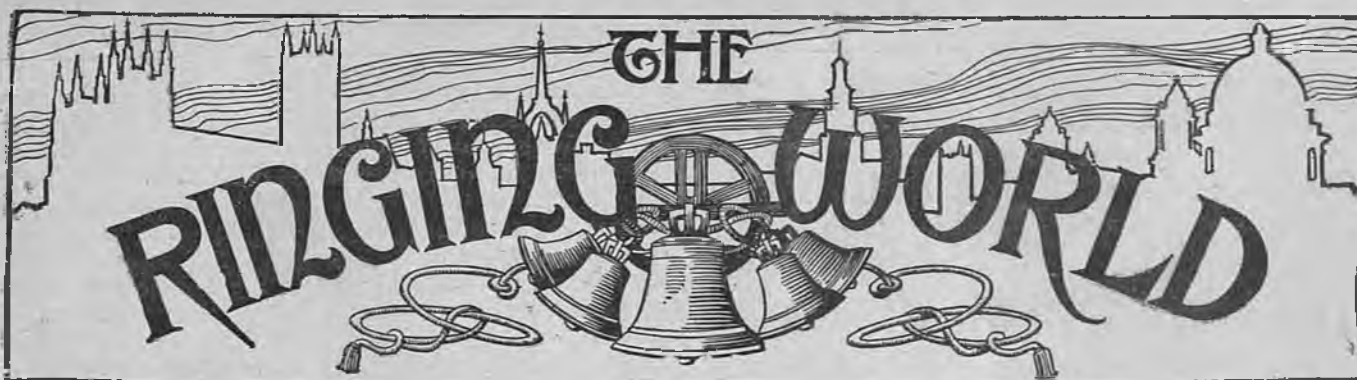


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THE NOISE OF CHURCH BELLS.

More and more attention is being focussed in these days upon church bells, partly by the wider notice which is being accorded to them in the Press and partly by the fact that, among some sections of the public, bells are classed indiscriminately with all the rest of the noisy things which are tending to make modern life intolerable. We welcome the action of the general Press, which puts the art of change ringing and the services rendered by ringers in proper perspective before the public. When this is done we have nothing to fear from the influences which are spread, but we need to beware of the activities of those who would condemn church bells, not only particularly, but generally with all other noises which are classed among the 'nuisances' which reformers declare are driving the population to distraction, are breaking down their mental stability, and should be suppressed.

It is refreshing to find, in this connection, a protest against classing the sounds of church bells with the din of 'modern upstarts,' made by a preacher of the standing and influence of Canon R. B. Jolly, Vicar of the important parish of St. Mary's, Southampton. Clergy, generally, would be rendering a great service to the Church if they more often took this line. If they would emphasise to their parishioners and to the public generally the proper place which the sound of the bells occupies in church and national life, they would serve an end not less important than they have in view by constantly reminding ringers of their duty to attend the services for which they ring. The clergy often tell us how much they value the work of ringers. Their remarks are always appreciated, but we should value them still more if they were sometimes made in the presence of the parishioners and if occasionally the clergy would point out to the people the purpose of the bells and the aims of the ringers. It might help to allay the feeling, which certain sections of the public seek to spread, that church bells are among the public nuisances.

This, however, does not mean that ringers themselves should not do what common sense shows might be done to allay public opposition to their activities. There are admittedly many instances up and down the country where the church bells, especially if rung for any lengthy period, can become a source of annoyance to most who live close to the tower. Where the sound is overpowering, it is to the interests of everyone, ringers included, that steps should be taken to allay the trouble. The Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council have devoted considerable attention to this matter of late, and we would once more urge that ringers, not only where there are actual com-

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plaints but at all towers where the bells are on the noisy side, should carefully consider the opinions which this Committee have expressed. Where there is need for a permanent reduction of the volume of sound in the immediate vicinity of the church, there are effective remedies, such as bricking up the louvres, or covering them internally with boards lined with one or other of the sound resisting materials which are now on the market. Where the modification of the sound is required only on occasions of practice or peal ringing, there is a different and much cheaper means of doing what is necessary. The Davis silencers have proved effective. They can be purchased for about five shillings a bell and can be put on like muffles and taken off as and when desired. These silencers will put an end to many annoyances, real and imaginary, will enable ringers to carry on their practices, and even to ring peals without seriously disturbing the public, and in addition to saving many towers from being closed in populous areas, would, if adopted, result, we believe, in the re-opening of most of those towers which have already been shut up on account of the objections of the public and, in some cases, of the parson himself when he dislikes the sound of his own bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SALFORD, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

A. KNIGHTS' No 67.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble

HERBERT A. MCKINELL ... 5

JOHN HUXSTEP ... 2

FRANK REYNOLDS ... 6

P.C. GEORGE PYE ... 3

P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 7

ALAN J. BROWN ... 4

WILFRED J. MOSS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. Moss.

* First in the method. † First of Bob Major. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Stanley Hulme, a ringer of the above church.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILFRED FOX ... Treble

CHARLES BROWN ... 5

HAROLD DYSON ... 2

HARRY MELLOR ... 6

ARTHUR WALKER ... 3

HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7

WILLIAM PEARSON ... 4

WILLIAM R. TATE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman with a bob bell. Rung as a wedding compliment for Mr. J. E. Atkinson and Miss D. Mitchell.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, July 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE ... Treble

R. GORDON CROSS ... 5

HARRY BAKER ... 2

THOMAS E. SONE ... 6

MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE ... 3

WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7

TOM SAUNDERS ... 4

A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Kent. Birthday peal for Mrs. H. Baker, L. J. Honess, G. Kenward and the conductor. Malcolm Melville proposed a member of the association before starting.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—For evensong on Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples: Miss S. M. S. Fleming 1, B. O'Neill 2, J. E. Taylor 3, J. D. Taylor 4, G. W. Limmer (conductor) 5, B. T. Harrison 6, G. H. Limmer 7, G. Gilbert 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

250th peal by the ringer of the 5th, the esteemed hon. general secretary of the above association, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, also a ringer of high repute. The conductor has now rung a peal on tower bells, eight and upwards, on every day in the year, viz., the 366 dates on the calendar.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

SAMUEL QUINION Treble	JAMES W. BERRY 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 6
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*HENRY LAWRENSEN 4	REGINALD W. REX Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Irene Knapp, daughter of Mr. F. Knapp, captain of the local band.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, July 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PERCY STONE Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	HARRY HARRIS 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	ERNEST STONE 7
*FRANK MEASURES 4	JOHN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GO. W. DEBENHAM Treble	FRED NEWYON 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	HAROLD WALKER 6
HERBERT WALKER 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
RONALD H. DOVE 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

SHEPESHED, LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY KIRBY Treble	JOHN W. BOOTH 5
CHARLES ALLSOP 2	FELIX J. SUTTON 6
WILLIAM JOHNSON 3	JOHN H. GRUNDY 7
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to commemorate the dedication of additions to the church of new transept and vestry by the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Right Rev. Cyril Bardsley, D.D.

MARGATE.—On Sunday, June 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John the Baptist Church: R. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, E. Spickett 3, A. Dadds 4, J. Waghorn 5, J. Fifield 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new reredos, chancel screen and carved pulpit by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 6
WALTER G. PAUL 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER AYRE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the conferring of a knighthood on Sir David Rutherford, a member of this association and donor of these bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard, Sirbatham S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK Treble	*ROY K. MOWFORTH ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST J. KING 6
HARRY MANCE 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	LESLIE G. FRANKS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three different callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*T. W. DE VILLE Treble	*R. W. BARBER 4
*S. W. GALL 2	*A. G. KING 5
H. C. READ 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First Surprise peal.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

MISS GWYN TONNADINE ... Treble	A. F. BOYCE 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2	H. C. READ 5
*GEORGE SAYER 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

First peal on the bells.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently, with 5-6 the right way.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN ARRON Treble	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 4
*JAMES ROSE 2	GEORGE BENNETT 5
*KEITH W. WHITTLE 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. James Rose has now completed
peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

WOOL, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

HENRY W. SAUNDERS ... Treble	† FRANCIS G. BLAKE 4
*LIONEL H. PINK 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 3	WILLIAM G. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. The first
peal of Minor on the bells.

STONE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford,
St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
R. GORDON CROSS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob, with
three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

JACK PARISH Treble	FRANK NICHOLS 4
GEORGE L. PERKINS 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
HARRY SAUNDERS 3	JOHN PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung on the eve of the patronal festival and a welcome to the Rev.
Robert Wilfred Balleine, M.A., instituted to this Rectory May 1st.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KIRKELLA, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, eight different callings.

COLIN A. HOPPER 1-2	DEREK M. SHARP 3-4
ALAN J. HOPPER 5-6	

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

Witness—Joseph W. Chatley.

This peal was rung in a henhouse among the hens, it being the
only convenient place at the time.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER 1-2	EDITH K. FLETCHER 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	*ISAAC J. ATTWATER 7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

AREA OF DIVISIONS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

About 25 members attended the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held at Bath on Saturday, July 11th. Ringing took place at the Abbey and St. Mark's Church in the afternoon. The service was held at St. Mark's, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address.

After tea the meeting was held, with Miss Evelyn Steel, the president, in the chair. The hon. treasurer reported that the excess of income over expenditure for the year was 13s. 3d. She pointed out that the excess would have been much more had the subscriptions been paid more promptly. The number of members who had not paid for 1935-36 amounted to 80. The cash balance stood at £21 14s. 7d.

The hon. secretary reported that in all districts meetings had been held regularly, and for the most part had been well supported. Three new ringing members and one life non-ringing member were elected.

Miss Evelyn Steel was unanimously re-elected president, and Mrs. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Richardson reported on the Central Council meeting, and urged all members to support 'The Ringing World.'

It was decided to publish duplicated reports, which the hon. secretary undertook to prepare.

The date fixed for the 25th anniversary dinner in 1937 was October 23rd. This would be held in London, and details were being arranged by the committee.

The quotation for the badges were submitted to the members, and it was decided to add a small amount to the cost to cover postage and packing. The prices were fixed at 5s. for silver and 1s. 6d. for silver-plated. The secretary asked members to make application as soon as possible in order to give some idea of the number required.

A discussion took place on the present division of districts, and it was decided to form a committee, consisting of the president, hon. secretary and district secretaries, to go into this matter, with a view to covering the country more effectively, and to report at the next meeting.

The next annual general meeting was fixed to take place at Hands-worth, Sheffield. The date for the Corporate Communion was also fixed for Sunday, October 25th.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. After the meeting ringing took place at Twerton.

TRURO RINGERS' TRIBUTE.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO THE LATE MR. WILLIAM PYE.

The annual festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on Saturday, July 18th. St. Stephen's fine peal of eight (tenor 13 cwt.) was available, and also the neighbouring towers of St. Denys (6), St. Enoder (8), Ladock (8), St. Mewan (6) and Roche (8). Over 100 ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, Callington, Gulval, Illogan, St. Enoder, St. Michael Carhayes, Towednack, Manaccan, St. Anthony, Redruth, with the local band, also visitors from London and Plymouth.

A service was held in St. Stephen's Church, at which a procession, consisting of a crossbearer, servers, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (hon. secretary of the Guild), the Rev. E. F. Gilbert (Rector of St. Stephen and hon. secretary of the Mid-Cornwall Association), went down to the belfry during the singing of the hymn, 'They whose course on earth is o'er.' In the belfry the Rector dedicated a tablet commemorating the last peal conducted by the late Mr. William Pye. This tablet is an exceedingly fine one of bronze, and was made by Mr. W. G. Hiscott, a member of the Guild, and who was present at the festival. As the procession returned to the chancel, about two dozen well-struck rounds were rung on the bells by the St. Stephen's ringers. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, who took for his text Joshua iv., 21, 'What mean these stones?' and said perhaps some would be asking what means this tablet? He pointed out that Mr. Pye was the greatest ringer that had ever lived, and not only did he set out to achieve great things himself, but also to lead others on to achieve great things.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, at which Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master) thanked the people of St. Stephen for their work in connection with the festival, and welcomed the visitors. Mr. C. H. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) and Mr. G. R. Pye (brother of the late Mr. William Pye) spoke of how they appreciated the tribute the Truro Diocesan Guild had paid to this great ringer.

Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the College Youths, was unfortunately prevented at the last moment from being present.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 12 in F.

MISS KATH. M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
*MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3-4	MISS MAGGIE J. JOHNSON ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* 50th peal. First peal of Triples 'in hand' by all except the conductor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

STEPS IN TREBLE BOB.

To get on to what are sometimes called the 'higher methods,' from the Plain Bob stage, the young ringer has got to master the principles of Treble Bob ringing. The Surprise methods are really Treble Bob with an elaborated work for the working bells; and the basis of Treble Bob is a 'dodging' hunt by the treble.

In plain hunting, a bell moves to and fro, from front and back and back to front, one place at a time, without interruption. The treble does this in Plain Bob and so do the other bells, except (that when the treble leads, one of them makes second's and the rest, stopped in their courses, step back one place before going on again. This step back constitutes a dodge.

In a Treble Bob hunt, however, this dodge has to occur in all the dodging places, that is, in 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc., both up and down. If you ring the treble, you strike your first blow in changes in 2nd's place, dodge, or step back one place to strike a blow at lead (which will be at backstroke), and then hunt up until you come to 3-4. Actually, having led, you go forward three steps before stepping back again; but it is best, to start with, if you count your way up to 4th's and then dodge back to 3rd's. Then count your way up to 6th's, before starting back to 5th's.

If you are ringing Major, you go on to 8th's before stepping back to 7th's, but if it is Minor, having reached 6th's, you complete a whole pull behind and begin to dodge down. You make a blow in 5th's, step back to 6th's, count your way down to 3rd's, step back to 4th's, count your way to lead, where you have one blow at handstroke, step back to 2nd's and then lead your whole pull.

That is the Treble Bob hunt for the treble in every lead. In the same way every other bell, beginning, of course, in its respective place, can ring a lead by dodging in this way, and if you are a young band, a few such leads, until you grasp this idea of 'dodging in every place,' as it is sometimes called, is not bad practice, but you must remember that if you do this, you will have a repetition of changes—which does not really matter for this purpose.

If you find a difficulty in your 'ropesight,' it will help you to hunt from place to place if you remember that the bell you strike over both before and after your step back is one and the same. This enables you to look round a little more confidently for your next bell.

In Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, on any number of bells, this dodging hunt is pursued by every bell after it has got above 4th's place, but all the bells do not dodge in 3-4 every time, and none at all in 1-2 unless it is with the treble. It is these variations in the work that make the method.

In Kent Treble Bob, which is considered the easiest method of this kind to begin on, chiefly because it does not break the Plain Bob coursing order of the bells, the bells in 3-4 make places instead of dodging when the treble itself is below them in 1-2. A bell coming down from behind makes a whole pull in 4th's, followed immediately by a whole pull in 3rd's, and correspondingly the bell coming from the front makes 3rd's, followed by 4th's. Two pairs of bells do this in each lead—all the rest dodge when they come to 3-4 (or 4-3, on the way down).

There is one other piece of work which needs explaining. It is known as the 'slow' work, because it keeps one bell in 1-2 from the time the treble leaves the lead until it gets back again.

This bell is the one which dodges with the treble, after the latter has led, and when the treble goes away it alternately leads a whole pull and lies a whole pull in 2nd's place (each time over a different bell) until the treble gets back again to dodge with it. It is the making of this 2nd's place which causes all the dodging above it. This bell is one of those which, going in, makes 4th's and 3rd's, and, going out, makes 3rd's and 4th's. It is well to know that all these places in 3-4 are made the 'wrong' way: that is at backstroke and handstroke. The series of whole pulls made in 2nd's place in the 'slow' are, however, all made the right way.

To ring Treble Bob, it is not really necessary to construct a table showing the work of every lead, because except in 1-2, and in 3-4 when the treble is in 1-2, every bell dodges in every dodging place. From 4-3 every bell runs straight in to lead and straight out again to 3-4, unless it is going into or coming out of the 'slow.'

The important thing is to know when these places in 3-4 are to be made and when the slow work is coming.

You make places in 4-3 (down) in two leads in succession. Before you come to the first one, you will have passed the treble (in Minor) in 4-5; before you come to the second you will dodge with the treble in 5-6 (up), the treble being the bell that dodges down with you. You hunt down behind the treble and dodge with it in 2-1. You then complete the Slow work, and make places in 3-4 on the way out (having dodged with the treble in 1-2). You dodge your way round to 4-3 (down), hunt in and lead a whole pull, pass the treble in 2-3 and repeat the places.

You are then free of place-making until you again pass the treble in 4-5; if it is in Major, until you pass the treble in 6-7.

A Bob is simply made. All the bells above 4th's, having met and begun to dodge in pairs, have an *additional double dodge* when a bob is called; that is, instead of stepping back once they step back three times. The bell that passed the treble in 2-3 and is making

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BURITON RINGERS JOIN WINCHESTER GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S ENJOYABLE MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Buriton on Saturday, July 18th, when members attended from Blackmoor, Catherington, Havant, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Steep, Soberton, Titchfield and Wickham. The local band welcomed the visitors, it being the first time the Guild had held a meeting at Buriton. The ring of six were kept going during the afternoon in a variety of methods. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Canon G. S. Morley).

An excellent tea was served at the local inn, after which the business meeting was held, the Rector being voted to the chair. On the proposition of Mr. H. Dudman, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers, Capt. E. P. Bickford was elected an honorary member of the Guild. This was carried with acclamation, the secretary reminding the members that Capt. Bickford was taking a great interest in getting Soberton bells restored.

The following ringing members were then elected on the proposition of Mr. A. T. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. F. S. Bayley: R. V. Cockle (Bishop's Waltham), R. Robinson (Portsea), J. Pope (Soberton), G. New, W. Burgess, H. G. Harper, W. Patrick, W. Pretty and H. J. Stubbs (Buriton). The election of B. P. Morris prior to a peal attempt was confirmed. The general secretary said how pleased he was to welcome the Buriton ringers into the Guild, and trusted they would progress and interest themselves in its work.

It was proposed by Mr. F. W. Rogers, seconded by Mr. H. J. Smith, that the next quarterly meeting be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on either Saturday, October 10th, or Saturday, October 17th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and officiating at service and business meeting, also to the organist and the caterers for their excellent tea. The Rector suitably responded and expressed a wish that the Guild would visit Buriton in the near future.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SURREY AND SUSSEX RINGERS FRATERNISE.

A JOINT MEETING AT LINGFIELD.

A joint meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association with the East Grinstead and District Guild was held on Saturday, July 11th, at Lingfield, Surrey. About 40 were present from both associations, an excellent attendance considering the inclemency of the weather. This was the first joint meeting ever to be held by the Southern District, but it is hoped that many more will take place, as expressions of goodwill were heard on all sides. The Rev. Owen gave an inspiring address on the subject of 'Unity,' and said how pleased he was to welcome such a fine body of men as the ringers of the two associations were. He congratulated them on the good striking he had heard during the afternoon.

During tea, a contingent arrived from Hartfield, Sussex. They had to face the ordeal of 'fire and water.' After two motor-cycle punctures, a breakdown and a four or five mile walk in the pouring rain, they duly arrived, and set a fine example of what ringers can and often do.

After tea more ringing was indulged in until 9 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. All the standard methods were rung, and the secretaries of both associations were highly delighted at the success of this first joint venture. Among those present were a lady and gentleman from Bromley, who had bravely cycled all the way through the dreadful weather.

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3rd's and 4th's makes a further 4th's and 3rd's and returns to lead. The next lead it goes back into the Slow work.

The bell that actually goes in to dodge with the treble and the one that comes out of the Slow work are not affected by a bob. The work for a bob is the same on all numbers of bells, and here are figures showing the place-making at a plain lead and at a bob in Minor:—

Plain Lead	Bob
356142	356142
531624	531624
536142	536142
351624	351624
315264	315264
135246	135246
312564	Bob 312564
132546	132546
123456	123456
213485	213485
124356	125364
214365	215346
241635	251436
426153	524163
421635	521436
246153	254163

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR SUSSEX.

OPENING OF FAIRWARP BELLS.

With a great wind blowing across the country, the new peal of eight bells at Christ Church, Fairwarp, was dedicated and opened on Saturday. From a small village church there has developed, by the magnificent gift of Sir Bernard Eckstein in memory of his father and mother, one of the finest modern churches in the county. The original part of the church now forms the west end of the nave, and there has been added to this the new sanctuary, a children's chapel and a commanding central tower.

It was at first suggested that a chime of bells should be placed in the tower, but, after careful consideration and with the assurance of help from the Sussex County Association, it was finally decided to instal a ringing peal, and the work was put into the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The result is a peal of eight with a tenor of 15½ cwt. in F sharp, of which any church might be proud. The bells are hung in a low side A frame on heavy steel girders, with the latest type of ball bearings and headstocks. On the tenor is fitted a clapper control, and the whole peal is tuned on the true five tone harmonic principle. Every provision has been made for the comfort of the ringers by the fitting of sound proof floors to moderate the noise of the bells in the ringing chamber and the panelling of the chamber itself.

At the dedicatory service, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Chichester officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Fairwarp (the Rev. D. Pilkington). After an introductory psalm and prayers, the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit and thence to the children's chapel, dedicating each in turn. Meanwhile the trap had been removed from the floor of the ringing chamber, giving a clear opening to the nave and chancel below, and during the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the Bishop mounted the tower steps. On his arrival the tenor was struck once and the dedicatory prayers for the tower and bells said. At once the bells struck into rounds, and the hymn was concluded as the Bishop returned to the altar. Then followed the anthem, 'Blessed be the God and Father,' which preceded the sermon.

In his address the Bishop expressed his appreciation of the magnificent gift which had enabled this fine church to be built to the glory of God, and drew attention to the need for new churches in the diocese in those areas where new settlements and new estates had made their provision essential if the faith of the Church was to be carried on. In this cause there had been instigated the Society of Sussex Church Builders, which had already done good work in providing new places of worship. The need, however, was still a pressing one, and could not be satisfied without even greater efforts, and with this end in view he appealed to all present for their help in this important work.

Among the congregation present were the donor of the church, Sir Bernard Eckstein, with Capt. Roberts, Col. Barchard and the Misses Barchard, P. C. Mitchell Innes, Miss Dunbar and the family of the Shakley Akers.

BISHOP AND DONOR MEET RINGERS.

The opening touch on the bells was rung by members of the Sussex County Association from Warnham, Crawley and Brighton, and consisted of Superlative Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. Oliver Sippetts, secretary of the Northern Division, in whose hands the organisation of the ringing had been placed. Visiting ringers were present from practically all the towers in centre of the county to the number of 79, and all partook of Sir Bernard's hospitality at tea in the Foresters' Arms. At the conclusion of the meal the Bishop, president of the association, and the Vicar of Fairwarp joined the company. The Bishop recalled with pleasure his previous meeting with the members of the association on the occasion of their jubilee dinner in Brighton last year and the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, expressed the members' gratitude for his presence and welcomed him among them again.

In the evening the tower was thrown open for ringing, during which Sir Bernard was conducted to the belfry by Mr. Cyril Johnston to see the ringers at work and the bells in action. The donor of the bells was introduced to the Master of the association, the hon. general secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong), Mr. Oliver Sippetts and the hon. secretary of the Surrey Association (Mr. C. Kippin). In a few words Sir Bernard expressed his pleasure in meeting for the first time the large company of ringers who had come to hear and try the bells. The Master replied, assuring Sir Bernard that everything that could be done by the association to ensure the formation of a band at Fairwarp to ring the splendid peal provided by his generosity would be undertaken.

The foundry staff of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston was represented by the works manager (Mr. H. E. Anderson) and Messrs. G. Brown, Newsom and S. Rorer, together with the proprietor (Mr. Cyril Johnston). The excellence of the work at Fairwarp reflects great credit on the firm, and it is greatly to be hoped that all will combine in making a band worthy of the peal installed. Now that the dedication ceremony has been completed and the bells opened there begins the difficult task of training a completely new band from the very start. Any help in this direction will be greatly appreciated by the church authorities and the secretary of the Northern Division.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH ACTIVITY.

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Trowbridge on July 4th. The Rector, the Rev. S. N. Wallace, met the members and opened the proceedings in the tower with prayers taken from the Guild service. Ringing commenced shortly afterwards and continued until 7 p.m., with a break for tea and meeting, which were held in the Co-op Institute, with Mr. E. F. White, branch chairman, presiding.

The Chairman spoke feelingly of the great loss the Guild hon. secretary and treasurer had sustained in the death of his mother, and it was unanimously decided to send a letter of sympathy to him direct from that meeting.

Mr. S. Hillier was thanked for his brief report of the Central Council meeting, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Urchfont, taking in the three five-bell towers in that district during the evening.

After votes of thanks to those concerned for allowing the meeting that day, the members again visited the tower.

Later in the evening a party went on to Hilpertou, where they were met by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Dunlop) and Mr. W. J. Mees, and ringing continued until 9 p.m. on this light ring of six.

During the day methods ranging from Stedman Triples to Cinques, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise at Trowbridge, and Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Minor at Hilpertou. During the afternoon and evening about 50 members joined in ringing, including welcome visitors from Swindon.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS AT WITHERNSEA.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar and local ringers, an extra practice meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at WitherNSEA on Saturday, July 19th. Owing to the meeting clashing with several other events in the district and the inclement weather, the attendance was somewhat below the average, but some good practice was enjoyed in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain and Treble Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

After tea at the Select Cafe, an hour was spent on the promenade and then a further two hours' ringing. The company included two lady ringers from Sherburn-in-Elmet, which tower has now three lady members all making excellent progress, largely due to the leadership of Mr. R. H. Vigor. The towers represented were Hemingbrough, Hull, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet and WitherNSEA.

HUGHENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY G. LINDOFF.

12345678	5,088 CHANGES.
21354768	23456 M W B H
12537486	
21357846	45236 — —
23158764	24536 — —
32517846	52436 — —
32158764	34625 — —
23517846	62345 — —
32571486	36245 — —
23754168	23645 — —
27351486	64235 — —
72534168	26435 — —
27354618	46325 — B —
23756481	52364 — — —
32574618	35264 — — —
35276481	23564 — — —
53726841	56234 — — —
57328614	25634 — — —
75236841	62534 — — —
72538614	43526 — — —
27358164	54326 — — —
72531846	35426 — — —
75238164	42356 — — —
57321846	34256 — — —
75312486	23456 — — —
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The first peal in this method, Lindoff's No. 102, was rung at Hughenden by members of Oxford Diocesan Guild, on April 18th, 1936, conducted by H. Wingrove.

STOURBRIDGE RINGER'S FATAL ACCIDENT.

St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, have lost a much respected member of their band of ringers by the tragic death of Mr. Louis W. Turner, who passed away on July 12th. Aged 22, Mr. Turner had recently commenced business on his own account as a boot repairer and was on his way to his shop at Fairfield, near Bromsgrove, on his motor-cycle, on July 9th, when for some unknown reason he fell from his machine and fractured his skull. He was conveyed to the Corbett Hospital and recovered consciousness to a certain extent, but was not well enough to make any statement about the accident. No light on the tragedy was revealed at the inquest, and a verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned.

The funeral took place on July 15th, and was preceded by a service in St. Thomas' Church, where deceased had served as a chorister and bellringer. The Vicar (Canon M. S. Newland) officiated, and among the many present were the Rev. F. S. Wadsworth (curate in charge of Fairfield), the Rev. G. H. Mallen (Derby), Mr. W. A. Horne (churchwarden) and Mrs. Horne, Miss Newland and Miss Cave-Browne-Cave. The interment was at the Borough Cemetery, the committal prayers being read by the Vicar. Six of his brother ringers, Messrs. J. W. Smith, F. W. Gibbs, F. Vaughan Nicholls, Kenneth I. Pardoe, Arthur D. Fellows and C. W. Cooper, acted as bearers, and other ringers present were Messrs. E. S. Bushell, R. J. Chance and Norman G. Leech.

In the evening the bells at St. Thomas' were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect, several touches being accomplished by the following: Messrs. J. W. Smith, W. Farley, F. W. Gibbs, F. V. Nicholls, A. D. Fellows, A. L. Dunn, A. Reynolds, N. G. Leech and C. W. Cooper. Messrs. J. W. Smith and W. Farley were the conductors. There were many beautiful wreaths, including one from St. Thomas' ringers. Much sympathy has been offered to the bereaved parents and family.

FROM FATHER TO SON.

At St. Michael's Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Sunday, July 12th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,452 changes): H. Davenport (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Bottomley 3, A. Burgess 4, T. Potts 5, J. Tipper 6, W. Stevenson 7, H. Dean 8, J. Bradbury 9, H. Lomas 10, J. Worth (conductor) 11, V. Norbury 12. Longest length of Grandsire Cinques by all the band and on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the retirement of the verger, Mr. J. Norbury, and the induction into the office of verger of his son, Mr. V. Norbury, which took place during the service. Mr. J. Norbury is also leader of the band.

RINGER FOR 40 YEARS.**PRESENTATION TO MR. G. T. WHITE AT DORCHESTER.**

Members of the St. Peter's Society, Dorchester, recently gathered at St. Peter's Institute for a very pleasing little ceremony, when their president (the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby, M.A.) presented to Mr. G. T. White, on their behalf, a Lenwell armchair, in recognition of his 40 years' service as a ringer at St. Peter's.

In asking Mr. White to accept the gift, the Rector expressed to him the appreciation of the society for the great help he had rendered them during this long period, and also for his regularity of attendance and the willingness he had always shown to assist in any way he could, especially in helping on beginners.

Mr. White, who was obviously taken by surprise, thanked the members for their very kind gift, and said it had been a great pleasure to him to do what he could for them.

Several others also spoke of the assistance they had received from Mr. White.

Joining the society in March, 1896, Mr. White was elected captain in 1897, a post which he held, with the exception of one year, until 1921. In 1902 he conducted the first peal (Grandsire Triples) that was rung upon the bells, and is the only present member of the tower who took part in that performance. He has since rung a number of peals in different methods, both in his own and other towers, and has conducted five of the seven peals which he subsequently rang at St. Peter's with the local band.

THE BELLS OF 'BRUM.'**NURSERY RHYMES FOR BELLRINGERS.**

Old cross bones and skull, toll the bells of Solihull.

Ah! Life is no joke, cry the bells of Selly Oak.

Let's be happy and glad, chime the bells of Saint Chad.

My tankard and fill it, shout the bells of Saint Philip.

A long drink and short one, say the bells of King's Norton.

To the Bishop and Darwin, sing the bells of Saint Martin.

With a good peal and long one, ring the bells of old Aston.

Then listen, quite still, to the bells of Bournville.

There's no sound on earth like the bells of Handsworth.

Ring Stedman or Norwich, ask the bells of West Bromwich.

Then the world without end plead the bells of Deritend.

Now God save the King, roar the bells of Bull Ring.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Last Saturday, at Algarkirk, Lincs, the talented band who have been helping to make history in Minor method splicing made a valiant attempt for a new record.

They started for a peal of seven 720's in no fewer than 60 methods, and when all was going well the treble rope broke in the last lead of the fifth 720!

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the order to rehang with modern fittings in an iron frame the peal of six bells at Donington, near Spalding, Lincolnshire.

In connection with the congratulatory peal at Leyton on July 11th, published in our last issue, Mr. George Hayden should have been described as steeplekeeper and sexton.

To the long list of young peal ringers must be added Percy Stone (15), who rang his first peal of Stedman on July 16th at Nuneaton. Mr. Frank Measures, who also scored his 'first' of Stedman, was elected a member of the Warwickshire Guild before starting.

A long cherished ambition has been achieved by Mr. James Bennett by ringing a peal on every day of the year, viz., the 366 dates in the calendar. The long series was completed at Milton-next-Gravesend on July 15th. The whole of Mr. Bennett's peals have been rung on tower bells eight and upwards.

There was another interesting performance associated with the peal at Milton-next-Gravesend, apart from Mr. Bennett's completion of his calendar of peals. Mr. Fred M. Mitchell had the satisfaction of recording his 250th peal. Many of Mr. Mitchell's earlier peals were rung in association with Mr. Bennett.

Handbell peals have been rung in strange places, but the performance recorded this week at Kirkella, Yorkshire, in a henhouse among the hens, really takes the biscuit. We could well understand our Yorkshire friends selecting extensive kennels for such a performance, but the henhouse is, indeed, a novelty.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. James George, the veteran Birmingham ringer, is far from well. Since his accident on July 6th he has had a severe attack of bronchitis and whooping cough. He wishes, through our columns, to thank his many friends for their kind inquiries.

At a county scout and girl guide rally at Lincoln last Saturday, a feature was a human map of Lincolnshire, showing its industries and other features. The city of Lincoln was represented by a large model of its Cathedral, and the spectators heard the ringing of the bells. A party of guides, who had been instructed by Mr. Harold Marcon, rang Triples on handbells, on the 'lapping' principle, and afterwards rounds on twelve.

The many friends of Miss Olive Renton, of Whingate, Armley, will be pleased to learn that she is progressing as favourably as can be expected after her recent accident. On Tuesday week Miss Renton was knocked down by a tramcar whilst crossing the road. She was taken to the Infirmary, where she was found to be suffering from concussion and scalp wounds. Latest information is that she is showing considerable improvement, but it will be many weeks before she is able to take any active part in ringing. Miss Renton is attached to the Christ Church tower, Upper Armley, and is well known in ringing circles.

ARMLEY RINGER HONOURED.

At an investiture of awards for loyal and efficient service in the ambulance movement, in London on July 10th, Mr. John William Bente, of Armley, was appointed an honorary serving brother of the Order of St. John. Mr. Bente has taken an active part in ambulance work for the past 30 years. He took his first-aid certificate in 1904, graduating through the ranks of corporal, sergeant and ambulance officer to superintendent of the division. He holds the brigade long service medal with three bars, also the railway company's gold medal and three bars for efficiency. Mr. Bente is a ringing member of the Christ Church tower, and is a regular attendant at the meetings of the Yorkshire Association and the Leeds and District Society.

MR. F. M. MITCHELL'S 250 PEALS.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell completed his 250th peal this week. His record is an interesting one, the peals being rung in 55 towers, in eight counties, with 39 conductors. Sixty were rung in his home tower at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent. Details are appended:—

Doubles 1. Minor: One method, 4; two methods, 1; three methods, 2; four methods, 5; five methods, 4; six methods, 3; seven methods, 32; ten methods, 2.

Triples: Grandsire 3, Stedman 39.

Major: Plain Bob 4, Dartford Little Bob 1, Hereward 1, Canterbury 1, Victory 1, Kent Treble Bob 30, Oxford Treble Bob 7, Grants Treble Bob 1, Cam Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 28, Spliced Double Norwich and Double Oxford 1, Spliced Bob Major and Stedman 1, Spliced Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 27, Superlative 14, London 1.

Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 15.

Royal: Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 7, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cam Treble Bob 1, Grants Treble Bob 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

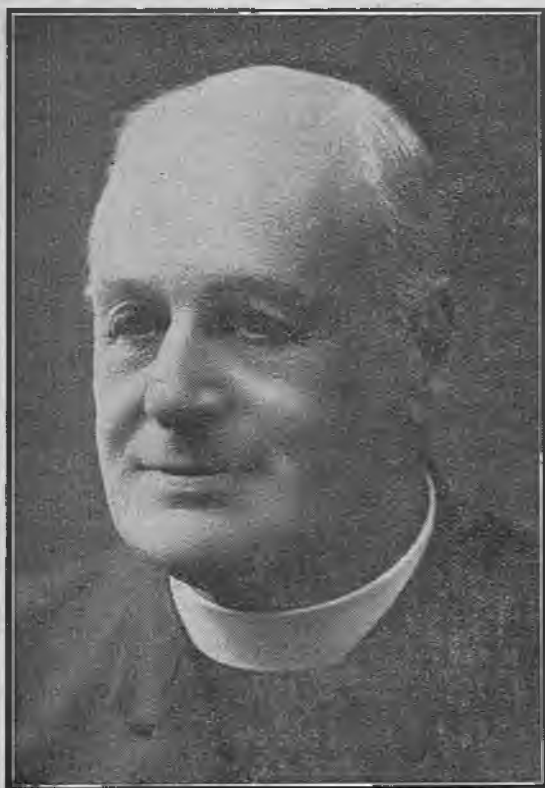
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SEVEN NEW TOWERS AFFILIATE.

Importance of Parliamentary Representation.

The annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place at Oxford last Saturday, and was attended by a large number of members from all parts of the diocese. At the service in the cathedral the prayers were said by Canon Coleridge, the lesson was read by the Rev. C. C. Inge, Rural Dean of Oxford, and the sermon was preached by the Deputy Master of the Guild (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg).

Mr. Wigg gave a thoughtful discourse, which he prefaced with a reference to a scene from Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' in place of the usual text. He said that the most important things in England to-day were not the most obvious, like material prosperity and scientific progress, but things less obvious and more fundamental, the settled order of society, the healthy pleasures of social life, happy united homes, and the deep things connected with religion. Religion gives a point of contact between ourselves and what is greater than ourselves and is permanent. If a man says that religion is nothing to him, what he means is that he does not know what religion is.



CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

Who has again been elected Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

In the dark ages the Church stood for social order and security, and to-day she still stands for order and all that is best in life. The bells speak to us of the true value of human life and of the deeper truths. Let us listen to them.

The business meeting followed immediately in the Chapter House. Canon Coleridge, the Master, presided, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright). The annual reports of the officers were taken as printed. They were short and show steady progress in the life and work of the Guild. A slight decrease had taken place in the numbers, both of the honorary and ringing members, but at the end of 1935 there were 219 of the former and 2,391 of the latter, with 251 towers in union, which easily places the Guild among the two or three largest in the country. During the year seven towers had joined and 116 peals had been rung, which included several in new Surprise methods, and many young ringers took part in their first peal.

Mr. Barker was elected treasurer in the place of Mr. Wright, who, after long service, wished to retire.

A long discussion ensued as to the place of next year's meeting. Oxford was proposed and seconded, and Reading as an amendment. Then another proposal was put forward to hold an autumn meeting at Reading in addition to the summer one at Oxford. In the end both meetings at Reading were negative and Oxford agreed to by a large majority.

REVISION OF GUILD SERVICE.

A proposal had been made to revise the Guild's service book, and a sub-committee had been appointed, but had not met. They were now instructed to do so and to report to the next annual general meeting. Grants towards restoration funds were made to several towers, and a further grant was promised to Streatley if the six bells there were increased to eight. A grant of five guineas promised by the General Committee to the William Pye Memorial Fund was confirmed.

In giving an account of the meeting of the Central Council in London, Canon Coleridge urged the necessity for greater support being given to 'The Ringing World.' Ringers could not do without the paper and yet only a handful of them bought it. If everyone in the Oxford Diocesan Guild bought a copy, they could have a bigger and better paper at less cost than at present. He also mentioned that Lord Shaftesbury had been elected a member of the Council, and said that ringers had now a representative in Parliament who would look after their interests in case they were threatened by anything like a noise abatement bill.

CONSIDER THE HERRING.

As the British Medical Association was holding a series of meetings in Oxford, the great hall of Christ Church College was not available, but an excellent luncheon was served at the Carfax Assembly Rooms. At the close the Master gave the loyal toast and the National Anthem was sung. The Rural Dean proposed the health of the Guild, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert that of the Master. In thanking the company, the Canon said he now felt as well as ever he did, and he hoped to serve the Guild as long as possible, but last autumn he had a very bad time. It started with his left shoulder, went down his leg and so all over his body until every bone in his body save only one knee-cap ached. When he told a friend about it, the other replied that he had much to be thankful for. The Almighty might have created him a herring! Dr. Joyce gave the toast of 'The Visitors,' and Mr. J. A. Trollope replied.

During the day there was ringing at many of the towers of the colleges and parish churches. Oxford is one of the very best places in England in which to hold a ringers' meeting. It is full of lovely and interesting buildings and has plenty of bells. It would be an ideal place for a band to spend a week's holiday in if you could only get rid of the townsmen, visitors and university people. The bells at the Cathedral, the 'bonny Christ Church bells,' are one of the most famous rings in England. They are a mixed lot, but quite pleasing to listen to. The ten at New College are a lot of old pots, and Magdalen bells, for all the kind things that have been said about them, are not much better. We did not hear the eight at Merton.

COMBINED PRACTICES.

GEOGRAPHICAL DIFFICULTIES AT BRADFIELD.

The annual festival of the Bradfield Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Beenham on July 11th, when about 20 members assembled at the Parish Church of St. Mary. Short touches were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Howes.

The business meeting followed. The Vicar, who is hon. secretary of the Bradfield Branch, gave his report of the year's work. He maintained that the combined practices had been a failure, which he ascribed to apathy and geographical difficulties. He doubted if it was worth while continuing the practices, and suggested the rearrangement of the towers in the branch to overcome the geographical difficulty. After some discussion the following resolution was carried unanimously: 'That the Bradfield Branch be dissolved and the towers be allowed to join either Reading or Newbury branches, with their consent; also that the money in hand in the Bradfield Branch be divided in some proportion between Reading and Newbury branches.'

This resolution was forwarded to the annual meeting of the Guild, held at Oxford on July 18th.

GREAT RINGING DAY.

The 313th anniversary of Great Ringing Day was observed on Saturday, June 27th, when the usual festival was held at Saffron Walden. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. and continued until 4.45 p.m., when the company sat down to a meal (tea at the King's Arms Hotel). The Master of the local society (Mr. A. E. Pitstow) presided, and was supported by the Vicar (Dr. L. Hughes), members of the local band and many visiting ringers.

A service was held in the Parish Church at 6 p.m. The Vicar preached a most interesting sermon, giving quotations on bells from the English poets, saying all were bell-lovers except Shakespeare, who lived before the art of change ringing was established.

The bells were kept going until 8.45 p.m. in all the Surprise methods on eight bells, with touches of Caters and Royal on ten bells.

BY COACH AND TRAIN TO DISTANT TOWERS.

CRAYFORD RINGERS IN NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, July 4th, the band of St. Paulinus', Crayford, minus those who could not tear themselves away from duty, plus a few friends, had their 'annual.' Setting out by coach from Crayford at 7.15 p.m., they had a few stops to pick up stragglers, and then non-stop—except for traffic lights—to Stony Stratford, where the local pilot, Mr. Percy Amos, was observed scrutinising all coach index plates for signs of a course end. Taking his post 'on the bridge,' or rather beside the driver, he proceeded to pilot the company down lanes and byways and over bridges, recalling Blackpool scenic railway, round a hairpin bend where two lorries had just had a forcible argument, to the old-world village of Wicken, where Mr. A. J. Green and his son were in attendance. This handy, well-toned peal were put into action to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Bristol. As there were four more towers on the list and a long ride home, the bells were lowered in peal and a quick adjournment made to Wicken's rest house (to find the driver) before dodging back into Bedfordshire again to Bromham. Unfortunately, the bells there were not heard at their best, as there was a constant rush to 'hear them outside,' and it was only with the help of Mr. Tysoe that the eight were kept going. The writer was one of the unlucky ones who was not artful enough to get out, but it must be recorded that the bells were a treat to listen to inside, even if a bit on the noisy side. Here the visitors were spared the job of lowering, as there was a meeting later, and it is firmly believed that had it not been for the distance to walk home, some of the party would have deserted and spent the afternoon there. After another brief spell to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Tysoe, the party turned back again over the county border to Olney, where Mr. Boswell was patiently waiting. It was evident that the visitors had had good advice in the choice of peals, for here again a 25 cwt. ring were well worth the journey. The standard methods were once more attacked, a touch to suit everybody, a fall in peal and on to Northampton, where everyone felt they had earned a good lunch (it was now 3 p.m.). Thanks to the pilot's arrangements, all were satisfied. A visit to St. Giles', Northampton, where Mr. W. Rogers was waiting, brought forth Stedman and Grandsire Caters, a few 'firsts' among them. A quick look round the famous Round Church followed before setting out for the finale—Finedon. This was reached at 6.15, and two of the company decided to find Tom Hensher before going up into the tower. This was a bad move, for he had gone to find the party, and by the time they had got to the church Tom had returned to attend to business. However, they did eventually meet with several more of the Finedon band, and all sorts of antics were indulged in up to and including Cambridge Major.

None of the party had evidently realised how happily Host Hensher was situated to make a party feel at home, or they would have doubtless 'cut the cake' and made a move earlier in the day, and so had longer to spend at Finedon, but, alas, 'twas too late. The driver of the coach seemed to be terribly concerned about 'his job to-morrow,' and one by one he collected his fares and eventually set out on the return journey just after 8 p.m., reaching Crayford at 11.30. The thanks of the company are here tendered to Messrs. Green, of Wicken, F. Tysoe, of Bromham, F. Boswell, of Olney, W. Rogers, of St. Giles', Northampton, and T. R. Hensher and those of the local company at Finedon who all assisted to make the day an enjoyable one, and last, but not least, to Mr. Percy Amos for acting as pilot for the day, and who assisted greatly in the arrangements which went off so smoothly.

BURTON DISTRICT OF M.C.A. VISITS HINCKLEY.

Eighteen ringers and friends from Burton, Derby, Newhall, Overseal, Ashby, Appleby, Measham, Loughborough and Norton-in-the-Moors spent an interesting though showery afternoon on Saturday, July 11th, in the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. Journeying via Overseal, Measham and Market Bosworth, the first call was Earl Shilton, where all the members tried the grand peal of eight, which were a delight to handle. Next the party proceeded to Barwell and the bells were soon ringing out to a touch of Bob Major. Here again Grandsire Doubles was rung for the younger members, while the ladies enjoyed the privilege of looking round the Rectory grounds. At Hinckley three-quarters of an hour's good ringing was enjoyed, especially the last two touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

An excellent tea was partaken at the Carlton Cafe, and before leaving for Tamworth a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the late Rector of Seale (the Rev. H. E. Worthington, B.A.) for his generous donation towards the cost of tea. Upon reaching Tamworth the party rung touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major. The return journey was made via No Man's Heath, Measham and Overseal, and brought a very enjoyable outing to a close. The party would like to thank all incumbents for use of the bells, and Messrs. G. A. Newton, C. H. Belton, B. Ridgeway and S. G. Chaplin for making the arrangements at their respective towers and having everything in readiness.

SAFFRON WALDEN RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The Saffron Walden Society held its annual outing on Monday, July 6th, the chief object being to visit Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry at Loughborough. The party of 14 left at 9 a.m. by motor-coach, and the first call was made at Kettering, where touches of Stedman Caters, London and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Upon arrival at Loughborough, an excellent lunch was served at the King's Head.

A visit was then paid to the bell foundry, where the party were met by Mr. Colin Harrison, who, after a brief introduction to all, kindly showed them round the foundry, giving a most interesting description of how a bell is cast, tuned and hung. The party were very interested in the carillon built for U.S.A., and Mr. A. Pitstow played a few leads of Grandsire Triples and 'Drink to me only' on the bells. After the works had been thoroughly inspected, the party adjourned to the Campanile, where a touch of Stedman Caters and a course of London Surprise were rung. The visitors were especially pleased to meet Mr. Dennison Taylor, to whom thanks were expressed for allowing the party to visit the foundry and ring on the peal.

The next call was at the Parish Church to ring on the fine peal of ten. This tower is of special interest to the Society, as three of its members took part in the 8,800 of Superlative Surprise in 1894, e.g., the late Mr. N. J. Pitstow, the late Mr. A. James and Mr. Ernest Pitstow, who was present with the party. The visitors rang Stedman Caters, London Surprise and Grandsire Triples in this tower.

From Loughborough the journey was resumed to Leicester, where Mr. Ernest Morris, Mr. F. Dexter and others accorded the party a cordial welcome. A touch of Stedman Cinques was successfully brought round, after which a course of Cambridge Royal was lost when nearly home. The day's ringing closed with a course of London on the back eight of this fine peal. After a chat and refreshments, the homeward journey was commenced at 8.15, home being reached at midnight, all agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent. The ringers would like to express their thanks to Messrs. Taylor and the incumbents for allowing them to ring, and to the local ringers for having everything ready.

WORCESTERSHIRE RINGERS VISIT SOMERSET.

Hinton-on-the-Green ringers were accompanied on their annual outing by friends from Hampton, Badsey and Bretforton. The party left Hinton at 7.30 a.m. and made their first stop at Wrington, Somerset. Short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung on the peal of ten bells at All Saints' Church (tenor 37 cwt.), and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. From Wrington the party went on to Cheddar, where they had lunch, and then spent an enjoyable three-quarters of an hour in Gough's caves. The next stop was made at Clevedon, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung at the Church of St. Peter (tenor 12 cwt.), after which an excellent tea was partaken of. A visit to Portishead followed, where the bells of the Parish Church (tenor 16 cwt.) were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, after which the party returned home.

LOWESTOFT RINGERS MAKE MERRY.

As it is the usual practice among the bellringing fraternity to take a 'busman's holiday' at least once a year, the band from St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, sallied forth in search of adventure on an afternoon in July with the blessings of the Clerk of the Weather. Peter Simple's version of a bellringers' outing is worth quoting from 'The Morning Post.' He says the ringers' idea of fun is to pile into a motor-coach with his peers, make for some adjoining county, and there, by kind permission of the local parsons and a sort of freemasonry that prevails among bellringers, hie from village to village alternately ringing their bells and sampling their nut brown ale.

The first call of the Lowestoft ringers was Woodbridge, with its beautiful church. Some of the boys seemed somewhat nervous when they saw the dominating tower with a ring of eight. The tenor, weighing 26½ cwt., was in the safe keeping of Francis Naunton, of Wrentham, and a most enjoyable time was spent there. Retiring to the Bull Hotel, a delightful tea was awaiting them, the special feature being the strawberries and cream. Onwards to Helmingham, with a slight reduction in the weight of bell metal, the tenor weighing 19½ cwt. A very pretty spot this, and what a mecca for beginners! No neighbours to annoy. The last port of call was Framlingham, another ring of eight. Here the boys had the unique experience of watching from above the actual working of the bells in peal. After one or two touches, it was suggested that it was time for refreshment, and ringing activities for the day were, therefore, terminated. Brothers Jerry and Baldry (the latter better known as 'Ginger') caused endless fun among some of the local inhabitants of Framlingham by descending upon the Farriers Arms in jovial spirits, borrowing the landlady's bonnet, coat and apron complete, and with pint mugs having their photographs taken as Farmer and Mrs. Giles. The landlady is to have a copy of the photograph as a memento of the occasion. How these young fellows captivated the hearts of the old folks! The return route was made via Saxmundham, and the journey's end was reached about midnight. The ringers, as a whole, would like to thank Albert E. Coleman and committee for their efforts in making the day the success it was.

THROUGH YORKSHIRE DALES.

On Saturday, July 4th, the ringers of Rotherham Parish Church, with a few friends, including the Vicar, Canon H. D. Morgan, made a tour by motor-coach of the Yorkshire dales (and hills). Starting from Rotherham at 6.30 a.m., the party made for Masham, where a splendid breakfast was enjoyed. Unfortunately, no ringing could be done at Masham owing to the unsafe condition of the spire. Continuing the journey up Wensleydale, a stop was made at Aysgarth, where the party was met by Mr. Latimer, and conducted to the tower of St. Andrew's Church, where the peal of six bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) were soon going to Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. After viewing the beautiful Swallow Falls, the journey was continued up Wensleydale and over the hill to Sedburgh. Here Mr. G. F. Woodhouse welcomed the visitors. The peal of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.) were rung to London Surprise Major, followed by Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise Major. Before leaving Sedburgh there was an inspection of the change ringing machine, which was demonstrated by the inventor, Mr. Woodhouse, a course of Silchester Surprise Major and Stedman Triples being tapped and typed by the machine (by request). Thanking Mr. Woodhouse for his hearty welcome and his interesting demonstration, the party continued through some beautiful country to Ingleton, where, after tea at the Ingleborough Hotel, appreciation was expressed by Canon Morgan on behalf of the party to the organisers of the trip and the host (Mr. Froggatt, late of Rotherham) for tea, Mr. Ryder and Mr. Froggatt responding. The journey was then continued through the wonderful scenery which Yorkshire gives at each turn in the road, over Buckspaw Brow and into Giggleswick-in-Craven and to the Church of St. Alkelda, where the visitors were met by Mr. Hodgson and several of the local ringers. Here a light peal of eight bells (tenor 10 cwt., and a rather talkative treble) were set going to Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Major. Then, wending their way through the Craven district, a halt was made at Skipton. They were welcomed by Mr. W. Billows, and London Surprise, Yorkshire Surprise and Little Bob Major were rung on the beautiful peal of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.). A good standard of striking was maintained throughout the day. Rotherham was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a splendid outing. Thanks are extended to clergy, ringers and all else who helped to make the excursion a complete success. A. F.

PORTSEA RINGERS' ENJOYABLE TOUR.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Portsea, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 11th, visiting towers in Dorset and East Hampshire. A start was made from headquarters about 1 o'clock, and, after picking up the Rev. E. Banks James and Mr. W. Linter at Fareham and Mr. and Mrs. Bayley and friend at Titchfield, the first part of the journey was made to Bournemouth.

A delightful run through the New Forest (including a blinding rainstorm of about a quarter of an hour) brought us in sight of the beautiful Priory at Christchurch with its glorious ring of twelve bells. Before reaching Bournemouth the coach passed through Iford (made famous by the proposed installation of 'gramophone' bells). St. John's was reached shortly before 3 p.m., and after the bells were raised, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung, much to the enjoyment of everybody. The bells are indeed a melodious product of the Loughborough Foundry, and, after lowering the bells in peal, a reluctant departure was made. Once aboard the lugger again and a pleasant run via Poole was made to Wimborne. Here the visitors were met at the Minster by Messrs. P. C. Hart and A. F. Martin Stewart, and the fine ring of ten by the Croydon Foundry (tenor 29 cwt. in C sharp) were soon going to Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Cambridge Royal. Time here was all too short, but the 'inner man' had to be attended to, and for this purpose the company adjourned to Gush's Restaurant. A splendid repast was partaken of, leaving a unanimous impression of the way in which Dorset can cater.

After tea, at the kind invitation of Mr. Stewart, a halt was made at Ferndown to visit the world-famous nurseries and receive the usual hospitality always extended to ringers and their wives, etc. Although this was not allowed for in the programme, after a bit of persuasion the party were eventually rounded up from this vast estate and a run was made to Ringwood, the last tower on the list. Here they were warmly welcomed by Mr. W. E. Cheater, who had earlier met the company and made the subsequent journey with him. A fine ring of eight, recently restored by Taylor's (tenor 19 cwt.), were soon going to Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, London and Bristol Surprise and a touch of Spliced Surprise in the four usual methods.

After bidding farewell to Messrs. Stewart and Cheater, the homeward journey was commenced via Minstead and Cadnam to Totton, where a halt was called for a breather and refresher. A course of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was rung by the enthusiasts before the services of the chauffeur were required. Passing through Southampton with the once famous 'Majestic' on the right in the famous docks at Millbrook, the last stage was commenced, and, after disembarking passengers at Titchfield and Fareham, headquarters was reached about 11.30 p.m., after a highly enjoyable trip. Thanks are due to all the incumbents for their ready permission and the local ringers who met the ringers and contributed to the enjoyment of the day, not forgetting the Good Samaritan.

AMONG THE BELLS OF KENT.

If you were an early bird you might have observed in the old-world village of Charlwood one June morn a small knot of men embarking on a coach with a sparkle in their eyes and many other signs of suppressed excitement. But why all this commotion, you may ask? Well, it was the Charlwood, Buckland and Merstham ringers' combined annual outing. On the stroke of nine o'clock the coach pulled up at Hever Church. The pretty little bells reminded us of our neighbouring Nutfield, and they were rung to Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob. Amongst the party was an historian who took us around the church and lectured us upon its history and Ann Boleyn, who lived in the adjoining castle. Everybody knows that Ann was decapitated, so if Kate reads this let her beware! Leaving Hever we were whizzed Horsmonden-wards. Horsmonden Church is not on the map (ours, at any rate) and 2½ miles from the village itself, so, of course, we thoroughly lost our way in spite of directions kindly given the writer by the steeple-keeper of the tower and also by a noted Charlwood ringer, who had been there before several times and sat beside the driver to 'direct' him. Anyway when we did arrive these magnificently toned bells were soon pealing forth majestically to Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Plain Bob. Loth were we to cut down our stay, but we had a long programme before us. In the course of another long ride we got lost again, but eventually reaching Egerton, we were welcomed by Mr. A. Waddington, who assisted us to ring some excellent London Surprise, Plain Bob and Kent. These bells pleased our party very much, as did the nice, roomy belfry. Afterwards we hurried along to the Swan Hotel at Charing for dinner. We intended to ring at Charing as well, but, owing to the delays that occurred, we very reluctantly had to cancel this item. It was a pity, as good Mr. Good had got everything ready for us. We hope he doesn't think we were a party of 'bears.' Next on the list was East Sutton, well off the beaten track; a dear little church with a light peal of six, but, unfortunately, seldom rung. However, we rang them right well to Woodbine, Kent, Oxford and College Exercise. This church has connection with the Filmer-Wilson family (said our historian), and he took us to a chapel and showed us a really fine brass of an ancient member of the Filmer family, together with his wife and 19 children. Obviously he didn't live in a council cottage!

Next we flitted to Yalding, where we were again met by Mr. Waddington, who had brought two other ringers with him. We had a real good 'go' here with many methods, including Carlisle and London Surprise, and then adjourned to the Walnut Tree, where a real ringers' tea awaited us. Mr. Waddington produced a set of handbells, which were set going to Grand sire Triples, and then tunes, directed by our musical friend, Mr. Horace Edwards. The performance took place in front of a crowd of admirers, who came from somewhere and completely blocked the road and the garden opposite. Moreover, when we left they gave us a mighty cheer. We are glad to know somebody likes bells. All the people I know (except ringers) never cease dinging into my ears the enormity of my offence in being a bellringer. That cheer resounded in our ears all the way to Igtham, where the tenor was described by one of our party as 'sounding like a frying pan,' while another asked its ringer to pull harder as he couldn't hear it properly. This bell was cracked and has been welded, but the tone really is dreadful. It is a great pity, as the other five bells are quite nice and the tenor completely spoils them. We rang several touches and then sped on the last tower, which was Brasted. Here we met Mr. E. H. Lewis, and Mr. Jack Weller, of Westerham. Between us we rang quite a lot, including London again. At the close, Mr. Lewis and his men treated us to a touch of Bob Minor double-handed, and to the handbell men of our party this was a delight and an eye-opener as to how handbells should be rung. After farewells we left for home. During the day we had some different ringing and some very good ringing: 11 methods were rung, including three Surprises, and the conducting was shared by Messrs. L. A. Tidy, H. R. Thorpe, A. Cheaseley and A. Ellis. The organiser wishes to thank all the incumbents for the use of their bells and the gentlemen who met the party at various places and got things ready.

SWINDON RINGERS VISIT NORTHANTS AND BEDFORD.

The annual outing of the Swindon Parish Church ringers took place on June 20th, and, in accordance with usual custom, was favoured with beautiful weather. The journey was begun at 6.55 a.m. by rail to Oxford. There a motor-coach was provided, and, on arrival at Tingewick, the Rector was found in attendance at the church, and the recently relunged peal of five bells was soon going. Buckingham bells were not available, but a short stay was made in the town for refreshments. St. Giles', Northampton, was the next objective, and the visitors were welcomed by Messrs. Dean, Rogers and Flavell, a few good touches being enjoyed on the ten bells. An excellent lunch was served at the Angel Hotel, and then a nice run to Bedford found Messrs. Tingey and Co. waiting at St. Paul's. This fine peal pleased everybody. On arrival at Leighton Buzzard the course at the Tea Caddy was very welcome, and here Mr. J. Nicholls met the party. Time restricted the ringing on this excellent peal, but everyone had a pull and enjoyed it. A halt was made at Wheatley to admire the view, and the train was duly boarded at Oxford, Swindon being reached at 9.50 p.m. Thanks are extended to all who contributed towards the success of the outing. The ringing during the day ranged from Grand sire Doubles to Stedman Caters and Bob Royal.

MIDDLESEX RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

Despite dull weather, the annual outing of the Uxbridge ringers was a thoroughly enjoyable one. Leaving Uxbridge shortly after two o'clock, with wives and ringing friends from neighbouring towers, the trip began with a lovely ride via Kingston and Reigate to Horley, where Mr. A. J. Bull had all in readiness for ringing. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the very musical peal of eight bells. On leaving here necks were craned to watch the performances of the 'air aces' in connection with the opening of London's new airport at Gatwick. Passing through Crawley, to a shrimp tea was greatly appreciated, at the Queen's Head, Horsham. Afterwards the beautiful Parish Church was eventually reached, Belisha safety first contrivances causing the party to walk to the church. The ringing on this grand peal of eight included Grandsire and Stedman Triples. At Ruspur the party found the church under repair, but touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung under conditions of difficulty owing to noise, caused by the great holes in the ceiling. At Newdigate a very musical, light ring of six was rung to Doubles and Minor. The homeward journey was by way of the Surrey beauty spot, Box Hill, Leatherhead, Walton and Staines, Uxbridge being reached shortly after 10.30 after a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. Thanks were due to Mr. Corke for his kindness in the arranging of the outing, and to all the incumbents who allowed the use of their bells.

TONG AND BUSHBURY VISITED.

Twelve members of the North Staffs Association visited Tong and Bushbury in beautiful weather on June 20th. The party, consisting of ringers and friends from Bucknall, Brown Edge and Norton, numbered 37 in all. Tong is situated on the Shropshire border, and has a beautiful 11th century church. The visitors were met by the Rev. F. W. Edmunds and Mr. Bowden, the latter having been a ringer here for 70 years. The ropes drop into the choir stalls, which have to be moved forward before ringing can begin. There is also a very long draught, but a steady band can manage the bells successfully, as they 'go' very well. Among other touches, 240 Cambridge Surprise Minor was beautifully struck, this being the first of Surprise on the bells. After tea at the Bell Inn, Bushbury was visited, and Mr. James Shaw and his band of ringers were waiting to give hearty welcome. They were also greeted by Mrs. James Shaw, who always takes a keen interest in her husband's ringing activities. Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and London Surprise were rung, the last named being also the first touch of Surprise on the bells. Thanks are tendered to Mr. James Walley for organising the outing, which proved a huge success. J. E. W.

ESSEX RINGERS IN KENT.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, Essex, visited towers in Kent for their annual outing. The twelve ringers of the local band were accompanied by the Vicar and wardens, and, with friends, made up a party of 32. Leaving the village at 7.30, their first call was at St. Thomas', Brentwood, where they had a very nice pull on some very fine bells. They then made for Kent, stopping at Crayford, and then going on to Rochester, where they had lunch. The next tower was St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, where some more very fine bells were handled. The last place for ringing was Beckenham (St. George's), where they were met by two of the local band. At 7.30 they thought it was time for tea, and when they had nicely settled down to their meal they found that a generous member of the party had 'stood treat' and paid for the teas. This act was very much appreciated. Home was reached at 11.20 p.m. after 'a perfect day.' The ringers would like to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all incumbents and steeplekeepers for their kindness. Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Major and Grandsire were rung during the day.

MORE YORKSHIRE BEAUTY SPOTS.

St. Michael's band, Headingley, held their annual outing on July 4th, and were accompanied by the St. Chad's band, together with a few friends from Bradford, Halifax and a member from the Parish Church band. Fountain's Abbey was the first place visited, and the interest of everyone was held by the description given by Mr. P. J. Johnson and others familiar with this beautiful old place. Mr. Tingle met them at Ripon Cathedral, when the splendid ring of ten bells was set going to a touch of Stedman Caters. Other touches were rung on the back eight for those who did not ring ten. After luncheon at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, the party left for Snape Castle. Through the kindness of Mr. E. Beresford Peirse, of Bedale, Thorpe Perrow (the beautiful home of Mr. William Ropner) was visited. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the lawn, after which Mr. Ropner himself conducted the party over the magnificent gardens and grounds. All were indeed loth to leave these peaceful surroundings.

On arrival at the old market town of Bedale, the inhabitants thereof were soon awakened by the sound of the eight bells pealing forth Double Norwich and other methods. These bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank. The tenor is a pre-Reformation bell (28 cwt.) and bears the inscription:—

I.O.V. (Immaculate Optime Virgini) Ego Cum Fiam Cruce Custos
Lauda Maria Digna Dei Maude Mater Dignissima Gaude.

The translation is:—

(Initials) 'To the Immaculate Most Excellent Virgin.' And the other, 'Since I am made Watcher of the Cross, I praise Mary with a praise worthy of God—Most Worthy Mother rejoice.'

Another 'plain course'—plain, but excellent—was served at the King's Head Hotel, and after this had come round the party left for Sharow, where a well-struck touch of Double Norwich was brought round, followed by a touch of Stedman, and the party then left for home.

The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells, the local members at various towers, and all those who made the outing such a pleasant one.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. JAMES T. WARD.

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. James Thomas Ward, of Finedor, Road, Irthlingborough, which took place on Sunday, July 12th, at the age of 47 years. He had been a ringer at Irthlingborough for 30 years and had rung over 100 peals in the following methods: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Irchester and Irthlingborough Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Surprise Minor.

Mr. Ward lived by himself, and on Sunday morning rang the tenor for service to a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. He usually went to bed after dinner, and as he was not at work on Monday morning inquiries were made. He was found dead in bed.

The funeral took place on July 16th, the service at the church and also the committal rites being conducted by the Rev. M. E. R. Mannox (assistant curate). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by A. Bigley 1-2, W. Perkins 3-4, A. Y. Tyler 5-6, J. Mawby 7-8. Six of his fellow-ringers were the bearers.

After the service the ringers returned to the tower and rang 504 of Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: W. Perkins (conductor) 1, F. Palmer 2, T. R. Hensher 3, A. H. Martin 4, F. Ball 5, A. Y. Tyler 6, H. Chapman 7, A. Bigley 8. Touches of Bob Major, Superlative and Stedman were also rung. The bells were muffled all day on Sunday. Visiting ringers included Messrs. T. R. Hensher, H. Chapman, A. H. Martin and F. Ball.

THE QUICKEST SIX-SCORE.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in 'The Ringing World' of the quickest 120 rung, which was in 3min. 5sec. On Monday, May 25th, the St. Mellons (Mon.) band rang a 120 in 2min. 58sec. A ringer from Cardiff took the time with a stop-watch. R. H. ADDIS.
Marshfield.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Sunday morning, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (two of Plain Bob and eight of Grandsire): G. H. Cox 1, H. P. Floyd 2, H. Radley 3, W. A. Stote 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5, G. E. Brown 6 (tenor 27½ cwt.). Kindly arranged for the conductor and Mr. W. A. Stote. These are the oldest ring of six in the country, dated 1620.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes): S. Prestidge 1, J. W. Smith 2, J. Round 3, H. Hubbard 4, A. Yates 5, William Davies 6, A. Prestidge, son, 7, A. Davies (conductor) 8. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Pritton Parish Church, Blackburn.

BRENCHEY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to say that I have approached the above Church Council with a view to reopening the tower for peal ringing and visitors? I am pleased to say that this request has been granted, but only for Wednesdays and Bank Holidays. Applications should be sent to the Vicar, the Rev. A. Patrick McNeill, Aylsham, Brencley. T. E. SONE.
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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**QUARTERLY MEETING AT WYLYE.**

A meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Wylye, Wilts, on Saturday, July 18th, and, in spite of the inclement weather, there was a very fair attendance, ringers being present from Salisbury St. Martin, Wylye, Wilton, Winterbourne, Britford, Breamore, Damerham, Kingston Magna, Berwick St. John, etc.

The Guild office was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. J. F. Groves, who also gave the address, the lesson being read by the Master, the Rev. R. G. Gundry.

Tea followed in the village inn and there was a brief business meeting, the branch chairman inviting the Master (who was at one time incumbent at Wylye) to preside, and this he consented to do, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine), the general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards) and the Rev. H. W. Moule. Arising out of the minutes, the secretary reported that the order of the meetings had been altered and Wylye visited this quarter in order to afford the Master an opportunity of attending, he having expressed a wish to be present at a meeting at Wylye. At the close of the meeting Mr. Caple proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the Guild service, also to the organist for her services; he likewise welcomed the Master and the general secretary to the branch meeting.

The Rector, in replying, expressed the appreciation of the Wylye ringers at being able to entertain the branch so early in their term of membership; he added that Dr. Tupholme had placed the bells at Steeple Langford at the disposal of the ringers. The Rev. Gundry also replied, remarking how pleased he was at being able to attend the gathering at Wylye. Ringing was then resumed.

THE WILMSLOW BELL BROADCAST.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is strange how people's ideas differ. Mr. W. Cyril Smith thinks that the ringing was excellent. To my mind, its characterless, deadly monotony was the very antithesis of good change ringing. The absence of the open handstroke lead, with the treble an honourable exception, spoilt completely a clean and otherwise good performance. For some reason or other, I gained the impression that the bells were not being rung at all, but chimed by one man on an Ellacombe chiming apparatus.

Eulogy in the Press of bell performances should be used with restraint. Not so long ago a letter appeared in praise of certain broadcast ringing. I wrote your correspondent privately, pointing out that one of the bells had not made a clean blow at backstroke during the time the bells were 'on the air.' Mistaken praise is worse than unconstructive criticism.

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church on Whit Sunday for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: W. Rundle 1, W. A. Wills 2, R. Rundle 3, J. Hosgood 4, F. Wills 5, E. Hill 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8. First quarter-peat for ringers of 1 and 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Whitsun Sunday, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. Ansell 1, H. Bird 2, H. Bull 3, F. Springham 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, F. Bird 6, W. T. Prior 7, H. M. White 8. First quarter-peat in the method by the ringers of 1 and 2. For evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Ansell 1, R. Haydon 2, W. T. Prior 3, W. Prior 4, F. Springham 5, F. Bird 6, H. Bull 7, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 8, S. Carter 9, W. Wilkinson 10.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—At All Saints' Church for evensong on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peat of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): H. N. Pittsow (conductor) 1, *S. R. Dearle 2, A. J. Adams 3, J. Hobden 4, N. Hobden 5, *T. Norman 6, F. G. Woodiss 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. * First quarter-peat in the method. First quarter-peat in the method by an entirely local band. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church on Sunday evening, May 31st, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: C. B. Davies (first quarter-peat) 1, A. J. Mayo 2, A. Pound 3, W. Osborne 4, A. E. Bailey 5, A. Jeffery 6, L. T. Osborne (conductor) 7, H. A. Osborne 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 30th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (6) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 3.30. Tea 5.30.—W. Ayre, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Rodwinter on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, SURREY ASSOCIATION, and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of members of these three organisations will be held at Beddington on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5. Tea at the Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, at 1/3 per head.—G. A. Card, A. H. Smith, F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Bobbing on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, only to those who send a card.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. Mary's Church, Oldham, on Saturday, July 25th, from 3 to 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 25th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Colmworth on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A new treble has just been added, so come over and try them. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—A garden fete is to be held in the beautiful grounds of Helmingham Hall, Saturday, July 25th, in aid of church repair fund. The tower will be open to ringers from 3 till 9 p.m. Teas can be obtained on grounds.—G. Whiting, Tower Keeper.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Countesthorpe (6) on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. A good bus service from the Newark's. A good attendance hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A joint meeting of the Suffolk Guild and Norfolk Diocesan Association will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, usual place, 5 p.m. It is hoped to have a good muster of Ely, Norfolk and London friends.—R. C. Sharpe and N. Golden, Dis. Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The competition for the Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne Church on Saturday, July 25th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Rev. J. Waugh, Clowne Rectory, Clowne, near Chesterfield. Open tower after tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover St., Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Adlington, instead of Westhoughton as previously arranged, on Saturday, 25th July. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Half rail fares paid to members attending this meeting. Please ensure that your tower is represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, 18, 3d. per head, at 5. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. H. Shipp, 6, Duke Street, Staindrop, at once.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Werburgh's on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E. on Wednesday, July 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Usual arrangements for tea.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. for which please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 28th.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Froome Bungalow, Mordiford, Hereford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Chiddingly on Saturday, August 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/3 per head. Half rail fare, maximum 1/6. All those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. All Cannings, Chilton and Marden bells available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, August 1st, at Whitworth Parish Church. Nominations for the following positions must be sent in to me before July 29th: President, Secretary and two Committeemen. Tea will be provided at moderate charges to all those who send in their names to Mr. C. Hall, 187, Grove Terrace, Whitworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nail Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m. at Isgrove's. Bells recently rehung by Gillett and Johnston—a nice peal. Please come early; good bus and train service. Church close railway.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—By special permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. M. Irwin) the 10 bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, August 1st, at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to all sending in their names to Mr. Sydney Dawson, Tamworth Street, Duffield, not later than July 30th.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Horsley on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. to those who notify me by Wednesday, July 29th.—J. W. England, 46, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrexham on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea (1/-). Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 29th?—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, cafe close by. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Liscard on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Service at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. W. S. Coad, M.A., Rural Dean of Wallasey. Meeting at 12 noon. Lunch at 1 p.m., tickets, price 2/- (1/6 to members), obtainable from the branch secretaries.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, August 8th. For tea please send names to Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, before Wednesday August 5th.—William Farrimond, Branch Sec., 3, Catherine Street extension, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Southover Church: F. Crees (first quarter-peal on the treble) 1, R. J. Dawe 2, W. Coppard 3, G. Wiggins 4, G. P. Elphick 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. W. E. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. Wilmshurst 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,263 Stedman Caters: B. R. Harris (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss O. L. Ashbrook (first quarter-peal of Caters) 3, F. L. Blewer 4, E. J. King 5, W. D. Grainger 6, R. K. Mowforth (first quarter-peal of Caters) 7, H. Gibson (Scarborough) 8, T. W. Taffender 9, H. H. Peters 10.

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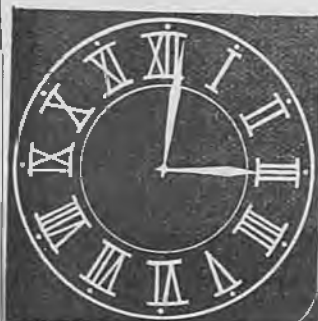
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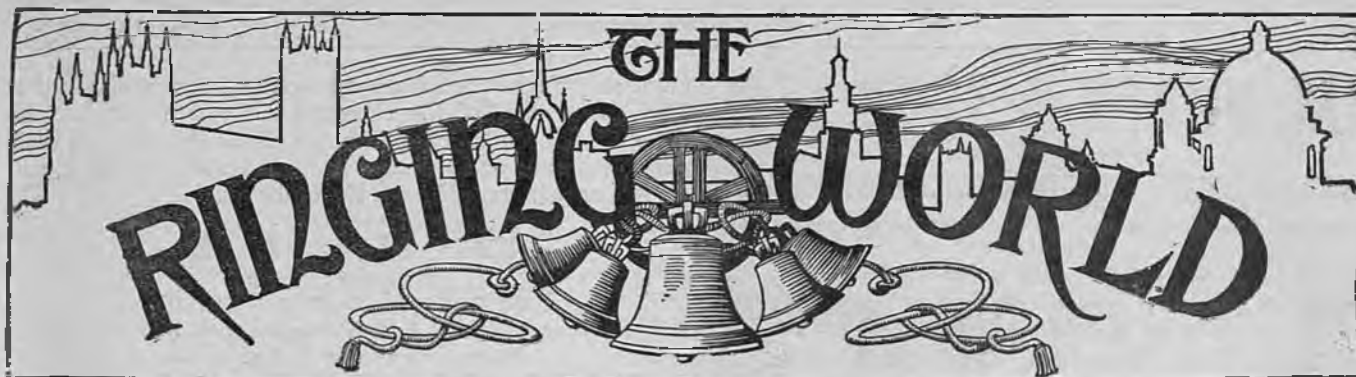
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Next year the Ladies' Guild will celebrate its silver jubilee, in the meantime a committee has been appointed to consider the present division of districts with a view to covering the country more effectively. At present there are areas in which the Guild does not actively function, and this is one great drawback to its operations. While the number of lady ringers is considerable, they are a scattered body, and the principal difficulty has been in organising self-supporting districts. That the Guild has succeeded in functioning as well as it has done through nearly a quarter of a century is a testimony to the energy and loyalty of those who have held office, and particularly to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the general secretary, whose enthusiasm has never flagged.

The Guild was really the outcome of the first peal rung by a company of ladies in 1912, at Cubitt Town. The beginnings were small, but when in the days of the Great War women came into the belfries to replace the men, the number of lady ringers rapidly expanded, and the Guild's purpose and place in the Exercise was more than justified. But even so, there has seldom been a tower with a complete band of ladies, and in many cases where they are to be found in belfries they are only in ones and twos. This has made organisation difficult, and although the half dozen or so districts have held regular meetings, the scattered nature of the membership is bound to make itself felt on these occasions.

The Committee who have the reorganisation of the Guild to consider will not have an easy task. Smaller districts might give members more facilities for attending meetings, but the obstacle to smaller districts is finance. With a nominal subscription of only one shilling a year, a county area with a dozen or fifteen members could do very little. The difficulties of a large district are that the members are out of touch with the organisation and each other, and only very occasionally can a meeting be held within reach of more than a very few. Moreover, the membership of the Guild seems more 'fluid' than with the ordinary ringers' association. This lack of close touch, coupled with the fact that members not infrequently give up ringing altogether on marriage, leads to lapses of membership which it is very hard to avert or replace. The ladies who carry the brunt of the work are, therefore, to be cordially congratulated upon the success which they have hitherto made of the Guild. There is a place in the Exercise for this organisation, and it is to be hoped that not only will the Guild find a way more effectively to knit together its forces, but that in its jubilee year it will gather energy and

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

*MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... 2	†R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	†TOM CLARKE ... 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 9
ARTHUR G. KING ... 5	EDWARD C. KETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Treble Ten.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JOSEPH LADLEY ... Treble	REGINALD DORE ... 6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 2	ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... 7
THOMAS J. HULL ... 3	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 8
GEORGE RADLEY ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
STANLEY A. CARTER ... 5	SIDNEY CADLE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 69). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. V. Townshend-Ducker, M.A., to the living of All Saints', Hertford.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6061 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	COLIN HARRISON ... 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	*EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 7
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 8
FRED W. HILL ... 4	*ALEX HUTCHINSON ... 9
R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First ten-bell peal. A wedding compliment to Miss Ellen Gobey (sister of the 7th ringer) and Mr. H. Godfrey, of Ilkeston, who were married this day.

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At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. KING Treble	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†ROY K. MOWFORTH ... 7
†MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 3	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 8
*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 9
*ROBERT G. HEAZEL ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First in the method. † First peal on ten bells. The peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, but owing to the sudden death of Mrs. M. L. P. Lomas, wife of the late churchwarden, it was rung half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the deceased parishioner. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALFRED H. WATSON... .. Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5
*ALBERT E. WHITING... .. 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
JOHN H. ARBON 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method away from treble.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

A. E. BACON Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS 2	*ARTHUR ROLFE ... 6
MANSFIELD GINN... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 4	A. G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by A. G. BASON.

* First peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Monday, July 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Chief-Insp. W. BOTTRILL, Metropolitan Treble	
P.C. F. E. WILSON, Leicester City 2	
P.C. H. W. PERKINS, Leicester City 3	
Insp. H. J. POOLE, Leicester City 4	
Ex-Sgt. W. C. DOWDING, Birmingham City 5	
P.C. T. ANDERSON, Nottingham County 6	
P.C. A. RANDS, Northampton County 7	
Sgt. H. C. JENNEY, Leicester City Tenor	

Conducted by INSP. H. J. POOLE.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. A. EVANS Treble	*GEORGE BAATZ ... 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	HARRY W. BROWN ... 6
*WILLIAM BROWN 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
ALEXANDER EVANS ... 4	A. E. BAVERSTOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and first peal on eight bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	PETER CHARMAN ... 5
JOHN COOK 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
ERNEST AYLIFFE 3	JACK BRANCH ... 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

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IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTLE Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... 5
JAMES ROSE 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 6
WILLIAM KINSEY... .. 3	CHARLES SHEMMING ... 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HAROLD TOWNSEND Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	H. WALTER SMITH ... 6
JOSEPH JENNINGS... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
HARRY G. FELTON 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS SIMMONDS Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
*FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 2	STANLEY W. COPLING ... 6
CHARLES LOOME 3	GEORGE POYNIZ ... 7
RUSSELL RICHES 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 26.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

FRED MATTHEWS, SEN. Treble	WALLACE COUSINS ... 5
ALFRED BACON 2	LEWIS BUSH ... 6
FRED WIGMORE 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
JOHN BUCKENHAM 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.

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On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*GEORGE H. WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... 5
JOHN G. MASON 2	CYRIL WINWOOD ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 7
H. JAMES TURNER 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

* First peal of Major.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F. sharp.

*CHARLES STEELE Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 5
ALBERT KELFE 2	CHARLES BRASIER 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*LEONARD KNOTT... .. Treble	REG. C. H. CONNOLLY 5
HAROLD P. REED 2	REGINALD A. REED 6
LIONEL H. PAGE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
†A. J. CORRIGAN 4	REGINALD BROWN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of Dr. Frank Partridge as Bishop of Portsmouth the same afternoon at the Cathedral, Portsmouth.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, July 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EUNY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 43 six-scores in eight different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Treble	STANLEY SEYMOUR 4
WILLIAM REED 2	FREDERIC H. HARRIS 5
EDWARD SANDERS 3	*WILLIAM H. CORNELIUS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERIC H. HARRIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Rev. W. R. Ladd Canney as Rector of Redruth, and his 21st as parish priest.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.:-

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- (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CUTBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 32 methods. First Surprise peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*STANLEY GOODWIN Treble	FRANCIS GLEAVES 4
KITTY WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES W. COOK 5
JACK PARISH 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON

* First attempt for a peal.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES W. PARKER Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4
CHARLES CLARK 2	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	PERCY K. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER Treble	HARRY V. PARROW 3
ALFRED BUCELEY 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
HOWARD HOWELL Tenor	

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1873.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT J. HURD Treble	†ANDREW THOMPSON 4
*FRANK SHUKER 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL 5
GEORGE HULME 3	THOMAS HURD Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5160 CHANGES;

In the following methods: 720 of Duke of York, 840 of Woodbine and 720 each of Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL COOK Treble	*WILLIAM CARBUTT 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	ARTHUR PANTEER 5
GEORGE LORD 3	†DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal of Minor.

GLASTON, UPPINGHAM.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*A. WOODS Treble	S. MILLS 3
*G. KING 2	*C. GREEN 4
*G. PEPPERDAY Tenor	

Conducted by G. PEPPERDAY.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

SOME TREBLE BOB METHODS.

In explaining steps in Treble Bob last week we took the example of Kent, because it is probably the easiest of this class of method. There are others, however, very little more difficult, and it may be well if, while on this subject of Treble Bob, we refer to one or two of them, because there is no reason why you should not study something beyond Kent, even while you are perfecting yourself with that method.

The original method of Treble Bob was Oxford; Kent did not come on the scene until much later, and is a simple variant of the former. We explained in the last article that when the treble is in 1-2 in Kent, 3rd's and 4th's places are made by the bells going up and 4th's and 3rd's by the bells coming down, in substitution for the dodges that would otherwise be made.

The constructional difference between the two methods is that, instead of the bells going out making 3rd's and 4th's and continuing their way up, they make 4th's only and go back to lead; while the bells coming down, instead of making 4th's and 3rd's, when the treble is below them, make 3rd's only, and go out behind again. If you will compare these figures you will see the difference in the place-making.

Kent	Oxford
231546	214536
213456	214356
123465	123465
214356	213456
124365	124365
142635	142635
412653	412653
146235	146235
416253	412653
461523	421563

This variation in the place-making, while producing different changes within the treble lead, produces the same lead-ends, and a true peal in one method is a true peal in the other.

HOW OXFORD DIFFERS FROM KENT.

The bells doing 'slow work,' that is, lead and 2nd's place alternately from the time the treble leaves the front until it returns, do it in the same order in Oxford as in Kent, but the coursing order 'inside' the lead is not quite the same, because the place-making bells change direction. Immediately before and after the treble's dodging behind, the Plain Bob coursing order is broken, but while that is happening the bells in the next dodging place below (3-4 in Minor, 5-6 in Major) are dodging in coursing pairs; when dodging up you dodge with your course bell, and when dodging down, with your 'after' bell. As soon, however, as the treble gets away from 3-4 in Minor, or 5-6 in Major, the coursing order above it is resumed.

The actual rules for ringing the method work out like this: If, in Minor, you pass the treble in 4-5 or dodge 5-6 up with the treble, you make 3rd's place, and go back up. (You do the same in Major if you pass the treble in 6-7 or dodge in 7-8.)

If you come out of the slow work (i.e., dodge on the front with the treble), you make 4th's and go down to lead; if you pass the treble in 2-3 you make 4th's, go back and dodge with the treble and then begin the 'slow' work.

In all other instances your work is exactly the same as in Kent. You dodge in all the dodging positions, 3-4, 5-6, etc., up and down, and after the 4-3 (down) go straight to lead and up again to 3-4.

When a bob is made, all the bells above 4th's place have an extra double dodge, that is they 'step back' three times instead of once. The actual bob is made by the bell which dodged behind with the treble and came down to 3rd's place. Instead of going straight up again, he makes 4th's (which is the bob), and then another 3rd's place, before going back up.

The bells coming out of and going into the slow work are not affected. Each makes 4th's place and returns to the front.

For the young conductor who wants a 720 of Minor in either method, a 'standard' calling, which keeps the 5th and 6th from coming behind the 'wrong' way, is to call the 6th In (into the Slow) and Out with another bob the next lead, and, in the next course, call the 6th In only. Do this three times and you have the extent. Remember the point mentioned above, that if you are going into the Slow in Kent you dodge up in 5-6 with the treble, and follow it down; in Oxford you dodge down in 6-5 with the treble, and go down in front of it.

VARIATION OF ALLIED METHODS.

There are other methods closely allied to Oxford—Sandal and Duke of Norfolk, for instance. In the former, Oxford is varied by a bell making 5th's place, when the treble lies its whole pull behind; in the latter 2nd's place is made at the treble's whole pull in front, as well as 5th's at the whole pull behind. The result is that in the three methods you get exactly the same changes in a plain course, but they come up in a different order and consequently the actual work is different.

These three methods of Treble Bob stand in exactly the same relationship as the plain methods, Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob.

The place-making in 3rd's and 4th's remains the same in Sandal as in Oxford, but the 5th's place half-way through the lead causes a dodge on the front which changes the bell in the slow work, and a three-pull dodge—that is an additional double dodge, or three steps back instead of one—in 3-4. The bell that dodges in 6-5 down with the treble (after dodging 5-6 up with another bell) makes 5th's, dodges 5-6 up with the treble, and 6-5 down with another bell, before going on down to make 3rd's place and return.

The work when the treble is in front is exactly the same as in Oxford, and a bob is also made in the same way.

In Duke of Norfolk you do all that has been explained for Sandal when the treble is behind, but when the treble is in front, the bell which began Slow work when the treble was behind makes 2nd's when the treble leads its whole pull and, dodging again with the treble, remains in the Slow work until the treble gets behind. The time to dodge and come out of the Slow work is after making 2nd's place the second time, and in both Sandal and Duke of Norfolk the dodge is actually in 2-1 (down) after the 2nd's place; therefore, it is necessary to lead another whole pull before going up to 3-4.

This retention of the same bell in the Slow work after the treble's lead in Duke of Norfolk causes the bells in 5-6 to have a three-pull dodge, and the bells in 3-4 to do a double set of places, with a dodge between. Thus the bell that comes down makes 3rd's, dodges in 3-4 up, makes 4th's and goes down to lead. The bell that comes up does the reverse thing, viz., makes 4th's, dodges in 4-3 down, makes 3rd's and goes up.

Here is the difference between Oxford and Sandal behind, and Oxford and Duke of Norfolk in front:—

Oxford	Sandal	Oxford	D. of N.
236154	236154	643125	236154
263514	263514	634215	263514
625341	625341	362451	625341
623514	623514	362415	623514
265341	265341	632451	265341
256431	623541	623541	623541
524613	265314	265314	265314
526431	263541	263541	263541
254613	625314	625314	625314
245163	652134	652134	652134

The work of Oxford and Sandal is the same when the treble is in front; the work of Sandal and Duke of York is the same when the treble is behind.

From the figures which we have here given, it should be possible for you to construct a lead of each of these three methods, and from the figures draw a diagram of a whole course. Just try it! It may lead your interest to that higher plane of splicing together a number of such methods into one true 720.

By the way, the calling of a 720 of Sandal is the same as for an extent of Oxford, except, of course, that the Out is not at the lead following the In.

In Duke of Norfolk, however, the calling of the tenor must be Wrong, Right and Wrong, the Wrong being the second lead of the course, and the Right at the course end.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. R. Reber (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Lord 2, G. M. Kirby 3, K. J. Guyler (conductor) 4, J. E. Rootes 5, E. E. C. Russell 6, T. Collins 7, T. Humphreys 8. Ringer of treble aged 16, and of 2nd and tenor 79 and 72 respectively.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church of St. Dionysius for morning service on Sunday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): Miss M. I. Barrow 1, Miss Frances Hart (first in the method) 2, L. Rudd 3, R. March 4, W. Hector 5, W. Wallington 6, F. Wallington 7, A. Manning (conductor) 8. Miss Frances Hart is from Weston-by-Welland.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Sanders 1, E. E. Hardcastle (longest length in the method) 2, F. Pike 3, W. Hewett 4, H. Hoskins 5, W. Madgwick 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, J. Marks 8.

TROWERIDGE, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,275 changes): S. J. Hector 1, R. Amor 2, J. Francis 3, G. H. Harding 4, C. Butcher 5, W. Lord 6, W. Baxter 7, N. V. Andrews 8, B. Worsell 9, C. Raison 10, C. F. Andrews (conductor) 11, S. Francis 12. Longest length on 12 bells by ringers of 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12. All are members of the local band.

ABERDARE.—The first quarter-peal rung by a local band on the bells of St. Elyan's Church, Aberdare, was accomplished on July 11th by the following band, all of whom are service ringers and all self-taught: J. Emm 1, A. Scribbings 2, F. Chave 3, E. Emm 4, G. Kerley (conductor) 5, G. Mead 6, E. Russell 7, B. Sheldon 8.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church for morning service on July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Marson 1, R. Bray 2, G. Gutteridge 3, P. Jones 4, W. S. Childs 5, Miss E. Bedford (first quarter as conductor) 6, F. Corke (composer) 7, J. Childs 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

GUILDFORD GUILD MEMBERS VISIT SUSSEX.

For the third successive year members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild from Worplesdon and Aldershot, with one unattached member, combined with the Hastings and District Guild for a joint meeting. This year the venue was the quaint old town of Rye. Leaving Fox Corner in Surrey at 12.45 p.m., the party made the long journey by coach via Dorking, Reigate, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge, reaching Rye Church at 4.40. They were cordially welcomed by the Misses M. P. and J. E. Kingdon (one time members of the Worplesdon company) and Mr. C. A. Levett, hon. secretary of the Hastings Guild.

At 5.15 tea was served in a neighbouring cafe, a company of nearly 30 sitting down. Besides the Worplesdon and Aldershot towers, members from Croydon, All Saints', Hastings, St. Leonards, Feltham, Uckfield, Hawkhurst and Salehurst were also present.

Following tea, several of the visitors explored the town, whilst others, more enthusiastic, returned to the belfry to take part in touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Plain Bob and Superlative. Cambridge Major was not successful! At 8 p.m. the ringing ceased, and

was inspected and its many historical points explained by the Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and touches of Grandsire, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung on the very musical peal of bells in the tower. Another short run in the coach through winding lanes brought the party to Weston Patrick, where their Rector and Mrs. Bedford have their country cottage. They found a meat tea awaiting them, and after enjoying all the good things provided, many availed themselves of the opportunity of looking round the gardens, while a few cast longing eyes on the swimming pool. Handbell ringing was indulged in on the lawn, and, before leaving, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mrs. Bedford for their kind hospitality, also to Miss Wyatt and the helpers at the tea tables. After the roll call had been found to be correct, a move was made to Yateley, the route lying through Odiham and Hartley Row. On arrival, the visitors were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. S. J. Riddell, and the bells were rung in various methods. This concluded the ringing activities, and, on arriving back at Reading, the day's pleasures were discussed over a little refreshment at The Grapes, all expressing themselves well pleased with the arrangements made by the secretary. Paddington was reached again at 11.15 p.m. after a very happy day.



THE ANCIENT CHURCH OF RYE, SUSSEX.

Pack and Chapman cast a ring of eight bells for this tower in 1775, but there were bells there at least 300 years earlier. The French attacked Rye in 1377 and carried off the church bells as part of the loot. In the following year, however, the men of Rye and Winchelsea retrieved them, bringing them back after an attack upon Peter's Haven, in Normandy.

the coach load of visitors were taken to Chitcombe, Brede, the residence of Mrs. Kingdon, and hospitably entertained to coffee and cakes.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Kingdon and her daughters for all they had done for the comfort of the party.

One stop was made on the homeward journey, and Aldershot reached at 1.15 a.m., after a happy and completely successful outing. All the trippers wish to thank Capt. H. J. Cann for arranging the excursion.

LONDON RINGERS TOUR BERKS AND HANTS.

The ringers of St. Andrew's, Holborn, with a few friends, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 4th. Leaving Paddington by train at 8.40 a.m., they transferred to a motor-coach at Reading and drove to Newbury. On arrival they found that Mr. H. W. Curtis had the bells ready for their use, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Treble Bob were rung. These bells are a fine peal, both in tone and go, and Mr. Curtis may well be pleased with his peal of ten. The next move was to Andover, the scenery on the way being much admired. Lunch was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, and afterwards at St. Mary's Church, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were successfully brought round. These bells were found to be very false and required ringing, while the staircase to the ringing room kept a few of the ringers downstairs.

After another run through delightful country, the party reached Alton, a well-known town for keeping your 'Courage.' The church

A GUILDFORD GUILD EXCURSION.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild this year organised an outing, and the experiment proved a complete success. The 'stepping off' place was Hersham Church. The coach took on the first part of its load and moved off exactly at 2 p.m. by the clock, and proceeded to Weybridge to embark some more, then on through Chertsey, Laleham and Staines. Here another joined the happy throng, and, having crossed the Thames again to Egham, the remainder of the load was taken on board. Passing Runnymede, Windsor and Maidenhead, the party made a call at Sonning. Here the company was met by the Vicar, and the ladies had an enjoyable time inspecting the church under his guidance. An hour's good ringing was indulged in on the bells, and some paid a visit to the river lock, which is one of the beauty spots of the Thames. Next a move was made to Shiplake. Here tea was partaken of at the Plough Inn, the proprietor of which is also steeplekeeper of the church and also has a case of handbells, which were duly inspected and some used. After tea the church was visited for another hour's ringing before going on to Henley, which was reached about 7.15 p.m. As everything was ready, the bells were soon going merrily. The bells were lowered at 8 p.m. and the homeward journey commenced, Hersham being reached at about 10.30 p.m., everyone voting the venture a success. Thanks are accorded the visitors from Heston and Staines, also to the various incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells and having everything ready.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES J. CHOOET.**FORMER MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Charles John Chooet, of 35a, Sutton Buildings, Chelsea, which took place at Guy's Hospital on Wednesday, July 15th.

Mr. Chooet was a very prominent member of the St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild. He had been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 50 years, and was Master of the society in 1929.

The funeral took place on Saturday, July 18th, at Brompton Cemetery. In addition to the family mourners, there were present Mr. Stanton, of the University of London, Mr. C. F. Winney, of the College Youths, and Mr. J. S. Hawkins, representing St. Andrew's Guild, Holborn.

Mr. Chooet, whose age was 69, leaves one married daughter to mourn his loss. There were many beautiful wreaths, including one from the St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.

On Tuesday evening, July 21st, the bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn, were rung half-muffled to a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by the following members: William R. Dennis 1, Henry G. Alford 2, Robert W. Green 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, Ernest F. Pryor 5, Albert C. Darnell (conductor) 6, Joseph Marks 7, Joseph S. Hawkins 8.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

MITOHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. West (first quarter in the method) 1, W. H. Joiner 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, R. Charge 4, L. Greenhow 5, C. Potheary 6, W. S. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Sparkes 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,320 changes): W. M. Stone 1, Miss Sparshott 2, E. V. Hinton 3, H. Sargent (Glasgow) 4, Mrs. Williams 5, S. White 6, H. Bennett (Bristol) 7, R. O. Street 8, E. T. Griffin 9, F. Sparshott 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, H. Gillard 12. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques by ringers of 4 and 7.

KELSTON.—On July 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. E. Baverstock 1, P. Cruickshank 2, F. C. Mogford 3, C. S. Knott 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, W. Brown (conductor) 6. First 720 of Oxford by all. At Farmborough on July 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): H. Parfrey (first quarter of Minor) 1, F. C. Mogford 2, C. S. Knott 3, G. Baatz 4, R. Perry 5, W. Brown (conductor) 6. The second ringer was 25 years old on the previous day. On an outing on June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) at Queen Camel (tenor 36 cwt.): A. E. Baverstock 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, F. W. Beer 3, F. C. Mogford 4, S. S. Woodburn (conductor) 5, H. Ellis 6.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS FRATERNISE.**CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, SURREY AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN RINGERS.**

On Saturday, members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, the Surrey Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild met at Beddington, Surrey, for a combined social gathering. In spite of unsettled weather, about 40 ringers attended from Banstead, Benhilton, Beddington, Croydon, Carshalton, Leatherhead and London (St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Luke's, Chelsea, and Willesden), whilst visitors were present from Tunbridge Wells and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Ringings commenced at 3 o'clock and proceeded until 4.50 p.m., when the Rector, the Rev. E. V. Bond, mounted the steps to the belfry for the purpose of unveiling a memorial peal board erected in honour of the late Mr. A. J. Trappitt. In the course of his remarks the Rector pointed out that Mr. Trappitt had been a member of the Beddington band for 40 years, and was secretary of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association for nine years. During that time he carried out all his duties conscientiously and well, and attended regularly the meetings of the Beddington band for practices and Sunday service ringings. By his death Beddington had lost a most faithful bellringer.

At the service which followed, the Rector welcomed the three associations to Beddington and invited them to come again. His address took the form of an exposition of the history of Beddington, and particularly of the church, in the course of which he referred to the recent excavations which had been made in the vicinity, revealing good specimens of Roman and Saxon work. Amongst these relics is the shell of a coffin at least 1,500 years old, in a good state of preservation.

The chest in which it has been placed was unlocked for the occasion, and many of those present took the opportunity of inspecting it.

Tea followed at the Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, and after tea Mr. George H. Cross, Master of the Cumberland Youths, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to Mr. Charles H. Kippin for making all the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the visitors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Albert Harman, on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and carried with acclamation.

After some good handbell ringing (Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major), members returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till 9 o'clock. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Royal. A very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new Vicar of All Saints', Hertford, the Rev. V. Townshend-Ducker, is a change ringer. A peal of Grandsire Caters, in honour of his induction, was rung on Saturday.

One often reads in peal reports 'rung after meeting short for so-and-so,' but the peal of Caters at Loughborough Foundry on Saturday (reported elsewhere) was rung after meeting over for Major.

A new tower has been erected at Surfleet, Lincs, in the demesne of Glyn Garth, but by what seems to be an extraordinary oversight, no provision has been made for a peal of bells. All that can now be done is for four ringers to sit round the top and ring handbells. They will be kept warm by the boiler furnace below.

Among the reports of the peals published to-day is one of 5,160 of Minor in seven methods. Included in it was 840 of Woodbine Treble Bob. There is no information as to where in the peal this additional 160 changes was rung or any explanation as to why it was included, but the Central Council requirements for a lengthened peal of Minor are, we believe, that seven true 720's shall be rung first.

The annual 'bellringers' sermons' will be preached at Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Sunday. One day in the year at this church is devoted to the interests of the ringers, and the sermons on this occasion will be preached in the morning by the Rev. W. G. Beale (Rector of Willey), and in the evening by the Rev. J. H. Hall (Vicar of Shifnal). The offertories at the services go to the ringers' fund.

'ROPE-SIGHT.'

NEW EDITION OF A SNOWDON WORK.

Many books of instruction have been published for the benefit of ringers, young and old, from Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia' in 1668 to the Central Council Collections of Methods and 'Hints for Beginners,' but no book in this category has been in such demand as Snowdon's 'Rope-Sight,' the ninth edition of which has now come from the Press.

Jasper Snowdon had a lucid pen, and untold thousands of ringers have gained by his painstaking work, which he first put into print over half a century ago. There was never a more able exposition of the groundwork of change ringing than his 'Rope-Sight,' and that it still holds the field as a beginner's text book is proved by the continued demand which has led to the issue of so many editions.

In the preface to the second edition Jasper Snowdon himself wrote: 'Undoubtedly the most pleasing acknowledgment of the efforts of the writer is the demand for another edition.' Jasper Snowdon has been gone from us for more than 50 years, but his work lives on and he is still one of the best 'instructors.' The Exercise is indebted to the Snowdon family for continuing to make these works available to ringers.

'Rope-Sight' deals in simple language with the art of ringing from the management of a bell to the proof of Bob Major, taking in its course Plain Bob from four to eight bells, conducting and calling round, and even a chapter on bell rope splicing. It is published at 1s. 10d. post free, and is obtainable from Miss Margaret E. Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancs.

AN INTERESTING RECORD.

The following framed notice which hangs in the tower of St. Mary's, Preswick, has been forwarded to us by Mr. Frank Reynolds. He points out that the church referred to as St. Bartholomew's is now St. Mary's.

CHANGE RINGING.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S,
PRESTWICH.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHT.

On Easter Sunday Morning, April 17th, 1808, by the
RINGERS OF PRESTWICH.

The following peals were rung, viz.:-

- 1st Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Tulip.'
- 2nd Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Symphony.'
- 3rd Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Morning Star.'
- 4th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Evening Star.'
- 5th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'London Delight.'
- 6th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Morning Pleasure.'
- 7th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'College Exercise.'
- 8th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'London Scholars' Pleasure.'
- 9th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Violet.'
- 10th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'City Delight.'
- 11th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Oxford Treble Bob.'
- 12th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'College Pleasure.'
- 13th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'College Treble Bob.'
- 14th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Crown Bob.'

It appears from our ancestors, and likewise from the histories of record, that these peals were never before rung at one time; and we, the undermentioned ringers, rang the above peals in three hours and forty minutes, to the entire satisfaction of a number of people.

James Dawson.

George Dawson.

William Halliwell.

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RINGING FROM CHURCH FLOOR.

INTERESTING NOTES BY MR. J. H. SHEPHERD

From time to time ringers visiting fresh churches find that ringing has to be carried out under strange conditions, and comment is often made upon it by correspondents of 'The Ringing World.'

Few, if any, ringers have visited as many towers as Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who makes a hobby of ringing at 'new towers' and measuring the tenors.

Appended are some notes which he has kindly forwarded to us, as the result of an enquiry some time ago, relating to places where the bells are rung from the church floor.

There are, he writes, several churches in the country where the ringers stand in front of the chancel as at the two churches mentioned in the county of Somerset (Kingstone and Winsham). Although the following do not make a complete list the information may be useful.

Eight-bell towers.—Aylesbury, Bucks.
Melbourne, Derbyshire.
Leckhampton, Glos.
Fairford, Glos.
Ickleton, Cambs.
Winsham, Somerset.
Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

Six-bell towers.—Bramshott, Hants.
Tong, Salop.
Alfriston, Sussex.
Staunton, Glos.
Kingstone, Somerset.
Thurleigh, Beds.
Wollaston, Northants.
Britford, Wilts.
Chilmark, Wilts.
Barford St. Martin, Wilts.

Five-bell towers.—Algarkirk, Lincs.
Rowington, Warwicks.
Meppershall, Beds.

Bramshott is interesting in that the ringers have to ring in white coats provided by the church.

With regard to Ottery St. Mary, Devon, the tower, being at the end of the transept and low, makes ringing in the church necessary. The same appertains at St. German's Priory in Cornwall, where the tower is at the west end of the church and at the north corner.

Similar interesting instances occur as at St. Ives, Hunts, and Fen Stanton, Cambs, where the towers at the west end of the church have two supporting columns in the naves and the ringers are completely exposed to view.

There are instances where the porch of the church is under the tower as at Llanbadrn Fawr, Radnorshire, and Steventon, Berks, and there being nowhere for the ringers they stand and ring in the porch.

At Penhow, Monmouthshire, after a parishioner has gone through the porch, he immediately finds himself under the tower, which spans the south aisle, having two of its pillars as central pillars between that and the nave. Here the ringers stand to ring, occupying a space in the middle of the aisle itself.

Of other oddities we have those most interesting little churches, particularly in Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Hants, Berks and Wilts, where there virtually is no tower, the bell frame being carried on vertical timbers erected at the west end of the nave and protruding through the roof, timber protection being arranged around the frame and a shingle broach capping the whole.

At Chicheley, Bucks, instead of ringing on the floor in front of the chancel, a platform is suspended from the tower roof upon which the ringers stand.

(Continued in next column.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPEAL FOR UNITY AMONG BANDS.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch was held at Banbury on Saturday, July 25th, in rather stormy weather. Ringing commenced shortly before three o'clock, and continued until the service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Banbury and president of the branch, the preacher being the curate, the Rev. N. E. Wilkinson.

About 45 ringers, including a number of visitors, sat down to tea, after which followed the business meeting.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted, the latter showing a balance in hand of £24, and the former appealing for more unity among bands.

In line with the sentiments of the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, that while the branch has good officers they should never be allowed to go, all were re-elected for the coming year.

Lower Heyford was chosen as the place for the next meeting, the date being fixed as October 24th.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. R. T. Hibbert both spoke words of encouragement, and the meeting closed with a comprehensive vote of thanks.

Banbury tower was again visited, while some ringers went on to Wardington and Cropredy. Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise, Plain Bob, and a very 'surprise' touch of Thelwall, as well as rounds for beginners.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS IN WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Coombe on Saturday, July 11th, the meeting having been unavoidably postponed owing to the death of the branch secretary's father in April.

Service, held in the Parish Church, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. E. Gmelin, and the lesson was read by the branch secretary (Mr. W. Evetts). A most instructive and interesting address from the Vicar brought the service to a close.

Owing to two broken stays, not much ringing could be done until after tea. When these were repaired all was well, but as they were of plain deal wood, as were the previous ones, great care had to be taken to avoid further disaster.

After tea, the business meeting was held, at which the president (the Rev. C. H. Stuart Gmelin, R.D.) was supported by the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). The secretary's report showed that three towers were defaulters in paying their subscriptions, which accounted for a fall of 24 ringing members. He also drew the attention of tower foremen to the necessity for getting churchwardens, as well as the incumbents, to join the Guild as honorary members.

This was heartily supported by the Deputy Master. The balance sheet showed a good balance, but owing to the large number of unpaid subscriptions and the loss of several hon. members, it was not as good as it might have been.

The chairman, hon. secretary and treasurer were re-elected for the ensuing year, as also were the members on the Central Committee of the Guild.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and local ringers, the meeting closed with a record of sympathy with the secretary in his loss and late long illness.

Thirty-two sat down to tea, and the branch was very pleased to have amongst them Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Brockley, and members of the Banbury Branch.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD OFFICERS.

MR. M. B. SHAW ELECTED SECRETARY.

At the annual business meeting of the Cambridge University Guild, held at the end of the Easter Term, the following officers were re-elected for next year: President, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity); vice-president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); Master, Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith (Selwyn).

The secretary, Mr. A. N. P. Woodard (Jesus), handed in his resignation, as he was ceasing to reside in the university, and Mr. M. B. Shaw (Peterhouse) was elected to succeed him.

Mr. E. M. Atkins (St. Cath.) and Mr. E. H. Lewis (Trinity) were again elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council.

The new secretary had not done any ringing before he joined the Guild on becoming a member of the university in October, 1935, and he rang his first peal, Bob Major 'in hand' on 1-2, in May, 1936.

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At Foots Cray, Kent, and Corley, Warwicks, there is no pretension of a tower at all and at these churches each of which has a ring of five bells, arrangements are made to carry the bell frame on the roof principals of the nave, the bells swinging above the ridge and being protected by boarding and a single cap. The ringers in these instances stand in the aisle of the nave and in the pews.

SQUIRE FORTREY OF KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**RESTORATION OF HIS TOMB.**

Most ringers when they hear of King's Norton think of the famous tower of that name near Birmingham. There is another King's Norton, however, in Leicestershire, also called Norton-by-Galby. In the churchyard of the latter place is the tomb of Squire Fortrey, which until recently was in a shocking state of neglect. It is pleasing news to know this has been remedied and the tomb and surroundings repaired and put in good order at a cost of over £40.

It should be of the deepest interest to ringers of Leicestershire to know this, for Squire Fortrey was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells, and did much towards encouraging improvements in the rings of different parishes. He rebuilt the church of Galby and placed in it, in the year 1741, a ring of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a ring of ten bells, later reduced to eight owing to the strain on the tower. In 1738 he gave two new treble bells to St. Margaret's, Leicester, making them ten. Later he promised a set of handbells to the society to ring 10,000 changes on ten bells, and the Leicester Change Ringers, having rung 6,012 Grandsire Caters in 1776, set about this record. We are told that 'after a trial of several' they 'completed their desires' and rang 10,080 Caters 'in yo tittums' on February 25th, 1777, in 7 hours 12 minutes.

Squire Fortrey duly presented them with a set of cup handbells, which, after passing through many vicissitudes, now reposes in the Leicester Museum. In 1771 he gave a treble bell to Houghton-on-the-Hill, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells in the county.

His memory was cherished for many years by old Leicester ringers, and Nichols, the historian, says of him: 'William Fortrey, Esq., of Norton-by-Galby, made it his business all his life to enquire into these matters (i.e., bells and ringing). He was possessed of all the anecdotes that remain relating to the old bells in that steeple—St. Margaret's, Leicester—and was himself the patron and director of Thomas Eayre, of Kettering.'

In 1753, when John Holt published his 'broadsheet' of peals, which contained the treble leads of his six and ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, his six-part peal of Union Triples, and his three-part Plain Bob Triples without a single, Mr. W. Fortrey, of Galby, is there shown as a subscriber of four copies.

Squire Fortrey died at his seat at Norton on December 11th, 1783. About three weeks before his death, as he was going into his garden before going to bed, he fell down a flight of stone steps in front of his house, and, not being able to recover himself, and his only servant that slept in the house having gone to bed, he lay out all night. He was found next morning by the servant, but not quite dead. He, however, only languished for the short time mentioned.

The only peals rung on King's Norton bells are: 5,040 Grandsire Triples, May 28th, 1776, by Sherwood Youths, called by W. D. Crofts; 5,040 Grandsire Triples, June, 1816, called by William Reeve; 5,040 Stedman Triples, December 4th, 1926, called by A. Coppock; two peals Grandsire Triples, 1929 and 1931, both called by E. Morris; and a peal of Grandsire Doubles by local ringers.

ERNEST MORRIS.

GUILDFORD'S NEW CATHEDRAL.

The Archbishop of Canterbury on Wednesday week laid the foundation stone of a new Cathedral for the diocese of Guildford. It is only the third since the Reformation, the others being Truro and Liverpool.

The part of the building now undertaken will include choir, transept and central crossing, sacristy, vestries, etc., and will provide accommodation for about 1,000 people. It will take about three years to build and is to cost about £34,000, towards which £55,000 has been subscribed.

When completed, the Cathedral, which it is estimated will cost £250,000, will have a massive central tower, in which it is proposed to put a peal of bells, towards the cost of which the Guildford Diocesan Guild started a Guild fund about three years ago.

The bells of Holy Trinity Cathedral and St. Nicolas' Churches were rung in honour of last week's historic event. Previous to the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity by W. Robinson (conductor) 1, W. E. Jelley 2, H. J. Golyer 3, H. Hutton 4, H. Harris 5, E. J. Ayliffe 6, A. H. Pulling 7, John H. B. Hesse 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at High Easter and was attended by 28 members and friends. The bells badly need the attention of a bellhanger.

The Guild service was conducted by Mr. Hussey, of Chelmsford, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Vincent, who was on holiday. Mr. Hussey gave a very interesting address, and the Master of the association, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, read the lesson. Tea was partaken of at the Cock and Bell Inn, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Master.

It was proposed, subject to permission being granted, to hold the next meeting at Maldon on Saturday, September 12th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hussey for so kindly taking the service and for his interesting address.

BALLARAT RINGERS' CLUB LOSSES.**TRAGEDY ROBS THEM OF TWO MEMBERS.**

The ringers at Ballarat, Australia, whose ringing is done on the bells at the Town Hall, sustained a double loss during the first week in June by the death of the oldest and youngest members of what is known as the Bellringers' Club.

Mr. George Hutson, the senior member of the company, who was 74 years of age, was run down by a motor-car, and died a few days later in hospital.

The death of Jack Douglas, the youngest member, was another tragedy. He was employed in the municipal offices at the Town Hall. Lately he became depressed and shot himself with a revolver kept in the office. He died on the following day, despite the doctors' valiant efforts to save him. Three blood transfusions were administered without avail, one of them being given by his office colleague and ringing companion, Mr. Harold Maddern, the hon. secretary of the Ringers' Club.



THE BELL TOWER AT BALLARAT TOWN HALL.

The English ringers who visited Australia will deeply regret to read this news, for both Mr. Hutson and Mr. Douglas were among those who met the tourists in Ballarat and helped to entertain them.

The death of these two ringers has proved a severe blow to the Ringers' Club and will cause a setback to their progress. Since the visit of the English ringers, the Ballarat men have been striving to master change ringing. They are a hundred miles from Melbourne, the nearest centre of change ringing, so that they are entirely dependent upon their own resources, and it must obviously take some time to repair this sudden double breach in their ranks.

The bells at Ballarat Town Hall, which have a tenor of 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb., were cast at Whitechapel and were rung for the first time on Christmas Day, 1871. They are known as the 'Alfred' bells, after the former Duke of Edinburgh. The English ringers during their visit rang a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, the first of Stedman Triples ever rung outside the British Isles.

The Ballarat Ringers' Club ring regularly on Sunday mornings, their bells serving as a call to worship for all the churches of the city.

The only church in Ballarat with a ring of bells is St. Peter's. There are eight bells, but only six are hung for ringing, and on these, in 1897, the first and only peal in seven Minor methods in Australia was rung.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—For evensong, on Sunday, July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Allsop 1, B. Allsop 2, W. E. Blagshaw 3, H. W. Gregory 4, V. E. Taylor 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor (conductor) 7, E. Paulson 8.

THE HENHOUSE PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—With reference to the handbell peal rung at Kirkella, Yorks, on July 12th, surely there is something extraordinary about the performance being headed by the Yorkshire Association. I have, like many others, looked upon that association as pioneers of change ringing, but for members to go on the Sabbath Day into a henhouse among the hens and ring for two hours and seven minutes and look upon it as honour for their association needs no comment.

Ringers generally hold the view that associations of change ringers are an organisation of the Christian Church, and the action of the ringers concerned certainly points to the lowering of those ideals for which associations were formed.

CHARLES TURNER.

Dover, Kent.

GRAMOPHONE BELL RECORDS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of Friday, July 10th, on 'Gramophone Bells,' you say, 'there is not one, as far as we know, that is complete' (gramophone records). It may interest you to know that I have in my possession a set of three gramophone records of bell-ringing, the property of the Lavenham Society of Ringers, which were presented to them by the British Broadcasting Corporation some few months since.

The recordings are: (1) A course of Grandsire Triples; (2) a course of Stedman Triples; and (3) the three bobbed leads of Kent Treble Bob Major. These records begin and finish with rounds, and were made by the Lavenham ringers for the B.B.C., who also have a duplicate set.

May I suggest that ringers write to the B.B.C. asking them to 'put on' one or more of these records as an alternative to the record we now so often hear?

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

A NEW USE FOR BELL ROPES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Searching for information about old ringers, I came across the following story which you may think worth printing:—

'A certain lewd fellow of the baser sort came from a long way off out of the shires and married a hopp-harlott, who had been whipped round our town more than once. The parish officers were her bridesmaids and her husband was not afraid of receiving certain lectures, for their sole bed was of dirty straw on the dirty ground; nevertheless, she was so cursed of condition that he wearied soon of his life and went to the parish clerk, seeking to be rid of his crooked rib. Solomon was sly, and, replying to his enquiry if the parson could unmarry them, said, "Why need ye trouble his reverence? Have not I, man and boy, been clerk fifty years come All Hallows-tide? I can do it as well as e'er a parson of them all, and as sure as there is now a good tap of ale at the Bell. Let us go there—you stand two pots and I will do all right for you. So after drinking out his fee, Solomon took the fellow into the church by the priest's door. "Now," said he, "you were married here, so put off your jacket and kneel at confession, for 'tis a solemn business." They then went into the belfry and, bidding him stand on a stool, he gave him the longest bell rope. "Tie that tightly, my lad, round your throat," said Solomon, "and as soon as I am gone, kick away the stool. I will return in about an hour, when you will be unmarried and out of your trouble."

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE NOISE OF CHURCH BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Whilst reading your leader of July 24th, it occurred to me how much help one *does* actually get when a Vicar emphasises the use of church bells. We are very fortunate in having a Vicar who (although never prompted) is constantly reminding not only his parishioners (by means of the 'Parish Magazine'), but also the general public with an occasional paragraph in the local news.

I enclose his description of one item in the current 'Parish Magazine,' which, I may add, also appeared in the local newspaper. These little items cause many local people to ask questions of the ringers themselves, and create quite an interest and sympathy between the layman and ringer.

G. G.

The paragraph in the 'Parish Magazine' was a description of the ringing of the 'whole pull and stand' by the Burnham ringers on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Margaret Gordon Nott, wife of the Vicar.

'Once having heard the bells rung thus,' the Vicar added, 'one is never likely to forget it. Besides being extremely beautiful, it is a feat requiring considerable skill, as during the pause each bell has to be held on the balance and under absolute control if it is to be struck in perfect time in the next pull. The ringing in Burnham tower on that Sunday morning by our young band of ringers was such as can be heard in few towers in England, and is worthy of the highest credit.'

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AND SIX-BELL CONTEST.**

The annual meeting and six-bell contest was held at Saddleworth on Saturday, July 18th. Five sets entered the contest to ring 600 changes, any method, with a preliminary plain course for practice. All the teams rang Oxford, except Liversedge, who rang Cambridge Surprise. The draw for the order of ringing resulted as follows: 1 New Mill, 2 Freizeland, 3 Meltham, 4 Liversedge, 5 Holmfirth.

Tea was served in the Church Inn and about 50 sat down. After the teams had finished ringing the ringers once more adjourned to the Church Inn for the meeting.

The president, Mr. E. Earnshaw, was in the chair. The balance sheet, which showed a slight gain, was read and adopted, and a discussion on the revised rules took place. These latter, with slight alterations, were adopted.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, etc., had been moved and replied to by Miss Wood (Vicar's warden), the judge, Mr. W. Idle, gave his decision as follows: New Mill, 153 faults; Freizeland, 122 faults; Meltham, 72 faults; Liversedge, 128 faults; Holmfirth, 116 faults. Meltham were, therefore, declared winners.

Miss Wood, in presenting the cup to Mr. Whiteley, the Meltham conductor, congratulated the band on their success, Mr. Whiteley suitably replying.

Further visits to the belfry to try this delightful peal of bells, and other visits to another place to 'try one' with old friends, brought an enjoyable day to an end.

The next contest will be the prize contest.

A DEVON PEAL.**CHRISTOW BELLS RESTORED.**

The Parish Church bells at Christow were rededicated on Saturday, July 18th, by the Dean of Exeter (Dr. S. C. Carpenter) in the presence of a large number of parishioners and visitors.

The bells, which are a ring of six, were recast from four larger ones in 1785. They had been rung for over 150 years and had become badly worn. Cleaned, tuned, quarter-turned and entirely refitted at a cost of £300, the whole of which had been subscribed, they have been made into a melodious ring, and parishioners intend to add two to complete the octave.

The Dean gave an address, and other clergy taking part in the service were the Vicar (the Rev. G. Horne), the Rev. J. Snow (Bridford) and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), president of the Devonshire Guild. Among the congregation were the Rev. A. N. C. Storrs (Whitestone), Rural Dean, Mr. T. Laver, hon. secretary of the Devonshire Guild, and Alderman C. J. Ross (Exeter). Miss Evelyn Ryall was at the organ and the rededication touch was by Christow ringers.

Following the service a band of ringers representing the Devonshire Guild, and conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, rang touches of Grandsire and Minor. Bands from Exeter and Bridford also kept the bells going merrily, and other ringers were present from Thorverton, Ide, Sidmouth, Kenn and Trusham.

Later proceedings in the shape of stalls, amusements, tea (provided by Miss D. Holman) and a dance in the Y.M.C.A. hut were held with a view to raising funds for augmenting the appeal.

The success of the undertaking, after many years of hard work, was referred to by Mr. E. Searle (people's warden), who attributed it mainly to the enthusiasm of Mr. E. J. Ryall, hon. secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

The parishioners were thanked for their support by Mr. Ryall, who said the effort had meant a great deal to church life in the parish.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

By kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. F. A. Sadler, a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Ecton on Saturday, July 18th.

The Guild service was held in the church during the afternoon, conducted by the Rector, who also gave an interesting address, the chief theme of which was partnership. Mr. J. Line, one of the local ringers, officiated at the organ.

Forty-one sat down to tea at the World's End Inn, amongst whom were the Rev. J. H. Smale, of Whiston, the Rev. F. A. Sadler and Mr. R. G. Black, hon. general secretary. The Rector, not being able to stay after tea, was thanked by the Rev. Smale (subsequent chairman of the meeting) for his interesting address and for the use of the bells.

Stanwick was chosen for the next meeting, it being four years since a meeting was held there.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and three young ringers, also of Ecton, were elected ringing members.

Mention was made of the very sudden death of Mr. James Ward, a well-known Irthlingborough ringer, and of the loss of Dr. Crew, a honorary member, also through death.—The members stood a few moments in silent tribute.

Some of the company after the meeting enjoyed a walk round the grounds of Ecton Hall, through the courtesy of Lt.-Col. Sotheby.

The peal of six rather heavy bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods of Doubles and Minor.

AMONG THE AEROPLANES AT HANWORTH.

MIDDLESEX RINGERS' INTERESTING AFTERNOON.

The Middlesex County Association (South and West District) held a meeting at Feltham on July 18th. Ringing at St. Catherine's Church was restricted to the afternoon. This was due to an important Masonic function being held near the tower that day. In order to avoid postponing either event(!), negotiations between the Masonic officials and the district secretary resulted in the amicable arrangement as stated.

To avoid disappointing members, another attraction filled in the gap, and a very interesting hour was spent inspecting the works of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Co. at Hanworth Park. Tea, arranged at short notice, was held in the firm's canteen, after which the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Coles, led the way to the building in which he spends so much of his time!

Machines were seen in every stage of construction, from the first ribs to the twin engine machine that gained third place in the King's Cup Air Race held recently. It was a most interesting visit, and the chief surprise to everyone was the extreme lightness of construction. The only metal tubing used appeared to be in the engine seatings and the undercarriages, but the woodwork was a joy to inspect. The finished article certainly looked a deal safer than the early skeleton! Several of the visitors sat in a plane for the first time, and one young couple flew away (on the wings of imagination), piloted by the 'secretary-bloke!'

Mr. Coles and the firm were warmly thanked, the former for his painstaking explanations, etc., and the latter for permission to visit the works.

Later in the evening a visit to Bedfont was made in what are familiarly known as thundery showers. It is understood some of the visitors from London who walked to Bedfont expressed themselves in other terms when referring to the wetness!

The Vicar of Bedfont, the Rev. G. H. Bradley, was present to welcome the Guild, and stayed throughout the ringing to chat to members. Various Minor and Doubles methods were rung, the conductor pulling a face or shouting himself hoarse when a call came, according to his personality or lung power. The bells when rung create a terrible din in the ringing chamber.

The ringing at Feltham was very good indeed for a meeting, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major. Welcome visitors were Mr. Malcolm Melville, of the Warwickshire Guild, and the President and Chief Grabber of the Tower Grabbers' Union, who had forsaken his Kentish haunts to visit his former colleagues and demonstrate his prowess! A car load of little Coles and Goodfellows with their respective mammas also enlivened the gathering.

5,024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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Rung at Hoptonstall, Yorkshire, August 3rd, 1935, conducted by the composer.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Sunday evening, July 28th, for the day schools festival, 720 Bob Minor: J. J. Stanier 1, T. Pritchard 2, S. H. Tranter 3, J. W. Tranter 4, H. Newbrook 5, J. L. Stanier (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells by a local band.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Goodwin 1, H. Newell (longest length of Kent 'inside') 2, K. Willers (conductor) 3, V. Chapman 4, A. C. Wilson 5, F. Chapman 6.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—As a token of farewell to the Rev. F. Okell, who is leaving Eccleston for Malpas, the following regular Sunday service ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Frank Jones 1, George Jones 2, Eric Hughes 3, Thomas Pugh 4, Samuel Jones, sen. 5, Harry Thomas 6, William Hopwood (conductor) 7, Edward Price 8.

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

MR. JAMES BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENT.

As we recorded last week, Mr. James Bennett, of Lewisham, has now rung a peal on every one of the 366 dates in the year. Only two or three other ringers have done this, but Mr. Bennett has achieved this distinction in a less number of peals than any previous ringer. His total is still less than 900.

Mr. Bennett, who was formerly in the Royal Marines, has another distinction. He rang more peals while with the Forces than any other serving soldier, sailor or marine.



MR. JAMES BENNETT.

POPULAR KENT RINGER'S DEATH.

MR. J. P. COBBOLD, OF LITTLEBOURNE.

The Littlebourne band of the Canterbury District (Kent County Association) has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. James Peter Cobbold, which occurred on Tuesday, July 21st, at the age of 60 years.

Although Mr. Cobbold had not been in his usual good health of late, his death came as a great shock to all who knew him, as only on the previous Saturday he had attended the annual outing of the choir and ringers to Eastbourne.

As headmaster of Littlebourne Schools, he was very popular with both scholars and parishioners. He had been a ringer at the Parish Church for a period of nearly 30 years, was secretary of the local band for a number of years, and he was also secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

Mr. Cobbold had only rung two peals, his main interest being in regular attendance for Sunday service ringing and practice. He had also officiated at the organ for the district meetings.

A large congregation met at the Parish Church to pay a last tribute of respect on the occasion of the funeral on July 25th. Fifty of his scholars lined the pathway from the lych gate to the church.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Manley) and was fully choral. Among the many floral tributes was one from the ringers and choir. The bells were rung half-muffled both before and after the service.

The presence of Mr. Cobbold will be greatly missed by his brother ringers, his quiet, yet pleasing, personality making him many fast friends.

Much sympathy has been expressed with the widow and two daughters left in bereavement.

CAVERSHAM BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On reading last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' I noticed an outing by the Crawley ringers, who visited Caversham, where the old bells, recently put on ball bearings locally, gave the impression that something more would be desirable. I should have thanked any of them if they had told me the least thing they thought was wrong, instead of putting in print a statement which seems to imply that the work was not properly done, which I maintain is not true. I have been connected with the Caversham tower and church since 1874, and, being the oldest ringer in Caversham, I was asked by the church authorities and ringers to supervise the work, test the bells and report to them, which I did, and it was that all the work according to contract was properly done, and that the guarantee that the bells would be left in perfect ringing order had been fulfilled. All connected with the bells are perfectly satisfied with that report. It seems to me that the writer must have a preference for some particular firm, or else it is the case of a bad workman finding fault with his tools.

T. NEWMAN.

COMMENTS 'NOT IN GOOD TASTE.'

Sir,—The report contained in your issue of 17th inst. of the outing by the Crawley men strikes me as not being quite in accordance with good taste. I read the band visited Caversham, where the bells had lately been rehung locally.

For the information of your readers, I may say that they have been rehung in ball bearings by Richard White, of Appleton, who is carrying on a tradition of four generations. The present 'go' of the bells is such that any band who 'ring' can ring them. The band eventually arrived at Harwell, where the old six were 'restored and augmented to eight by Messrs. . . . A very fine job.' I will not comment on this, having rung at Harwell on several occasions since the rehanging.

On goes the band to Newbury, a grand old eight which were 'done up' by a certain firm. What an expression to apply to good craftsmanship and solid work! Those of us who knew what it was to slog from treble to tenor in the old days when ringing a peal there can thoroughly appreciate what was done, and now trebles are added, perfect to the eight, one can ring and listen with real pleasure, as stated, to one of the nicest tens for their weight in the country.

The foregoing remarks are made in fairness to all concerned, but I think when bells are applied for, and permission granted to ring, comments, adverse or otherwise, should not be made in the Press; neither should any band constitute themselves advertising agents for any particular firm of bellhangers.

A. D. CULLUM.

St. Peter's, Caversham.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM FLORY.

SUFFOLK LINK WITH DISTANT PAST.

The death occurred on Tuesday week at Ipswich Hospital of Mr. William Flory, of Framlingham, Suffolk, whose long life had made him a link with ringers of a distant past.

Mr. Flory was 81 years of age and was taken ill on July 4th. He was hurriedly removed to hospital, where an operation was performed. This, however, afforded only temporary relief, and he passed peacefully away on July 21st.

Mr. Flory was born at Tannington in 1855. As a boy of ten years of age, he began to ring Grandsire on the old peal of five (all cast by J. Darbie in 1661). After mastering Doubles, he used to walk across the fields to Worlingworth, where he rang Minor with the old Worlingworth ringers, J. Clayton (grandfather to the late Fred Clayton), G. Warne, L. Creasy, F. Newson, J. Newson (who lived to be 100 years old), R. Collins, sen., and David and Edgar Collins. His first peal was one of Bob Major at Framlingham in 1880, and his last in the same tower in 1925. Altogether he rang 82 peals, six of which were on handbells.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, the following ringers attending: Messrs. W. E. Malden, H. and J. Hall, A. Taylor, W. Norman and W. G. Crickmer.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of a peal of Bob Major, published as having been rung at Ospringe, Kent, on June 1st, I wish to withdraw it. Owing to a mistake, entirely my own fault, the peal was false. With apologies to the band for my forgetfulness.

A. P. CANNON.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Francis Xavier, on Sunday evening, July 26th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: Thomas Hammond 1, James Martin 2, George R. Newton (conductor) 3, Frank Varty 4, Thomas W. Gilmour 5, Arnold Bruntton 6, Lester L. Gray 7, Edward Counce 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 26th, for matins, at the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Chaplin 1, E. Brett 2, P. Spice 3, J. Bennett (conductor) 4, W. F. Tyler 5, F. W. Thornton 6, E. Mounter 7, H. Willson, jun. 8. Rung in connection with the patronal festival.

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23157486	2315749608	2315749608x8
32514768	3251476980	3251476980x8
35217486	3521749608	3521749608x8
53124768	5312476980	5312476980x8
35214678	3521467890	3521467890x8
53126487	5312648709	5312648709x8
51324678	5132467890	5132467890x8
15234768	1523476980	1523476980x8
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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A MEETING AT SOUTHAM.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at the old market town of Southam on Saturday, July 18th. The bells, a good peal, with tenor 15½ cwt. in E, were augmented from six to eight by Taylor and Co. in 1913, and 'go' excellently. Ringing began about 3.30, and touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung. A short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. O. M. Jones) gave an inspiring address.

Tea was partaken of at the Craven Arms, members with friends and wives from Bulkington, Coventry, Brinklow, Leamington, Nuneaton and Rugby being present.

The business meeting followed, the Rector taking the chair. The secretary (Mr. M. Melville) being away on holidays, Mr. J. W. H. White (Ringing Master) undertook the duties.

It was decided to hold the meeting for August at Monks Kirby, for September at Old Bilton, and for October at Bedworth.

One new member was elected and three elections were ratified.

Mr. C. H. Webb mentioned that 'The Ringing World' should have better support. The Rector said he would bring this matter before the clergy of the Guild and ask for their support. He also said he would take a copy himself each week.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and the use of the bells, and to the organist for his services, brought the meeting to a close.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going until 8 o'clock.

NOTICES.

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GREAT YARMOUTH, ST. NICHOLAS.—For the benefit of ringers visiting Yarmouth, the practice night, from July 29th till the end of September, will be held on Wednesdays, at 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.—All ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Company Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Froome Bungalow, Mordiford, Hereford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. All Cannings, Chirton and Marden bells available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, August 1st, at Whitworth Parish Church. Tea will be provided at moderate charges to all those who send in their names to Mr. C. Hall, 187, Grove Terrace, Whitworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m. at Isgrove's. Bells recently rehung by Gillett and Johnston—a nice peal. Please come early; good bus and train service. Church close railway.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—By special permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. M. Irwin) the 10 bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, August 1st, at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, cafe close by. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Liscard on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Service at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. W. S. Coad, M.A., Rural Dean of Wallasey. Meeting at 12 noon. Lunch at 1 p.m., tickets, price 2/- (1/6 to members), obtainable from the branch secretaries.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, St. Andrew's on the 13th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Ringers' service at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at seven o'clock.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, August 8th. For tea please send names to Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, before Wednesday August 5th.—William Farrimond, Branch Sec., 3, Catherine Street extension, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting will be at New Romney on Saturday August 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. You are asked to help make the attendance as large and as representative as possible. Kindly notify me early.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Rd., Ashford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, August 8th. Ringers please meet at Christ Church, 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's also available. Kindly send p.c. for tea to Mr. H. Hall, 90, Shakespeare Avenue, Hebburn. A good attendance requested.—F. Rolson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Mayfield (8) on Saturday August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Chishill on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—A meeting on behalf of this branch and other ringing friends has been arranged at Thame, Oxon, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.—F. W. Woodward, Sec., Chalgrove, near Oxford.

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MULLION, CORNWALL.—The ring of four recast and two trebles added (tenor 11 cwt.), fixed in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated by the Venerable G. W. Hockley, M.A., Archdeacon of Cornwall, on Saturday, 8th August, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome, and tea will be arranged for visiting ringers.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. All welcome.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea in school at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. E. F. Mawby, 529, Manchester Road, Denton, not later than Wednesday, August 12th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Hon. Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton and Derby Districts. —A joint meeting of the above districts will be held at Repton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at 4.45. Short service at 6.30 p.m. Those intending to be present and who require tea, must notify J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent, by August 13th. A good attendance is requested for this joint meeting at this historic place. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Summer is coming. Enjoy it in beautiful surroundings by coming to the ringing meeting of the Tonbridge district at Horsmonden on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Half-hourly bus service from Tunbridge Wells. Book to Broadford and walk through the park. Bring a snack with you.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—My address from today will be Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Next meeting August 15th at Ruislip. —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District).

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Another unpleasant revelation regarding the previously accepted truth of a composition has just been made. This time it is a peal of Treble Bob, which has been rung on a great many occasions and now turns out to be false in an abridged version. Some years ago Mr. F. Robinson, a Yorkshire ringer, composed a peal of Treble Bob in three parts which runs to 5,184 changes and, in that form, is perfectly true. But someone, wishing to shorten it, put an alternative calling in one course of one part. It is fatal to the truth of the peal. In another column we publish a list of no fewer than eighteen 'peals' which have been rung with this curtailed variation and which are now withdrawn. This list, which comes from Mr. C. H. Kippin, the hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, which seems to be the chief sufferer in its records, does not exhaust the occasions on which the false composition has been rung.

Probably this is the most extensive instance of false peals rung from one composition and we hope the moral of it will not be lost. It should prove conclusively to everyone the danger of tampering with compositions, unless one has complete knowledge of the subject. Only a couple of years or so ago, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, composed by the late Mr. William Pye, was rung in which, in order to produce 'better music,' three 'home' bobs were omitted from one place and put in at the end to bring 5-6 at home at three course ends. That alteration made the peal false. The man who thought he was clever enough to reduce the length of Mr. Robinson's peal of Treble Bob apparently did not know that a peal in this method, as in many others, can be false without a repetition of the lead ends.

When a ringer without sufficient knowledge of the subject looks at the figures of a peal by a reputable composer and thinks he can 'improve' them, he should remember that there is probably a reason—the vital reason of truth—why they are in the particular form in which they appear and that it is dangerous to interfere with them. How many false peals have been rung in the past through inexperienced people 'improving' compositions no one can tell, but in the case of this peal of Treble Bob we see what unfortunate results can come of it. The man who suffers is not the one who alters the original composition, the sufferers are the men who ring it. There is wasted effort and time and money, to say nothing of disappointment, while records, both private and association, are affected. This instance should also be a warning to conductors. There are many who call peals who do not know anything about compositions, and take the figures of a peal on trust. When they are presented with a new peal by a new composer, or with

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† LESLIE W. JARVIS 5	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

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

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten. The composition, No. 160, is now rung for the first time. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in eight towers.

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On Monday, July 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 1½ cwt.
Miss K. WILLERS Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 5
JOHN W. WARD 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
CHARLES ROBINSON 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 1½ cwt.

JOHN E. MORETON Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
ERNEST STONE 2	WILLIAM A. STONE 6
FRANK W. PERRINS 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
*MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.
* First peal in the method.LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	WILLIAM J. SMITH 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	EDWARD READER 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris, whose birthdays occurred on the above date and the 24th respectively.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK L. BARNES Treble	RALPH HARRIS 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3	J. WILLIAM HEATH 7
JOHN HALL 4	*JOHN SHEAF Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band. Rung in celebration of the 80th birthday of Mrs. Moore, of Hinton Manor, grandmother of the tenor ringer. She has been for many years Parochial Church Councilor and prominent churchworker, president of the Mothers' Union and a school manager.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
*FREDERICK A. J. STEWARD Treble	WALTER AYRE 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	†HORACE L. WAITE 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
†WILLIAM J. RANDALL 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

*MISS ELSIE RISIEN Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5
†MISS MARJORIE C. FIELD 2	MISS STELLA DAVIS 6
ROBERT W. WARWICK 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT, JUN. 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN. 4	CYRIL J. HIBBERT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Magdalene Ogle and Mr. C. E. P. Markby, F.R.C.S., also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, W. Hibbert, sen., and C. J. Hibbert have now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*KENNETH MAKIN Treble	MRS. DORICE KELLY 5
SIDNEY F. PALMER 2	†ARTHUR PANTHER 6
†CHARLES POULTNEY 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
†ARTHUR GILL 4	†NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Little Bob Major. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Jack Casswell, one of the local ringers, who was married at this church on the preceding Saturday.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER Treble	GEORGE LEE 5
*RICHARD W. R. COATES 2	*ANDREW L. WBATLING 6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 3	*ALBERT E. COLEMAN 7
*FREDERICK W. BALDREY 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON

* First peal in the method.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
*WALTER H. RAXTER 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method.

KIRKHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*STEPHEN LAWRENSEN Treble	CHARLES SHARPLES 5
GEORGE MARIES 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
†CECIL CROSTHWAITE 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7
HORACE L. WAITE 4	BERNARD H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. † First of Triples. The 50th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal. Arranged for the ringers of 4 and 7, who are from Apsley End, Herts.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—At St. Margaret's Church on Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, 1,380 Double Oxford Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, J. Parish (first quarter in method) 2, F. Nichols 3, G. L. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

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On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILFRED EDWARDS 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	ALBERT E. CHERESEMAN ... 6
*ALBERT J. ADAMS 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
*JOHN HOEDEN 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Surprise.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 33½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Treble	JOHN W. CLARKE 5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 6
FREDERICK H. HARRIS ... 3	CYRIL E. LAXON 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal at Truro Cathedral conducted by a Cornish ringer. The ringer of the 5th is from Chester Cathedral.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES,

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	ALBERT WALKER 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	FREDERICK W. STORES ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE

KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
†CECIL CROSTHWAITE 2	†HORACE L. WAITE 6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	†WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 7
E. ROGER MARTIN 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 1). Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in the county.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 240's, with 21 callings.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... Treble	FRANK C. PREECH 4
GEORGE T. COUSINS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
GEORGE H. BAILEY 3	HAROLD H. W. KINSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the conductor's wedding at the above church.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Trable Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON 3	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG.

The three hundredth peal for the association in which Nolan Golden has taken part.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently, with 5-6 the right way.

EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

First peal of Cambridge by all.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three extents of Plain Bob and one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's.

F. MATHEWS, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
ALFRED BACON 2	EDDIE BARKER 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	A. G. BASON Tenor

Conducted by A. G. BASON.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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.

RICHARD BUSBY ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
JAMES T. TITT 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
WILLIAM OLIVER 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., Vicar of Holy Trinity parish from 1919, Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral and, until recently, Rural Dean of Darlington, whose funeral took place on Thursday, July 30th.

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**EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

EDWARD BUTCHER Treble	CECIL WARD 4
TOM SAUNDERS 2	*JOHN A. BEACH 5
*THOMAS E. MAY 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by L. J. HONESS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since restoration by Mears and Stainbank. Rung for the wedding at the above church on the same day of the niece of Mr. T. Saunders.

**LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Moss Side,

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.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 4
JAMES MILLER 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
HORACE L. WAITE 3	JOHN T. MILLER Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

Rung on the 37th anniversary of the tenor ringer's wedding, also the eighth anniversary of the conductor's wedding. The conductor's 150th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At 17, SKELLINGHORPE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 1½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8
HAROLD MARCON 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 153). Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Composition rung for first time. Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Marcon.

**SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At 21, DEBDEN ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Size 15 in C.

LEONARD E. PITSTOW 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 3-4	REGINALD LATEBURY 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest A. Pitstow.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On Wednesday, July 29th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 240 Plain Bob and 1,020 of Grandsire: D. L. Cockings 1, E. Shouler 2, O. Warren 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharpe (conductor) 5. First in two methods by all.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings: *S. Ridge 1, *P. J. Arnold 2, J. Whitehead 3, S. E. Armstrong (conductor) 4, J. W. Webb 5, J. C. Edwards 6. * First quarter-peal.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 26th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 1, A. Lawrence 2, S. Palmer 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, H. W. Bishop 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, A. G. Wells (first quarter of Caters) 7, W. B. Kynaston 8, E. J. Berry 9, W. A. Bullock 10. Rung prior to the annual service in the old church and as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Palmer.

STANMORE.—At St. John's Church on Thursday, July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Dennis Cattel (first quarter-peal) 1, G. R. Goodship 2, H. G. Hart 3, C. Dyke 4, Miss Freda Clayton 5, E. Leversuch (conductor) 6, G. A. Hughes 7, F. Hazell 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. R. Goodship.

FOR BEGINNERS.

RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

In the earliest days of bellringing there were no stays or sliders used for holding the bells when they were up and not being rung. The consequence was that each time before ringing could take place the bells had to be raised, and had to be lowered again before the ringers could leave the ropes. Stedman in his treatise on change ringing laid great emphasis on the proper raising and falling of the bells in peal, and in those days the ability to do so was very important.

With the introduction of stays and sliders, the need for raising the bells in peal became less necessary, and in this twentieth century there are many towers in the country where the bells are raised and lowered indiscriminately. Sometimes, after some excellent ringing, bells are let down, in a jangle, thus spoiling the effect of the previous efforts. Often Sunday service ringing is spoilt by the same method of lowering the bells. Raising and falling in peal is by no means generally practised, and yet if well done it can be really effective; indeed, the accurate lowering of bells in peal makes a beautiful finish to any ringing, and young ringers should not neglect to acquire proficiency in it.

But raising and falling in peal needs practice; just as any other form of ringing requires practice. The secret of lowering bells accurately in peal is keeping control over the bells all the way down. This does not mean, of course, that a bell half-way down can be 'held' as can a bell which is being rung full up; but it is possible so to handle the bell that it can be 'felt' all the way down, so that a very slight check on the rope will serve to put it a little closer, or a slight pull will keep it a shade wider. There is no place for 'sloppy' ringing, when the bells are running down, any more than when change ringing is being practised.

The bells, of course, begin at the usual 'rounds' pace, and then gradually close in to a quicker compass as they fall. The treble-man must keep his bell at the 'opposite stroke' to the tenor as long as his bell is 'sallying'—that is, as long as a handstroke can be distinguished from a backstroke.

The heavier the bells the slower the fall must inevitably be, but one of the most important things to remember is that the bells should keep 'coming down,' not get partly down and stay there, or start getting up again. The fall of the treble should be steady and continuous, and accommodated to the speed at which the tenor comes down. A good deal, therefore, depends upon the speed set by the tenor ringer, and every man must use his ears so that the striking is smooth and the ever-lessening intervals between the bells are as regular as, although faster than, good round ringing with the bells going full circle.

THE NEED FOR USING ONE'S EARS.

The need for using one's ears is all important. A bell too fast or too slow for the others will soon turn a fall into a jangle. If a ringer finds he is breaking the compass by being too wide he must check his bell, but at the next stroke he will probably find he must give it a little 'pull,' otherwise in the following stroke he will be too low, and possibly hitting the bell in front. If he is too close he must, of course, pull his bell a trifle until he gets back to the right interval; but pulling or checking should not be done to excess. The ideal is, naturally, to keep the bell in its right place all the time.

In raising in peal, the process required is a steady pull at every stroke. In the old days a rise was not considered perfect, unless all the bells spoke at the second stroke. One seldom hears that now. The treble and then the other bells are swung so as to strike at a short interval after each other, the heavier bells gradually joining in. The treble is then swung higher and higher, while the others strike at such intervals that the whole of them sound before the next blow of the treble. The intervals are gradually widened out, until eventually the bells are up and under full command.

It is equally as important to keep the bells going higher and higher with each pull, in raising, as it is to keep them running down when falling; indeed, the ringers will find their task involves additional hard work if they do not keep the bells going up. If two bells are clashing, more weight must be put on the heavier one to 'lift' it away from the other, but it may then be necessary to check a little, otherwise at the next blow the gap may be too wide.

The trebleman must pay careful attention to his work. A great deal depends upon him, and he must endeavour to keep the 'rise' going at a regular rate of progression, otherwise he may throw the whole of the bells into a heap. Raising the treble needs practice, and the best way to get it is to lash the clappers of the treble and tenor bells; then let the tenorman gradually pull his bell up, while the treble-man keeps his bell exactly at the opposite stroke.

It would be far better for the public if more ringers would raise and lower their bells in peal. It would also give a far more effective beginning and end to the change ringing. If details could be gathered, we believe it would be found that raising and falling in peal is done by a greater percentage of call change ringers than by those who practise scientific change ringing. Yet it ought not to be so. Raising and falling in peal takes very little, if any, longer than pulling the bells up or letting them down singly, while the effect is infinitely better. But it requires practice and we are not sure that such practice would not also improve the standard of striking in change ringing of the band which took this course.

FALSE COURSE ENDS.

WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW THEY AFFECT COMPOSITION.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Treble Bob Methods on six bells, provided they are symmetrical, and do not contain four places made in the same change, will always give the extent of the rows, but of the enormous number of Treble Bob methods on eight bells, only a very small proportion will give a true peal of even five thousand changes.

In Minor, if the lead-heads and lead-ends are different, all the interior rows will be different also; but in Major it is possible to have all the lead-heads and ends true, and yet to have internal repetition. In Superlative, for instance, there are two courses—those beginning with 13246578 and 14326578—which contain rows which are also included in the plain course, and it is obvious that if you ring the whole of the plain course and the whole of either of these two courses, your peal will be false; and not only so, but for every full course you ring there are two others that you must not ring.

The first thing, therefore, before you can compose a true peal in any Treble Bob or Surprise Major method, is to find out if it has any courses which contain rows which are also included in the plain course. Those courses are said to be false against the plain course, and their course ends are the False Course Ends of the Method. When no other course (with the tenors together) includes any row also included in the plain course, the method is said to have a "clear proof scale," and peals can be composed with the same freedom as in plain methods. But such methods are rare, and even in them, when the tenors are parted, search must be made for internal falseness.

Now suppose in a method the course beginning with 12436578 contains some row which is also in the plain course, it will follow that the course 43265 will contain rows included in the course 42356, and so, for every full course you use there is one which you must not use. The presence, then, of only one false course end automatically reduces the number of full courses you can use to one half. You might suppose that the presence of a second false course end would reduce the number still further to one quarter; and that does happen, but, fortunately, not always.

There are sixty possible full courses with the tenors together, and on the face of it there seems no reason why any one of the other fifty-nine should not be false against the plain course; but when I was preparing the new book on Surprise I wrote out many thousands of methods. I worked out the false course ends of some eight hundred, and I found that of the methods most suitable for practical ringing, while very few of them had a clear proof scale, the great majority had one or more of seven false course ends. These false course ends are:—

A 32546	
B 24365	B 24365
D 46253	F 32465
E 65432	G 43265
C 53624	

Of these, B was the most common and the only one which appears alone. The others (for reasons which I

will not now go into) always come in pairs. If you get A you get D; if you get C you get E; and if you get F you get G.

These seven false course ends belong to two groups, one of five, the other of three (B being common to both groups), and, fortunately, they have a certain quality which makes it possible to get a true peal in the methods which contain them.

The members of the group A B C D E are related to each other in the same way as the course ends of the five courses, produced by calling bobs Before:—

23456
35264
56342
64523
42635

Suppose A B C D and E were all false against the plain course, then, if you work out the courses false against the other four, you will find that they are all the same. The same courses that are false against 23456 are false against 35264, 56342, and the other two. So that, instead of having five courses false against each true course, you have a group of five false against another group of five. Thus you can set the sixty possible course-ends down in twelve groups each of five; and half the groups will be false against the other half. This will give you thirty true courses to work with, or a possible number of 6,720 changes.

The second group contains three members, and if you set down 23456, 42356 and 34256 you will find that they share each other's false course ends. You can write down the sixty course ends in twenty groups, ten of which are false against the other ten, and again you have thirty true courses, or 6,720 changes to work with.

When you have got your thirty true courses you can compose your peal by joining a sufficient number of them together, in the same way that you compose peals in plain methods, except that you have less material to work with, and, as it happens, enough of the thirty true courses (in both cases) can be joined together in a number of ways. It might not have been so. There is another group of false course ends which will give thirty true courses, but so far no way has been discovered of joining a sufficient number of them together to make a peal.

B 24365
H 56423
I 32654
J 45236
K 63542

It will be noticed that they are related to each other in the same way as the five courses of the block of Double Bob or Cambridge produced by calling M.W. in every course, and so it is possible to get peals true for methods in which the incidence of the falseness does not fall between the Middle and the Wrong, but such methods are rare.

When the false course ends of a method are confined to either of the first two groups, composition is comparatively easy, but when a method has false course ends from both groups or any of the many others outside them, peals are almost an impossibility.

Cambridge has five false course ends, A B D F G, and, as is well known, it has only one true peal with tenors

together. Its falseness, however, is not due to the number of the false course ends, but to the fact that two belong to one group and two to the other, the fifth being common to both groups. If the two missing members of the first group C and E had been present there would have been no greater liability to falseness.

We have been told many times that the falseness of the method is due to its faulty construction, four places being made in the second section. But these four places are not necessarily the cause of the methods' falseness. They give the false course ends A and D, which you get in Kent Treble Bob. It is the presence *also* of F and G which come from the fourth section which causes the trouble. There are methods in which these four places occur and give no false course ends at all.

In the early days, men did not realise that Treble Bob Major methods could be false internally although the lead ends were true. They had composed and rung many Minor methods, and as these always gave a true extent, if the lead ends were true, men took the same thing for granted in Major. Baldwin, who composed the first peal of Oxford ever rung, used, by good luck, four of the five true groups, and his composition was all right; but later men were less fortunate.

There was a method called Morning Exercise, which is Oxford Treble Bob above the treble and Cambridge Surprise below, and had at the time a reputation as great as London Surprise has now. It has eight false course ends with the tenors together, and though Shipway afterwards claimed that he had composed a true peal of it, for ordinary purposes it is hopeless.

(Continued in next column.)

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may interest the Exercise to know that the late William Pye was the first person to ring a peal on every one of the 366 dates in the year upon eight, ten or twelve bells, one being upon handbells. The first person to do this upon eight, ten or twelve tower bells was myself. This I completed on January 3rd, 1931, and it was my 1,104th peal. I have great pleasure in congratulating my friend Mr. James Bennett upon his great success. We are now the only two ringers that have ever attained the unique distinction of ringing a peal upon every one of the 366 dates in the year upon eight, ten or twelve tower bells.

JAMES GEORGE.

Birmingham.

(Continued from previous column.)

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34562
25634
54632
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62345
63542

Although one course may contain rows which are also included in another, it does not follow that the whole of one is false against the other, and parts of false courses can often be used in a composition. Sometimes, too, by calling a bob Before in every course the leads liable to internal repetition are cut out and the available extent of the method much increased. When, too, there are few false course ends it is often possible to use a course from a group and another course from the group false against it. But these are details with which it is impossible to deal in a short article.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Both 'Rope-Sight' and 'Standard Methods' are now in their ninth edition. The price of these two books and others of the Snowdon series will be found in an advertisement.

The annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, October 10th. Full particulars will be given in our notices columns in due course.

Congratulations to Mr. Nolan Golden, of Northrepps, Norwich, on his marriage, which took place on Wednesday. Mr. Golden is hon. secretary of the North and South Branches of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and last Wednesday week he rang his 300th peal for the association.

The wedding took place at Checkendon, Oxon, the bride being Miss Iris Marjorie Daly, of Checkendon. The address of Mr. and Mrs. Golden will be 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

Mr. S. Lawrenson, of Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs, who rang a peal at Kirkham on Saturday, is the first Poulton ringer to score a peal, although there has been a ring of six bells in his parish church tower for 225 years.

This week a fairly large company is touring in Somerset, although their intention, we believe, is not centred on more than one peal attempt a day, unless they can make up two bands. But on Saturday week a party bent on 'two a day' is going north and will assemble at Newcastle.

The 'bachelors' will, we understand, have their week at the beginning of September, and on September 12th a tour in Ireland is to begin.

The housing shortage in Middlesex appears to be growing more acute, for the Master of the Middlesex Association lives in Hertfordshire, one of the joint hon. secretaries resides in Essex, and the other joint secretary has now gone to live in Bucks.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the order to rehang the ring of six bells in a new frame, and add two trebles to complete a ring of eight, at Okehampton, Devonshire.

BURTON HASTINGS IS OFF THE MAP.

BUT IT WANTS CORONATION BELLS.

A little village in Warwickshire, four or five miles from Nuneaton, one mile from the Watling Street which divides the counties of Leicester and Warwick, and about three miles from Hinckley and two from Wolvey, Burton Hastings has a population of about 200 souls, mostly engaged in agricultural work, small farmers and labourers. It is separated from the main roads and has no omnibus service or means of transport. Therefore, it is little known. In fact, it is 'off the map.' It has no amenities for recreation, no public-house, no cinema or public hall. Its only public buildings are a minute school and a beautiful little fifteenth century church.

In the tower of this church is the death-watch beetle. The pest has eaten into the woodwork of the belfry so that it has become a source of danger, and for some years now the peal of bells has not been rung. Thus the village has been deprived of an interest, art and recreation which countrymen enjoy in many villages—bellringing!

It is our desire and aim that these bells should be put into repair before the Coronation of King Edward next year and that they should resound once more through the countryside on that great day. The cost will approximately be £300.

The resources of this village are very slender indeed, and we are obliged to appeal for help beyond the boundaries of the parish if we are going to do this. We should like to do it in memory of King George and to crown King Edward, not in silence, but with the pealing of bells in every place—even in Burton Hastings.

Time passes quickly and this work will take some time to do. It must be put in hand soon if it is to be completed by next May. In fact it is a case of he (or she) who gives quickly gives twice.

Burton Hastings at present possesses three bells (one cracked), and the object in view is to rehang the three with frames for five or six in the hope that some day the peal may be completed.

Subscriptions towards this appeal should be sent to any of the following:—

The Rev. Mostyn Robinson (Vicar of Burton Hastings), Wolvey Vicarage, Hinckley.
Mr. A. Atkins, The Old Vicarage, Burton Hastings, Hinckley.
Mr. A. Geary, Burton Hastings, Nuneaton.
Mr. J. H. Beale, Shelford, Wolvey, Hinckley.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES JACKSON.

AN OLD PONTEFRAC TINGER.

On Monday, July 27th, on the bells of Pontefract Parish Church, muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung preceding the funeral of Mr. James Jackson, an old Parish Church ringer.

Mr. Jackson joined the Yorkshire Association in 1894 and had rung 26 peals. Until a few years ago, when he retired owing to ill-health, he was most regular in attendance Sunday by Sunday in the belfry.

His funeral was attended by members of the Parish Church and All Saints' companies. During Mr. Jackson's long and painful illness it was always a pleasure to him when his colleagues called to talk of the old times in the belfry.

VICTORIA CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED.

THOUSANDS THRILLED BY NEW PEAL.

Great Rally of Former English Ringers.

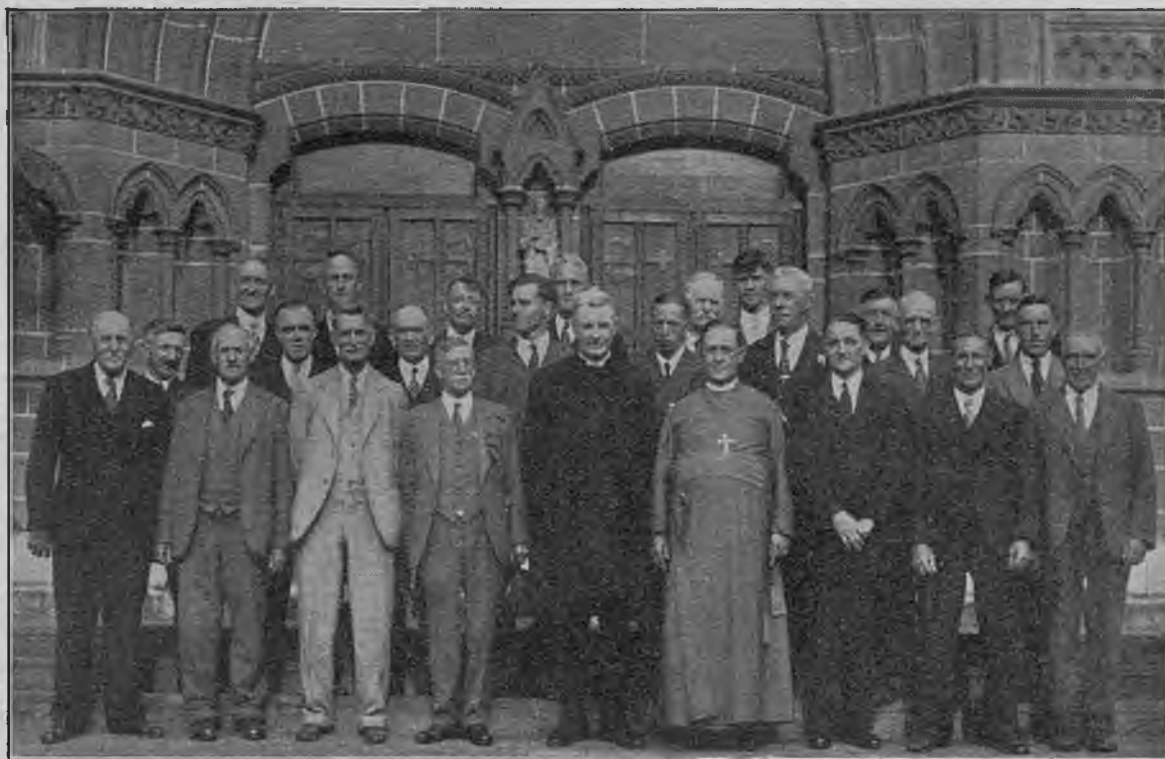
The new peal of eight bells, a replica of those at Westminster Abbey, which were cast at Whitechapel and blessed by the Bishop of London at the unique ceremony held at the Bell Foundry three months ago, have been installed in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia, and dedicated with due ceremonial at an impressive service.

It will be recalled that the six larger bells, offered in the year of the silver jubilee of their Majesties, King George V. and Queen Mary, are the gift of Mrs. Mary

city and the length and breadth of the Island thousands of others listened to the radio broadcast of an incident which will pass down in ecclesiastical history as epochal.

Fine weather favoured the occasion, and after the dedicatory service, when the congregation from inside the Cathedral joined those outside to listen to the half-hour peal, the streets were filled with a multitude of unprecedented dimensions. Many, deeply moved by the associations, listened with tears coursing down their cheeks.

The form of service used was that with which ringers in this country are familiar, and in which prayers, hymns and address were all specially appropriate to the occasion. The actual ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. H. E. Sexton, Bishop of Columbia, the service being conducted by the Dean, the Very Rev. C. S. Quinton. It opened with an exhortation to the congregation to 'humbly pray that our heavenly Father will favourably approve our present purpose of dedicating these bells to His service,' and to implore divine assistance in the undertaking.



RINGERS GATHERED AT VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
for the Dedication of the new bells at Christ Church Cathedral.

The group consists of, from left to right: A. C. Melhuish, Cornwell, H. E. Hawking (back row), H. Lingham (front), C. A. Gill, Knight (back row), E. Weatherby (front), J. E. Hutchings, G. W. Foster (back row), Churchwarden (front), A. Trotman, R. Carrier (back row), Dean Quinton, E. W. Izard, A. C. Limpus (back), Bishop Sexton, L. Kerridge (back), T. Guest (middle), Churchwarden (front), F. Hird (back), W. Sampson (middle), T. Greenaway (front), A. King (back), R. Ponsford, A. Lomas (front).

Geraldine Mozley, wife of Canon J. K. Mozley, of St. Paul's Cathedral, in loving memory of her brother, Charles Raymond Nutt, late captain in the Royal Field Artillery, whose body lies at Somenos, Vancouver Island. The two treble bells, recording the life and work of two honoured residents of Victoria, John Samuel Henry Matson and John Robert Meredith Matson, are the gift of Ada Teresa Matson, in loving memory of her husband and son.

THE SERVICE.

The dedication took place on Sunday, July 12th. No event in church history in Victoria, said the Victoria 'Daily Colonist,' has attracted such a throng as listened on Sunday afternoon to the first peal rung.

Every seat in the great edifice was filled; hundreds of others packed the adjacent streets and the old Quadra Park, and throughout the

Then followed the hymn, 'Come, thou Holy Spirit, come.' Bishop Sexton recited intercessional prayers, for worshippers; for the ringers; for those who shall be married; for the sick; for the dying, and for the donors who had 'offered and provided these bells for Thy service in this Cathedral Church.'

During the singing of Psalm 150, 'O praise God in His holiness,' the Bishop, the Dean, the Canons and churchwardens formed a procession and moved to the foot of the tower, where the Bishop offered the solemn dedicatory prayer:—

'O Almighty God, Who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses didst command to make silver trumpets for the calling of solemn assemblies; be pleased to accept the offering of these bells; bless, sanctify and hallow them to Thy glory and service, and grant that through this generation and those that are yet to come, they may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy holy name.'

The bells then rang out for the first time, and thousands inside and outside the Cathedral were thrilled at the grandeur of the tones which swelled from the tower. For five minutes the bells rang out, those taking part in the ringing being Messrs. E. W. Izard (Glasgow), R. Carrier (Bedford), A. C. Melhuish (Bath), T. Guest (Leigh, Lancs).

H. Lingham (Northfleet, Kent), J. E. Hutchings (Dittisham, Devon), A. Trotman (Long Bredey, Dorset) and E. Weatherby (Guildford). When the bells had ceased the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was sung and an address was given by the Dean.

THE VOICE OF RECOLLECTION, INVITATION AND ACTION.

He chose his text from Corinthians xiv. 10: 'There are so many voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.'

St. Paul had had in mind particular voices; but he went on from that to speak of the universal. Dean Quainton brought the subject up to the immediate and present by speaking of the 'voices' which different craftsmen could produce with different media. One craftsman with ivory keys and pipes could produce an organ; another, with metal, could produce bells. Such 'voices' were very much more than mere vibration of the atmosphere. They were sacramental things, vehicles of emotion and of ideas.

'What, we are asking, what shall our bells, now being dedicated, say to us?' the Dean asked. 'Their message will be as varied as the people who are listening to them. To one man they will say one thing; to another, another thing. But in a general way they will be to each one of us at least three things: The voice of recollection; the voice of invitation; the voice of action.'

The Dean traced the long association of bells with church history in England, where ultimately they influenced ecclesiastical architecture, and from the ancient church towers bells clanged out summoning soldiers to arms, citizens to their counsels, and rejoicings and alarms of various kinds.

Bells, in fact, linked us with our past. In Canada they gave a steady sense of continuity with a historic past. Made in London, these particular bells hung in Christ Church Cathedral were 'a veritable echo of great old Westminster Abbey,' of whose bells they were a replica. They also inevitably reminded all Old Country people of 'green old England and the peaceful English countryside.'

'There may be some who think that the bells will be an asset to Victoria; that they will add to its atmosphere; attract the California tourist. But let us not forget that the chief duty of the bells is to call us to church, and through the church to Christ,' the Dean reminded his listeners. It was to be hoped that they would not only summon the Anglican worshippers to their places of worship, but the Roman Catholic to his Mass, the United Churchman, the Baptist, the Salvation Army followers to their respective services. For these were city bells, in an Anglican home, under Anglican care, intended to call all people to worship.

As in the past, bells had so often called people in the old lands to action, sometimes against an enemy, so could these bells call to action, to dispel the evils of hate and social injustice, to defend the people's liberties at all cost, to worship, and to prayer—a challenge to action, a symbol of the Church of Christ on the march, a great instrument for social salvation and international peace.

In this service of dedication there should specially be remembered the donors of the bells; also the Bishop of London, who had shown such an interest in Christ Church Cathedral, and who had gone down to the ancient foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, in London, to take part in the dedication of the casting of the bells; Ven. Archdeacon E. P. Laycock, who was also present at that service; and the bellringers.

Very especially on this occasion would everyone think of the late King George V., after whom the great tenor bell was named; the four Bishops of Columbia; George Hills, William Willcox Perrin, Augustine Scriven and Charles de Veber Schofield; and those who were commemorated in this gift of bells: Charles Raymond Nutt, John Samuel Henry Matson and John Robert Meredith Matson.

A prayer in commemoration of the departed was offered, especially for the late Sovereign King George V., the four Bishops of Columbia, 'by whose devoted labours the foundations of the Church's work in this western land have been well and truly laid and extended.'

After a brief service, the bells were rung muffled, and their majestic tones heard thus for the first time were deeply impressive. The service concluded with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' the National Anthem and 'The Blessing.'

RALLY OF RINGERS.

Proceedings in the Belfry.

Mr. Anthony E. Trotman has sent us the following interesting description of the erection of the bells and the ringers' great efforts to do justice to the great occasion.

The bells, says Mr. Trotman, arrived on Saturday, June 27th, by the S.S. 'Nareuta,' having come via the Panama Canal. They were immediately unloaded and placed on the ground outside the north-west tower of the Cathedral, where they remained on view to the public until Sunday, July 5th. Between Thursday, the 2nd, and Saturday, the 4th, the girders were raised and cemented in position. On Monday, July 6th, the bells were hauled up—all in one day. The slides, stays, pulleys and ropes were fitted and tested on the Tuesday and Wednesday, and the bells were tried for the first time (silent) on Thursday, July 8th—no mean feat for amateurs! Mr. E. W. Izard was in charge of the installation and supervised everything down to the tightening of the last bolt.

A great effort had been made to get together all the 'old country' ringers who could be 'ferreted out' in Victoria and other Vancouver Island settlements. As most of them had not even seen a bell-rope for 25 or 30 years, three practices were held on the bells with their clappers tied. The necessity of these practices was soon proved, even though it was mostly 'rounds' that were rung. In addition, Mr. A. C. Limpus brought his team of stalwarts from Vancouver, which saved the day as far as change ringing went. Also, Mr. Ernest Weatherby came all the way from Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., specially for the occasion—2,000 miles. Can you beat that?

However, eight men were found among the 'islanders' competent enough to manage their bells, so it was decided to let this 'local' band ring rounds during the dedication service, and to let the Vancouver band have their fill afterwards, aided by such islanders as could ring changes.



HOISTING THE TENOR BELL UP THE CATHEDRAL TOWER.

Perhaps it would be as well at this point to describe the geography of this locality. Victoria is the capital city of the province of British Columbia. It is situated at the south end of Vancouver's Island—so called because Capt. Vancouver was the first to circumnavigate it and prove that it was an island. The island (believe it or not) is equal to the length of England without Scotland. The city of Vancouver is not on the island, but is the westernmost terminal city of the Canadian mainland. To get from Victoria to Vancouver or vice versa one has to travel nearly 100 miles over water. The disposition of this locality is not unlike the Continent of Australia and the island of Tasmania.

The morning of July 12th turned out to be very wet. It poured and poured with rain, but Providence was very kind (as indeed she always is). Just about midday the rain ceased, the sun broke through and by 3.30 p.m., when the dedication service began, it was a beautiful July afternoon.

IN THE BELFRY.

At 2.30 p.m., after an excellent lunch at the Windermere Hotel, at which the Vancouver ringers were entertained, a move was made to the tower. The bells were rung up (still tied) and then unlashed. As can be imagined, there was much speculation as to how they would sound, since no one had yet heard them. At last, after some(!) of waiting, the order came to 'stand to,' the signal to ring the peal

was given, and then—the most majestic sound you ever heard! After about 2½ minutes, 'stand' was ordered, and every bell was 'set'—a miracle, since it was the first successful 'stand' we had yet had. The tenseness of the past hour was relieved by a burst of clapping all round, and 'wonderful,' 'beautiful,' 'grand' and 'super' were the epithets used to describe the bells.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank cannot be congratulated sufficiently on the musical and mechanical qualities of the bells. The speed with which we were able to set them in the tower is ample proof of the latter. The peal is in the key of D flat, the tenor weighing 30 cwt. The next thing we shall hear is that Westminster Abbey wants to exchange them for her own.

A few minutes later and another lot of rounds was rung, this time half-muffled, to commemorate H.M. King George V., Bishop Schofield, Capt. Nutt, John Samuel Henry Matson and John Meredith Matson.

Bishop Schofield died only a fortnight ago, a few hours after he first saw the bells. He took a very keen interest in the peal, and all are sorry that he was not spared to hear them.

After the service several touches of Grandsire Triples and sets of rounds were rung. The bells were also in use for about three-quarters of an hour before and after evening service. Though a Stedman band could have been formed, it was decided to ring Grandsire well rather than Stedman indifferently.

At 9.30 p.m. the bells were rung down and a great day in the life of Victoria and its ringers came to an end. Only those who have been separated from bells for years at a stretch can realise what these bells—the westernmost peal in the world—mean to the ringers (and, indeed, the public) of this neighbourhood. The writer heard of one old couple, almost in their nineties, who hadn't heard bells for half a century. They 'listened in,' but after about half a minute they were compelled to turn it off. The emotion was too great.

Our most hearty thanks are extended to Mrs. Mozley and Mrs. Matson for their truly wonderful gift.

The ringers in the tower included: Vancouver Island ringers: E. W. Izard (Glasgow), R. Carrier (Bedford), Mrs. Carrier (formerly Miss Evelyn May, of Cranleigh, Surrey), Lieut.-Commander C. H. Brown (St. Budeaux, Devon), A. C. Melhuish (Bath), T. Guest (Leigh, Lancs), H. Lingham (Northfleet, Kent), J. E. Hutchings (Dittisham, Devon), S. G. Knight (London and Northampton), C. A. Gil (Probus, Cornwall), L. Keridge (Ipswich), W. P. Jenne (Swansea), H. E. Hawking (St. Ives, Cornwall), R. Ponsford (Totnes, Devon), G. W. Cornwell (Beverley, Yorks), A. Trotman (Long Bredy, Dorset). Vancouver City ringers: A. C. Limpus (Twickenham), G. W. Foster (Borden, Kent), F. Hird (Guiseley, Yorks), A. Lomas (Macclesfield, Cheshire), A. King (London), T. Greenaway (Reading), W. Sampson (Exeter). Apart from these there were Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, U.S.A. (Guildford) and a Mr. Bates, from Saskatchewan.

Finally, it may be as well to add that a band of a dozen scouts is being trained in change ringing in an attempt to get the 'native sons of Canada' to take up the art. They can already ring a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, one or two double-handed. They are now learning rope-sight.

BISHOP SCHOFIELD'S DEATH.

The late Bishop Schofield, through whose instrumentality the bells at Victoria were installed, died with tragic suddenness. During one of the days the bells were on exhibition at the foot of the tower he was showing them to some friends. Afterwards he walked across the street, then collapsed and died. He had seen the promise of his great scheme fulfilled, but he did not live to hear the bells sound from the tower.

The bells were installed in the tower by Yarrows, Ltd., of Esquimalt, under the superintendence of Mr. E. W. Izard, full working drawings and instructions having, of course, been sent out by the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Except for a few minor adjustments, the ringers found them in splendid shape for ringing.

Mr. A. C. Limpus, who has charge of the bells at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, was the first ringer to arrive from that city. He reached Victoria on Thursday, July 9th, and was joined by the other Vancouver ringers on Sunday morning. Mr. Pitman was to have joined the party, but two days before met with a serious accident, when a car in which he was riding was demolished by a railway train at a level crossing.

In the tower the bells are very noisy, but this is to be remedied by the provision of an additional floor between the ringers and the bells and a layer of sound resisting material. The noise, which drowned the voice of the conductor, caused the first touch attempted to be lost, but the first 364 was rung on the bells by A. C. Limpus 1, G. W. Foster (conductor) 2, E. Weatherby 3, F. Hird 4, A. King 5, W. Sampson 6, A. B. Lomas 7, T. Greenaway 8.

On the following Sunday evening at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, a well-struck touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by A. C. Limpus 1, A. King 2, F. M. Bressey 3, E. Weatherby 4, F. Hird 5, G. W. Foster 6, W. Sampson 7, T. Greenaway 8.

The Lord Mayor of London is to visit Vancouver this autumn. When he arrives the ceremony is to be broadcast to England. Mr. Limpus informs us that the bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary will be rung, and he hopes they will be heard by ringers on this side of the Atlantic.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT.

On Saturday, July 25th, the Wicken and district ringers had their annual outing, when they visited the Worcester district. The first call was at Tysoe, not far from Banbury, where Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Travelling via Stratford-on-Avon, Worcester was reached about 11.45.

Permission had been given to ring on the peal of twelve at the Cathedral, a pleasure which had been eagerly anticipated by all. Rounds on the twelve were first rung. Then came a course of Stedman Caters on the back ten, followed by Cambridge Major on the middle eight, the ringing concluding with more rounds on the twelve. After lunch at the Co-operative Cafe, Malvern Link was visited and some good work put in with the bells before going on to Upton-on-Severn, where touches of Grandsire and Cambridge were rung before a good 'run down.' Tea at Bredon was followed by a visit to Hinton-on-the-Green, where Superlative, Grandsire and Double Norwich were brought round. Going on to Evesham, a course of Stedman Caters, a course of Bob Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung on the ten at the bell tower, and to make a perfect ending to a good day's ringing, an excellent course of Cambridge Major was brought round. Wicken was reached at about 11.30, after a most enjoyable outing. Thanks are due to the clergy who gave permission to ring, to all the ringers who met the party and all those who helped with the arrangements.

BEVERLEY RINGERS' VISIT TO OSSETT.

The ringers of Beverley Minster, accompanied by friends from St. Mary's, Beverley, Sutton-on-Hull, Cottingham and a visitor from Cirencester, held an outing to Ossett in response to an invitation from the ringers of Ossett Parish Church when they visited Beverley two years ago. Leaving the Minster at 10 o'clock by taxis, the party's first stop was Howden, with its beautiful ring of eight, on which an hour's ringing was enjoyed. Travelling thence to Pontefract, they were met by Mr. H. Walters, who had kindly arranged for them to ring at St. Giles' Church, with its light peal of ten. After lunch the bells were rung to various methods, the ringers considering themselves fortunate, as ringing at this church is very seldom allowed on Saturdays on account of the market.

The party then went on to Ossett, taking Mr. Walters with them. They were warmly welcomed by Mr. G. Bennett, who escorted them to the tower, where the bells were at once raised. This is an excellent peal of bells, and touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were very much enjoyed. After tea at the Flying Horse, the ringers were soon back at the church for more ringing, the methods including Stedman Caters and three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal. With regret the party left Ossett about 8 o'clock and set out for home. Travelling by the way of Pontefract, where Mr. H. Walters said 'Goodbye' to the party, Beverley was eventually reached at 11 o'clock. The ringers take this opportunity to tender their sincere thanks to the clergy and steeplekeepers at the various towers for their kind permission to ring and the arrangements made.

A THREE-COUNTIES TRIP.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 25th, when, with a few Swindon ringing friends, including the old stalwart, Mr. C. Gardner, and Mr. W. Kynaston (Branch Ringing Master), they had the experience of ringing in three different counties (Berks, Oxon and Glos.). Starting at 1 o'clock, they made Buckland their first rendezvous, where the fine peal of eight (after a bad start, a rope having slipped the wheel) were soon going merrily to rounds, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A move was then made to the Thames-side village of Standlake, where a light peal of six is hung in a somewhat unique position. They are in three tiers of two, owing to the smallness of the tower, but were in good going order and the ringers felt quite 'at home.'

After some little difficulty in locating the route, Southleigh was eventually reached, and the visitors were met by the Vicar. This ring of eight was found to be in good going order, but, being of long draught and minus guides, they were at first a little difficult to some. When this had been overcome several methods were rung. The Vicar afterwards acted as guide and explained the singular paintings that adorn the interior of the church, after which he entertained the party to tea, an action which was highly appreciated. A course of Triples and a few tunes on the handbells were rendered, and after a vote of thanks had been accorded the Vicar for his hospitality and the use of the bells, the ringers continued their journey. At this point, however, the elements were somewhat ominous, and an intended short stay at Witney was, after a brief consultation, dispensed with and it was decided to go direct to Clanfield, which was reached 15 minutes before schedule. They were well repaid by having this extra time on this lovely light ring of eight bells. The placing of the ropes in a complete circle gave another opportunity to indulge in some well-struck Triples and Major. Here again the visitors were met by the Vicar, who extended a welcome and an invitation for a future visit. Lechlade was the last ring of the day. Here a medium six were raised and for about an hour were kept going in several Doubles and Minor methods. The organisers wish to thank the various incumbents and tower-keepers for the use of the bells and arrangements made for the success of the outing, which, in spite of the varied weather, was a very enjoyable one.

DISS RINGERS' LONG TRIP.

The St. Mary's Society, Diss, with Mr. E. Whiting, of Pulham Market, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 18th. The party left Diss at 6.30 a.m. by motor-coach and made their first call at Baldock, which was reached at 9.30 a.m. Ringing commenced with a course of Superlative Surprise at the Parish Church and Stedman Triples. Going on to Dunstable, where they were met by Mr. A. E. Sharman, touches were rung on the fine peal at the Priory Church. Luncheon was served at the Commercial Hotel, and the party proceeded to Watford. During the journey handbells were brought into use. On arrival at Watford several of the local ringers were waiting for the visitors. The ringing here included a course of Cambridge Surprise. A short run brought the party to Bushey, where Mr. Maurice Hibbert gave them a hearty welcome. After ringing Double Norwich, 'Maurice' obliged by calling one of his 'fancy' touches of Stedman, after which he joined the party at tea. Afterwards the excursionists made for Hertford, which was reached at 7.20 p.m. Here again some of the local ringers were waiting, and with their help touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were brought round on the fine peal of ten, and Double Norwich on the back eight. Leaving Hertford shortly after 8.30 p.m., 'Sam,' who had been mounting the tenor boxes all day, was craving for half a 'whale.' Not before reaching Bury St. Edmunds was his hunger relieved. A fried fish shop was spotted as the chimes struck out for 11.45 p.m. 'Sam' and several of the party cleared up the Saturday night surplus fish, etc. Diss was finally reached at 1 a.m. on Sunday morning after travelling 225 miles in 18½ hours. The ringers wish to thank all who helped to make the day such a success, especially Mr. Hibbert for his assistance in the arrangements.

A FALSE COMPOSITION OF TREBLE BOB. EIGHTEEN PEALS WITHDRAWN.

The discovery has just been made by Mr. C. W. Roberts that an abridged version of a peal of Treble Bob, composed by Mr. F. Robinson, is false. This variation has been rung a considerable number of times, and Mr. C. H. Kippin, hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, now writes to withdraw no fewer than 18 peals, 12 of them rung by his own association between 1923 and 1933, and six of them, of which he was the conductor, rung for other associations and guilds.

In its original form the peal is perfectly true. Here are the figures:

5,184				
23456	M	B	W	H
54326		2	2	
25463		—	2	
*25634	2		2	1
26354			1	2
23564	1	—	2	2

Twice repeated.

By substituting B, 1H in the course marked * in one part, the number of changes is reduced to 5,056 (on some occasions it has been erroneously described as 5,088). It is this version that is false.

The following is the list of false peals rung by the Surrey Association or conducted by Mr. Kippin for other guilds, and in withdrawing them he wishes to convey the conductors' regrets to those who took part in the peals:—

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

October 25th, 1923, Carshalton, Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.
March 22nd, 1924, Beddington, Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.
August 13th, 1924, Carshalton, Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.
December 5th, 1925, Beddington, Kent T.B.; conductor, F. E. Darby.
February 27th, 1926, Rotherhithe, Kent T.B.; conductor, F. E. Darby.
May 15th, 1926, Cheapside (St. Mary-le-Bow), Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.

September 13th, 1926, Streatham (St. Leonard's), Kent T.B.; conductor, C. W. Roberts.

October 25th, 1926, Bletchingley, Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.
December 18th, 1926, Southwark (St. George's), Kent T.B.; conductor, D. Cooper.

November 12th, 1927, Croydon (St. John's), Kent T.B.; conductor, F. E. Collins.

November 2nd, 1929, Benhilton, Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.
September 2nd, 1933, Banstead, Kent T.B.; conductor, T. Price.

GUILDFORD GUILD.

December 12th, 1931, Epsom (Christ Church), Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

August 29th, 1925, Wraysbury, Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

June 4th, Lavenham, Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

June 5th, 1932, Salle, Oxford T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.
April 17th, 1933, King's Lynn, Kent T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.
April 17th, 1933, Swaffham, Oxford T.B.; conductor, C. H. Kippin.
Among the peals in this list is one on the back eight at Bow, Cheapside, which Mr. Kippin called from the tenor (53 cwt.) at the age of 20.

We understand that the false composition has been called on other occasions, and it is left to those concerned to withdraw the peals.

The danger of inexperienced people tampering with compositions is dealt with in our leading article.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**MR. J. BENNETT'S DISTINCTION.**

A very pleasant meeting was held by the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Barnet on Saturday, July 25th. The fine peal of eight was kept going during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the Lady Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Ivan Young in the absence of the Rector.

Tea was very tastefully and efficiently served in the Church House by Mrs. Eldred, assisted by Miss Chambers and lady helpers, and a short business meeting followed, presided over by the association Ringing Master, Mr. A. W. Coles. The chairman apologised for the unavoidable absence of the vice-president, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, also for the hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles, who was on holiday in Cornwall.

The Chairman, on behalf of the members, congratulated Mr. James Bennett on attaining his ambition of ringing a peal on every day in the year. He was sure that Mr. Bennett deserved their congratulations as, besides being a very fine ringer, he could always be depended on to assist in teaching a young band at any time, a fact to which the speaker could well testify. 'Jim,' he said, was never happier than when doing work of this nature.

Mr. Bennett suitably replied, and mentioned that amongst the small band he had now joined was the late William Pye (who had called a peal on every day in the year), and he (the speaker) was proud to have been privileged to umpire the last two rung 'in hand' by that gentleman.

Mr. F. A. Barker drew attention to the fact that Mr. J. Sumpter, of Barnet, a foundation member, had just passed his 84th birthday, and it was decided that a letter, conveying the meeting's congratulations and best wishes, be sent to him.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. P. O. Dean, for the use of the bells; to the Rev. I. Young for the service; to Miss K. M. Bradford for accompanying the singing; to the ladies for the tea; and to Mr. W. J. Eldred for making all the arrangements.

The bells were kept going until 9 p.m. under the able direction of Mr. T. Lock, everyone having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the Peak District Society was held at Youghgrave on Saturday, July 18th, when more than 20 members and friends were present from Ashover, Darley Dale, Matlock, Great Longstone, Sheffield, Chesterfield, Bakewell, Eyam and Dore.

The grand old peal of eight bells was kept going in a variety of methods, and the meeting voted a huge success, particularly as the weather was very inclement.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church for evening service, on Sunday, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): Raymond Curtis 1, F. Bowden (Haslemere) 2, H. Smith 3, Roland Curtis 4, Rev. E. Banks James 5, L. M. Squire 6, F. M. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, Neville Curtis (conductor) 9, Reginald Curtis 10. Arranged for the four Curtis brothers.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, 720 Wells Surprise (conducted by L. Camp), 720 Norwich Surprise (conducted by E. Sitch). The following local ringers took part: A. Bradley, E. Sitch, J. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, G. Camp, L. Camp.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints on Sunday, July 26th, before an afternoon organ recital, 1,320 changes Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Huckle 1, J. Parish 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, F. G. Glenaves 5, C. Robinson 6.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, D. R. Fletcher 2, K. E. Fletcher 3, T. Hawkins 4, W. Edwards 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Henley 7, N. Golden 8.

CAVERSHAM BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Newman's letter in your last issue, my report of the Crawley outing does not imply we thought the rehanging of Caversham bells was not properly done according to contract or that I have a preference for some particular firm.

The visiting ringers remain completely in agreement with what I actually wrote, and if the same views had been held by the local band, mention in the Press would have been beneficial. J. M. CRIPPS.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Mitcham, Surrey, on Sunday, July 12th, for evensong, with bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Sir Cato Worsfold, Bart., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. S. Smith 1, R. Charge 2, G. West (first quarter) 3, H. Tonile 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, L. Greenhow (first quarter as conductor) 6, C. Potheary 7, W. Sparkes 8.

ASSOCIATION GUIDE.

SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following are the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations of ringers. The list will be useful in many ways, but its publication is chiefly in order to facilitate the scheme for keeping ringers, who remove from one area to another, in touch with ringing and bringing them into contact with the tower nearest to their new place of residence. When a ringer goes to live in the area of another association, the local secretary should forward his new address to his general secretary, who will pass it on to the secretary of the association to which the member has gone, and, through him, the ringers in the town to which the member has removed will be able to hunt up the newcomer—if he needs it.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.
 Barnsley and District Society: Mr. A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, Rotherham.
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.
 Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich, Cheshire.
 Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. J. Reed.
 Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 4, Kirkbank, Cockermouth, Cumberland.
 Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.
 Doncaster and District Society: Mr. E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.
 East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Mr. J. W. England, Welwyn, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire.
 East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.
 Ely Diocesan Association: Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.
 Essex Association: Mr. L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.
 Gloucester and Bristol Association: Mr. E. Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.
 Halifax and District Association: Mr. L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.
 Hastings and District Guild: Mr. C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings, Sussex.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.
 Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.
 Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.
 Kent County Association: Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.
 Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.
 Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.
 London County Association: Mr. T. W. Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.
 Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.
 Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.
 National Police Guild: Det. Sergt. H. J. Poole, The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester.
 Norfolk Guild: Mr. A. L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.
 North Notts Association: Mr. C. R. Smith, 53, West Carr Road, Retford, Notts.
 North Stafford and District Association: Mr. C. S. Ryles, Rhos, Leek Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.
 North Wales Association: Mr. W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, North Wales.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.
 Oxford Society: Mr. V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.
 Peak District Society: Mr. H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

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BISHAMPTON TOWER AND BELLS.

WORCESTERSHIRE VILLAGE'S APPEAL.

An appeal is being made by the authorities of Bishampton Church, in the Diocese of Worcester, for funds for the restoration of the church tower and bells. It is another instance of a poor agricultural parish with a small population being faced with a large expenditure, and any help that can be given will be greatly appreciated. Up to the present £430 has been raised, but £800 is needed.

The tower was built somewhere about the year 1400. The bells were an original six by William Bagley, of Ecton, Northants, cast in 1690, of which the fifth was recast shortly after by Sanders, of Bromsgrove, in 1705. There is also a small bell hung in the south belfry window, cast in 1721, by Sanders. The condition of the tower is such that the peal cannot be rung. The architect, Mr. Maurice W. Jones, of Worcester, has reported on the condition of the belfry as follows: 'The tower has been neglected. A large number of joints of stone-work on all faces are open and some pointing on the interior of the tower is also necessary. The buttresses to the tower are weak, as there are not sufficient "bond" stones to tie them into the tower walls. Cracks have appeared and in several cases the bonding stones are broken through. The stones near the base of the north-west buttress have decayed and are broken away. The parapet stones are loose and three stones of one pinnacle are missing. The lead roof of the tower has been roughly patched in the past and there are several cracks in the lead. The apron to the gutter is coming away from the parapet wall. The gutters do not fall properly to the outlets. Two new bearers are required to the roof and also new boarding under the lead.'—This work will cost over £500.

Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have reported as follows with regard to the bells: 'None of the bells have been turned since they were first hung, consequently they are badly worn at those places on the sound bow where the clappers have been striking for over 200 years. The timbers of the bell frame have been so badly cut away in places, and decay is so extensive, that any attempt to restore the existing frame would be equally as expensive, if not more so, than the providing of an entirely new framework, and a new frame would, of course, make a far more substantial and permanently satisfactory job.'

The Diocesan Advisory Committee have endorsed their recommendations, which include the rehanging of the bells, and the erection of a new frame and new fittings, and a new floor for the ringers. The total cost of the bell work is estimated at about £500.

With a population of 261 people, mainly engaged in agriculture, it must be evident that the efforts of Bishampton people will not be sufficient of themselves to raise the necessary funds, and an appeal is, therefore, made to all bell-lovers within the diocese and beyond its borders.

Contributions should be sent to 'Bishampton Church Tower and Bells Restoration Fund,' Bishampton Vicarage, Pershore, near Worcester.

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Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.
 St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.
 Scottish Association: Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.
 Sheffield District Society: Mr. M. E. Wilson, 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.
 Shropshire Association: Mr. R. R. Pole, 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. A. Card, 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.
 Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Mr. H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.
 Society of Sherwood Youths: Miss I. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.
 Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 Surrey Association: Mr. C. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.
 Sussex County Association: Mr. S. E. Armstrong, 15, Chester Terrace, Brighton.
 Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. L. Havard, 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.
 Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trewella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.
 Warwickshire Guild: Mr. M. Melville, Highfield House, Royal Oak Lane, Exhall, near Coventry.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth (pro. tem.).
 Worcestershire Association: Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.
 Yorkshire Association: Mr. J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on 20th, St. Andrew's on the 13th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Ringers' service at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at seven o'clock.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting will be at New Romney on Saturday August 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. You are asked to help make the attendance as large and as representative as possible. Kindly notify me early.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Rd., Ashford, Kent.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Mayfield (8) on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Chishill on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—A meeting on behalf of this branch and other ringing friends has been arranged at Thame, Oxon, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.—F. W. Woodward, Sec., Chalgrove, near Oxford.

MULLION, CORNWALL.—The ring of four recast and two trebles added (tenor 11 cwt.), fixed in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated by the Venerable G. W. Hockley, M.A., Archdeacon of Cornwall, on Saturday, 8th August, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome, and tea will be arranged for visiting ringers.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A practice meeting will be held at Lymington, 3 to 4 p.m., and Milford-on-sea,

7 to 8 p.m., on Saturday, August 8th. Tea at Milford 5.30 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea in school at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. E. F. Mawby, 529, Manchester Road, Denton, not later than Wednesday, August 12th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Hon. Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton and Derby Districts.—A joint meeting of the above districts will be held at Repton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at 4.45. Short service at 6.30 p.m. Those intending to be present and who require tea, must notify J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent, by August 13th. A good attendance is requested for this joint meeting at this historic place. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Bretforton on Saturday, August 15th. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Change of date.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, August 15th (note change of date). For tea please send names to Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, before Wednesday, August 12th. Important business.—William Farrimond, Branch Sec, 3, Catherine Street Extension, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at The George at 5.30 p.m. Quarterly business meeting afterwards.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, August 15th. Eight bells. Usual arrangements. Sevenhampton bells (6) after tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Monthly meeting. You will have the opportunity of ringing at Monks Kirby on Saturday, August 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Denbigh Arms at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, near Coventry.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Methwold on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

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 OR REPAINTING OF DIALS.**

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Ashover, Saturday, August 15th. All members and friends expecting to be present, please write Mr. A. W. H. Bowler, Eastwood View, Ashover, not later than Wednesday, August 12th, so that suitable arrangements can be made.—H. L. Warburton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy, on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome, a good company is requested. Please come, let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25 Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, August 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1/- each).—H. J. Parker, District Secretary, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde and Preston Branches.—A combined meeting will take place at Kirkham (8 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the school, 1/- each, to all who send in their names not later than Wednesday, August 19th, to C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Summer is coming. Enjoy it in beautiful surroundings by coming to the ringing meeting of the Tonbridge district at Horsmonden on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Half-hourly bus service from Tunbridge Wells. Book to Broadford and walk through the park. Bring a snack with you.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cards, please, to Mr. P. Branford, Garden Cottage, Wingham, not later Thursday, August 20th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.—All ringing suspended during August and until Monday, Sept. 14th.—J. E. Davis, Tower Keeper, 70, Wooler Street, Walworth S.E.17.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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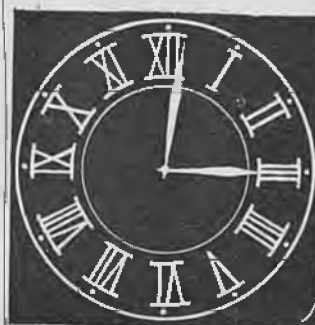
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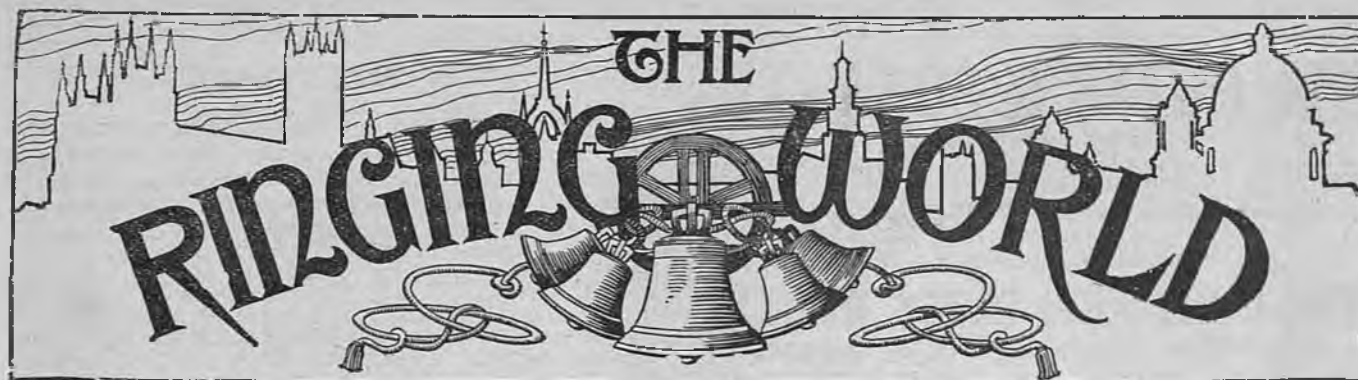
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WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... Treble	THOMAS LANGDON ... 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	EDMUND J. MORRIS ... 7
RONALD A. TURPIN ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8
HARRY HOSKINS ... 4	LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... 9
ERNEST BRETT ... 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

This peal was specially arranged and rung on the occasion of the wedding of the verger, Mr. W. S. Gould, to Miss K. M. Bishop, and also as a compliment to Mr. W. Roughton (a member of the band at St. Clement Danes), whose daughter Rosie was married to Mr. A. W. Dover at St. Mary's Parish Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, in the forenoon.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 6
*MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 8
GEORGE KENWARD ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
*WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal on ten; both received and deserved hearty congratulations.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Christ Church Cathedral,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 6
*EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... 7
*H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 8
*WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 9
*JAMES G. POWELL ... 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal of Bob Royal. W. Gorringer and J. Powell's 50th peal together.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

*ALBERT DISERENS ... Treble	*LEONARD A. TIDY ... 6
FRANK E. DARBY ... 2	*HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 7
†MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 3	†GEORGE W. STEBBE ... 8
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 9
†WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal away from the treble.
† First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. Arranged with pleasure for E. Morris, of Leicester, and rung on the 30th anniversary of his first peal.

RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence, Thanet.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY PAGE ... Treble	†THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 2	*ALBERT E. JARMAN ... 7
EDWARD TRENDALL ... 3	JOSEPH WAGHORN ... 8
*WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 4	GEORGE KENWARD ... 9
*JAMES G. POWELL ... 5	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † 100th peal of Treble Bob.
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(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

NORMAN CHADDOCK Treble	WILLIE GREEN 5
ARTHUR GILL 2	DANIEL SMITH 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARTHUR PANTHER 7
*FRANK ADKINSON 4	HAROLD CHANT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

A birthday compliment to the conductor. * First peal of Major.
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Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
MRS. CHAS. H. KIPPIN 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
WILLIAM M. STONE 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. OLDMAN Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT 7
†THOMAS A. COOPER 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method. Thomas L. Bainbridge has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
*MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM J. WOOD 3	ARTHUR E. BOAR 7
*WALTER H. DOBBIE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

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Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD WOODYATT Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 6
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD Treble	HARRY DAVIDSON 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
KENNETH SIMPSON 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
ARTHUR ARMITAGE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

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At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 5
*HAROLD P. REED 2	*ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 6
*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. This was the 1,000th peal conducted on tower bells by Mr. George Williams. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rector and Mrs. Tritton after the peal.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ALBERT TOUT Treble	*CLAUDE TARR 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 6
*WILLIAM CROSS 3	JACK ROY 7
WALTER J. POOLE 4	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by A. J. WYATT.

* First peal of Major.

CODSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HINTON Treble	WALTER LAGO 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	CHARLES R. COLLINS 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
*ALBERT D. COLLINS 4	ALBERT G. RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.
SIDNEY O'G. HOLLOWAY ... Treble | HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
*ALICK J. PRICE ... 2 | ERNEST G. FLETCHER ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3 | ALFRED ROWLEY ... 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4 | JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First attempt for a peal. Howard Howell's 40th peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Tuesday, August 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.
ALLISON PURDON ... Treble | ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2 | WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 3 | ANDREW THOMPSON ... 7
FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 4 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

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On Wednesday, August 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
ERNEST WHITING ... Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 2 | RUSSEL RICHES ... 6
CHARLES BAKER ... 3 | FREDERICK ROOPE ... 7
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... 4 | CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by E. WHITING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Nolan Golden and Miss Iris Marjorie Daly.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
JOSEPH FARMER ... Treble | FREDERICK PAGE ... 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 2 | KEITH HART ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.
JOHN E. HOBBS ... Treble | ALEX. HUTCHINSON ... 5
*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 2 | FRED W. HILL ... 6
E. FRED GOBEY ... 3 | ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 4 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. H. Cox, for many years a prominent churchworker in Ilkeston, who was interred the previous day.

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ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble | JOHN MARSHALL ... 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2 | *GEORGE G. GRAHAM ... 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 3 | WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 4 | THOMAS E. LEE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. The composition was rung for the first time.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.
*HARRY SMITH ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
HENRY T. WILSON ... 2 | ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY ... 4 | JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26 cwt.
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble | R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 2 | REGINALD W. KEX ... 6
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... 4 | WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge away from the treble.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

JOSEPH PAXTON ... Treble | STANLEY SLANEY ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... 2 | HAROLD KENT ... 6
CHARLES POULTNEY ... 3 | NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 4 | JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.
FREDERICK J. CULLOM ... Treble | ALFRED G. HILL ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2 | JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3 | HARRY HOVERD ... 7
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 4 | A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLOM

The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble | *THOMAS J. FOWLER ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2 | JESSE HARRISON ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4 | HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LISDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN WILLIAMS Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
JOSEPH LOVETT 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 4
GEORGE TALBOT 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. STITCH.

A. E. Austin is from Newmarket. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Jones, B.A., on becoming Rural Dean. Also a birthday peal for the conductor, who has now completed the circle at this tower for the second time.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KRITH HART Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

This composition consists of 2,432 London, 1,088 Bristol and 768 each of Cambridge and Superlative with 104 changes of method, and is now rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

*ERNEST MERCER Treble	ALBERT HAYES 4
HARRY GRINDY 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN 5
WILLIAM JOHNSON 3	*JAMES HURST Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Ernest Mercer, one of the original ringers at St. Helens, who was paying a visit.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, August 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD D. DIVALL Treble	*IVAN BUTCHER 4
*VICTOR WOOD 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 5
*DAVID WINFORD 3	ALFRED L. RYMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALFRED HOARE Treble	WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2	†CECIL C. DILNOT 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	FREDK. G. GROOMBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal attempt. † First peal attempt away from the treble. First peal of Bob Minor by ringer of 2nd, who has now completed peals of Plain Bob on all numbers from Minor to Maximus.

GEDNEY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 28 methods, viz.:-

- (1) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple and Taxal Delight.
- (2) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob.
- (3) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree.
- (4) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Single Court.
- (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise.
- (6) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight.
- (7) Bourne Surprise.

Tenor 14 cwt.

VERNON TAYLOR Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL 4
*GEORGE W. BURRELL 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

* First peal in 28 methods 'inside.' First peal in 28 methods as conductor. There were 113 changes of method.

WHAPLODE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 60 methods, viz.:-

- (1) Benington, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Alford, Candlesby, Langton and Tattershall Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Taxal, Braintree, Humber, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (3) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Donottar Delight.
- (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
- (5) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob.
- (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree.
- (7) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Single Court.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 199 changes of method. This was the greatest number of methods rung in a peal.

FREISTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 61 methods, viz.:-

- (1) Benington, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Wrangle, Alford, Candlesby, Langton and Tattershall Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Taxal, Humber, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (3) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Donottar Delight.
- (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
- (5) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob.
- (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree.
- (7) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob 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

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 196 changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. Wrangle Alliance is now rung for the first time.

SOMERSET TOUR.

During a visit to Somerset the following peals were rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association:—

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

EDITH K. FLETCHER Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
*HERBERT W. KNIGHT 2	†FRANK E. HAYNES 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	‡PERCY N. G. RAINEY 8
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
EDWIN H. LEWIS 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by E. GUISE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

BRISTOL.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	*FRANK SKIDMORE 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3	JAMES PARKER 7
RICHARD F. ROE 4	EDITH K. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by J. PARKER.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 9
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE 11
EDWIN H. LEWIS 6	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1936, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	RICHARD F. ROE 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
JAMES PARKER 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE MONTAGUE GUEST HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS 1-2	EDITH K. FLETCHER 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

First peal of Bob Major on handbells for the association.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, August 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	*RICHARD F. ROE 5
EDITH K. FLETCHER 2	†GEORGE W. FLETCHER 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

On Thursday, August 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 22, YORK GARDENS,

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

Tenor size 14 in D.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER 1-2	EDITH K. FLETCHER 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	STEPHEN H. WOOD 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

First peal of Double Norwich on handbells for the association.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.

On Friday, August 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
RICHARD F. ROE 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following figures will prove that statements made in your last issue concerning Minor methods are misleading and incorrect.

No. 1 of the following, according to arbitrary definition, is a Treble Bob method, No. 2 is a Delight method, Nos. 3 and 4 are Surprise methods.

Nos. 1 and 2 are both symmetrical methods and never have more than two places in any pair of rows, but they will not produce extents.

On the other hand, Nos. 3 and 4 both have four places in a pair of rows four times in each lead, and yet both will produce the extent of the changes.

Further comment is needless.

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

No. 1 Treble Bob	No. 2 Delight	No. 3 Surprise	No. 4 Surprise
123456	123456	123456	123456
213546	213546	214365	214365
125364	125364	124635	124356
215346	215634	216453	213465
251436	251643	261453	231465
524163	526134	624135	324156
521436	521643	621453	321465
254163	256134	264135	234156
245613	265314	264315	234516
425631	625341	623451	325461
426513	623514	632415	235416
245631	285341	364251	324561
425361	623541	346521	235461
245316	265314	435612	324516
245361	263541	453621	234561
425316	426314	546312	325416
452136	632154	546132	325146
541263	361245	451623	231564
542136	362154	456132	235146
451263	631245	541623	321564
415623	613254	514623	312564
145632	163524	156432	135246
416523	615342	516342	315264
146253	165432	153624	132546
142635	164523	156342	135264

'KENTISH BELLS FOR KENTISH RINGERS.'**A DELIGHTFUL TOUR IN FRESH FIELDS.**

Once again August Bank Holiday proved a red letter day for the ringers of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, when they sallied forth on the occasion of their annual outing to conquer fresh fields. This year 'Kentish bells for Kentish ringers' was voted the order of the day and a delightful tour was mapped out by the captain, Mr. A. E. Richardson.

After a short run through pleasant country, the first stop was made at Birling, an interesting old church set in the midst of a quiet Kentish village, and soon this light peal of eight were set going to Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. After inspecting the various points of interest in the church and tearing the mushroom enthusiasts away from their discoveries in the churchyard, a move was made to Harrietsham. Here an 11th century church offered a variety of interest, the bells naturally having first claim on everybody's attention. The usual standard methods were rung on this peal, the curious fading effect when the bells were at backstroke causing some amusement. The Vicar gave a hearty, if somewhat brief, welcome, and left the ringers with instructions to 'go on making a joyful noise.' Naturally they needed no second bidding and the time was soon up.

Progress was somewhat delayed on the next stage of the journey owing to the demands of the 'inner man,' but eventually the beautiful tower of Ashford was reached, where they were warmly welcomed by the local secretary, Mrs. C. W. Everitt, and Mr. Everitt, with members of the local band, whose kindness in having everything in readiness was much appreciated. No time was wasted in ringing this lovely peal, as opportunity was restricted because of local weddings. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung to everybody's satisfaction, and a move was made to a nearby restaurant for lunch. The journey was then continued to Betersden, another old Kentish village, and here they found a beautiful peal of six bells sadly in need of ringers. With skilful handling the resonant tones of the bells were heard in Cambridge Minor, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and they were eventually lowered in peal in true style.

En route for Tenterden the party paused to look round the quaint old church of High Halden, whose bells they were unable to ring owing to the instability of the tower. Tenterden was reached at last where a 'real ringers' tea' awaited the visitors. Needless to say, full justice was done to this, and, after handbell ringing and conjuring tricks to wind up the proceedings, a move was made to the church. The fine old peal of bells was set going to Grandsire and Stedman, and, in spite of a broken rope, quickly replaced, the time passed all

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OLD HILL RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Green, of 47, Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary to-day. Their wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, on August 14th, 1886.

Mr. Green has been a ringer at the church for 55 years. Notable peals in which he has taken part include those for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, the Coronations of King Edward VII. and King George V., and he is looking forward to standing in one for the Coronation next May of our present King Edward VIII. All ringers will join in extending to Mr. and Mrs. Green their heartiest congratulations on their golden wedding and the hope of many more happy years together.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, on August 2nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Sperring 1, F. Fox 2, R. Jones 3, C. Bird 4, G. R. Jones (conductor) 5, P. Swindley 6.

ASHBITTLE, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung for the morning service at St. John the Baptist's Church on Sunday, August 2nd, by the local band: L. Alderman 1, G. Enticott 2, J. Manning 3, H. Bristowe 4, F. Alderman (conductor) 5, J. Alderman 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At St. Stephen's, Eastwood, on July 19th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jack Casswell 1, Kenneth Makin (first 720 of Surprise) 2, Sidney Briggs 3, George Lee 4, Lionel Parkin 5, Norman Chaddock (conductor) 6.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, July 5th, after evening-song, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, H. Corney 2, F. Corney 3, S. Webb 4, J. A. Waugh 5, M. C. G. Melville 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, W. Morley 8. Rung as a 30th birthday compliment to Mr. B. Weaver. Mr. M. C. Melville hails from Exhall, Warwickshire.

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too quickly, and the excursionists reluctantly took their leave of this splendid church and its beautiful bells.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells in the famous cellars of Tenterden brought to a close a most enjoyable day, and expressions of appreciation were heard on all sides. Thanks are due to the incumbents for allowing their bells to be rung, to the local ringers who met and welcomed the visitors on each occasion, and lastly to Mr. Richardson, the captain, for his selection of towers, a pleasant route and his able management of the ringing throughout the day.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At long last there is a proposal afoot to recast and rehang in new iron and steel framework the ring of ten at the Cathedral of St. Philip, Birmingham. The present very poor bells have been in bad ringing condition for many years.

The joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations at St. Albans on August 29th should prove a great attraction, as the peal of twelve at the Abbey will be open for ringing.

'From Ye A.O.P.G.' was the endorsement of an envelope which reached us on Tuesday containing a batch of peal reports. The Ancient Order of Peal Grabbers were undoubtedly out in force at Bristol on August Bank Holiday, when no fewer than twenty of them rang in the peals 'grabbed' that day!

Other members of the A.O.P.G. were in Kent. One of them, who took part in three peals of Royal, cycled, for the purpose, 75 miles each way by night.

With a peal of Bob Royal at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, Mr. W. H. Hewett completed peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus on tower bells and handbells. Mr. G. W. Steere has now rung Plain Bob Major, Royal and Maximus on tower bells and handbells.

Mr. A. G. Richards, who stepped into the breach at the last moment at Codsall, Staffs, and rang the tenor to a peal of Grandire Triples when the rest of the band had met short for Major, is the first Codsall ringer to ring a peal for approximately 20 years.

Mr. Edwin Jennings, who now lives at Preston, Lancs, and formerly resided at Kendal, planned for several years to ring a peal of Caters on the bells at this latter town, the last peal of Caters rung there being Grandire, in 1898.

On five occasions a peal had been arranged and every time the band met short. On August Bank Holiday, to make sure, he took the precaution of arranging for eleven ringers. Only nine turned up!

However, making the best of a bad job, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob in Westmorland was rung. It was Mr. Jennings' 25th peal in the county; no one else has rung this number in Westmorland.

The composition was Arthur Knights' No. 1, composed in 1883, and is said to be now rung to Oxford for the first time.

The members of the London County Association who rang a peal of Bob Royal at Isleworth, Middlesex, on July 25th last, are wrong in stating that that was the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. E. C. S. Turner informs us that a peal in that method was rung there on March 3rd, 1934.

The ringer of the eleventh in the peal at Surfleet on August 1st was Frederick W. Stokes, not George as printed.

SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following corrections are made to the list of secretaries' names and addresses, published in our last issue:—

Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Tarvin Vicarage, Chester.

Halifax and District Association: Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, Yorks.

NORWICH RINGER MARRIED.

WEDDING OF MR. NOLAN GOLDEN.

On Wednesday, August 5th, the marriage between Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, and Miss Iris Daly, of Checkendon, took place at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Checkendon, Oxon.

The bridegroom is a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, being the secretary of both the North and South Norfolk Branches and having just completed his third century of peals for the association.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. R. D. St. George Edwards, himself a ringing member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and a company of ringers, including Mr. Langley, of Peppard (formerly of Wokingham), and Mr. Sid Smith, of Nettlebed, rang touches upon the bells. Later in the afternoon the bridegroom took part in the ringing, and in the evening a company, under the leadership of Mr. Pat Cannon, attempted a peal on the six bells. After returning to the church to listen to the ringing, Mr. and Mrs. Golden left on a motoring tour of Devon and Cornwall.

The recipients of many presents and expressions of goodwill, Mr. and Mrs. Golden appreciate none more highly than the greetings of the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the two easy chairs for which the members have subscribed, together with an album containing the names of the subscribers.

In the evening a band rang a very well-struck quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: Richard T. Hibbert 1, Miss Stella Davis 2, Miss Marie R. Cross 3, James F. Smith 4, Edgar Humphrey 5, A. Patrick Cannon (conductor) 6. This was believed to be the first quarter-peal of Minor on the bells, which were cast by Lester and Pack.

The band take this opportunity of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Golden long life, health and happiness, and the writer would like to thank the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg for kindly getting the band together for the quarter-peal, and the Rector for kindly giving permission to ring.

A. P. C.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW SECRETARY ELECTED.

The 49th annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Monday, August 3rd. The proceedings began with a service, at which the Rev. W. S. Coad, Rural Dean of Wallasey, gave an inspiring and delightful address.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. W. Milner, the Master, who was re-elected, the Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Vicar of Tarvin, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer in place of the Rev. W. R. Ingham, who has left the diocese for a parish in Gloucestershire.

The report and statement of accounts was accepted on the recommendation of the committee.

Mr. H. Parker gave an account of the Central Council meeting held in London at Whitsuntide, and this was confirmed by Mr. A. Crawley.

As the jubilee of the Guild falls next year, it was decided to make a substantial donation towards the cost of the augmentation of the bells at Chester Cathedral, and also to hold a dinner and concert as near as possible to the foundation date, which falls in November.

It was decided to hold the next annual festival at Chester on July 24th, 1937.

The annual report first recorded with real grief and regret the death of the late Master, the Rev. C. A. Clements, and offered deep sympathy to Mrs. Clements and family.

'He came among us,' says the report, 'in 1924, with a great ringing record and reputation, on his appointment to the Rectory of Grappenhall, and at once made his presence and influence as a ringer felt. On his election as Master, he did all he could to support and further the aims and activities of the Guild. It was due to failing health that he felt compelled to resign the Mastership in the summer.'

'Turning to the activities of the Guild, we are greatly pleased to be able to report considerable improvement in the general situation—the standard of Sunday ringing has been well maintained, but a good deal more active interest has been developed among the younger ringers. We hope that this means that the depression of the past few years has only been temporary and is fast passing away.'

ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

'We wish, however, to point out the considerable number of members, in some cases all the members of a tower, who are in arrears with their subscriptions. We mention that here because it seems to occur most frequently where there is little interest taken in method ringing. The obvious remedy is for the branches to stimulate interest in change ringing in the towers, but we know the difficulties. Various efforts have been made to reconcile defaulting towers, and some have proved successful. No fewer than 42 incumbents and hands of ringers were approached by the Guild during the autumn with this same end in view. We should never rest content till all towers in the diocese are in full union.'

'There is a further decline of honorary membership from 55 in 1933 to 40 in 1935, but the ringing membership shows a substantial increase from 608 in 1934 to 635 in 1935. We ask all our members, new and old, to do all in their power to further the interests and aims of the Guild.'

'The finances of the Guild are in a sound and healthy condition, as can be seen from the balance sheet for the year. After some correspondence, the trustees decided not to invest the £100 as authorised, but this should be done now as soon as possible. The committee desire to recommend strongly that the Diocesan Board of Finance be asked to undertake the duties of trustees of the Guild. This would obviate the trouble and expense caused by changes of trustees, and the Guild would still have full control of its funds.'

'As hinted above, we have to record a large increase in 1935 in the number of peals rung, 65 as against 47 in 1934, an increase of 18; 160 ringers taking part as against 98, while the increase from five to 22 in the number of first pealers shows the interest taken by the younger ringers. We wish to congratulate these 22 ringers and also the five ringers who conducted their first peal. Three of the peals were rung in honour of King George's Jubilee. The multi-method band have been to the fore in ringing two peals in 40 and 42 methods respectively; the greatest number of methods rung up to then, in seven true extents. We congratulate them heartily and are proud to know that since then they have done still greater things and wiped the eyes of their East Country rivals! The following peals are also worthy of special mention: One of Minor at Birkenhead in 14 Spliced Surprise methods; one of Major in three Surprise methods at Norbury; one peal each of Carishbrooke Delight, Hereward Bob Major and Hereward Triples, and three peals of Surprise Minor in seven methods.'

'November 12th, 1937,' concludes the report, 'will be the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Guild. To mark the occasion, the Guild propose, with the consent and support of the Dean and Chapter, to augment the Cathedral ring of eight bells to ten. A committee has been formed to promote the scheme and collect funds, and it is hoped that with the keen support of all interested there will soon be in the diocese another fine ring of ten bells. We desire again to draw the attention of all peal correspondents to the importance of reporting accurately the names and initials of those taking part in peals. Carelessness in this may mean a lot of unnecessary confusion, trouble and correspondence. Lastly, we wish to thank all who have assisted in the well-being and smooth running of the Guild.'

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ANOTHER RING OF TWELVE.

NEW PEAL FOR MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Old Bells to be Recast.

Manchester Town Hall is to have a ring of twelve bells, with a tenor of about 40 cwt., in place of the present peal of ten with a tenor of 52 cwt., which have been in very indifferent condition for some years.

Last Friday's issue of 'The Manchester City News' contained the following paragraph:—

A £1,260 tender of John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, has been accepted for removing the existing Town Hall bells and providing and fixing a carillon of 23 bells and electro-pneumatic apparatus on new steel framework.

This appears to be the only information that has been made public, and a certain amount of secrecy seems to have been maintained about the ringing peal.

We understand, however, that 13 of the 23 bells are to be hung for ringing, the additional semi-tone providing for a light eight in addition to the ring of twelve. It is hoped to have the bells ready in time for the King's Coronation.

Manchester is the only Town Hall in England that has a ringing peal of bells, and the official ringers are members of the City Police Force.

ONE THOUSAND PEALS AS CONDUCTOR.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS' TOWER-BELL ACHIEVEMENT.

At Dibden, Hants, on Bank Holiday, Mr. George Williams, the popular Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, completed one thousand peals as conductor on tower bells. He will be congratulated on this distinction, not only for a great achievement crowning a life spent largely in the promotion of the art, but on being the only living conductor who has called a thousand peals on tower bells. In addition he has called four peals on handbells.

The only other ringer who had called a thousand peals on tower bells was the late Mr. William Pyc, while Mr. A. H. Pulling has scored over a thousand as conductor on tower and handbells.

The following is the list of Mr. Williams' peals up to the one at Dibden, but he is already on the way to call his second thousand, for he added another on Saturday. His peals have been rung in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

	Rung	Conducted
On six bells	31	25
Bob Triples	6	4
Bob Major	87	66
Bob Royal	7	6
Grandsire Triples	127	94
Grandsire Triples (on handbells) ...	4	4
Grandsire Major	1	1
Grandsire Caters	15	9
Union Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	306	225
Stedman Caters	51	31
Stedman Cinques	9	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	104	87
Kent Treble Bob Royal	28	17
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	193	158
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal ...	1	—
College Exercise Major	1	—
Champion Major	1	—
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	1
Westminster Surprise Major	3	1
Gloucester Surprise Major	3	1
Oxford Surprise Major	3	2
New Cumberland Surprise Major ...	6	6
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	2	—
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	—
Bristol Surprise Major	12	3
London Surprise Major	81	63
Superlative Surprise Major	188	119
Cambridge Surprise Major	116	75
Cambridge Surprise Royal	6	2
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	2	—
	1,403	1,004

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The statement of accounts showed a sum of £43 16s. 6d. received in branch subscriptions, £4 6s. 2d. interest transferred from investment account and £10 2s. 6d. received from other sources. The expenditure, which included £5 to the Woodchurch bell restoration, amounted to £30 18s. 7d., the balance in hand being increased from £146 19s. 2d. to £174 5s. 9d. In addition there is £102 12s. 7d. in the investment account.

SPLICED MINOR RECORD TWICE RAISED.

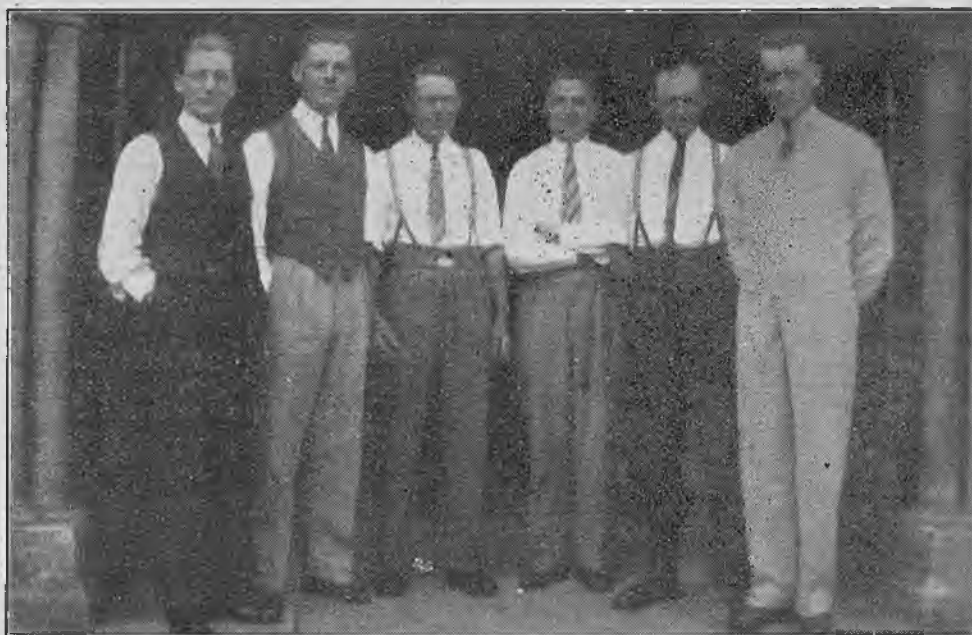
LINCOLNSHIRE BAND RINGS 61 METHODS.

Fifteen Treble Bob Methods in a 720.

Twice within a week the record number of methods in a peal of Minor has been raised by the band, five of whom on Sundays ring at the little Lincolnshire village of Algarkirk, and the other at the neighbouring Church at Frampton. At Whaplode, on August Bank Holiday, they rang seven 720's in which no fewer than sixty methods were spliced, and in the

despite his modesty—knows every method in the Central Council's Collection of Minor methods!

Although so much depends upon the conductor in these complicated peals, and Mr. Taylor has, up to now, called all their progressive combinations, the strength and probably the future of this band lies in the fact that there are others in it who have called spliced peals. Indeed, on the same day that they rang the 60 methods they rang another peal in 28 methods, conducted by Cyril Burrell, while Harold Barsley has also conducted peals on this plan.



THE SPLICED MINOR RECORD BAND.

From left to right: V. Taylor, C. R. Burrell, H. Barsley, H. E. Burrell, A. Young, G. W. Burrell.

course of the peal the method was changed no fewer than 199 times!

On Saturday they increased the number of methods by one, when they rang a peal in which they included in the first 720 a method rung for the first time—Wrangle Alliance. These are performances on which the band will be heartily congratulated.

Never before have sixty methods been rung in one peal, and while it is not the absolute maximum that could be put into seven true 720's, it is going a long way towards it.

The peals are specially interesting, not only on account of the record number of methods included, but because, also, one of the 720's was made up of 15 methods with a Treble Bob hunt—the most that it is believed possible to include in a six-bell extent. In previous peals this 720 had included, at most, 12 methods.

The arrangement of the peals is again due to the genius of Mr. A. G. Driver, and this particular 720 includes no method in which any bell does all the work of the method. Indeed, there is only one method of which five leads are rung. There are four methods of which there are three leads, three with two leads and seven with only one lead apiece.

Mr. Vernon Taylor was again the conductor, and his task was a prodigious one. The band are all young and enthusiastic ringers and there is no 'secret' about the way in which they achieve these performances. There is no question of learning any special pieces for the purpose of the peal. Every method they ring they know from end to end, and they can and do ring them in separate 720's (always, of course, allowing for the necessary combination of Alliance and Little methods). Vernon Taylor—perhaps he will not mind us saying so,

The short time in which they have jumped away with spliced peal ringing, until they have made themselves unexcelled in this category, can be seen in the following record of their progress:—

Date	Place	No. of Methods	Changes of Method
Aug. 26, 1935	Freiston, Lincs.	20	
Oct. 26, 1935	Butterwick, Lincs.	23	
Nov. 30, 1935	Alford, Lincs.	27	135
Feb. 21, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs.	30	132
April 13, 1936	Freiston, Lincs.	38	147
April 18, 1936	Wainfleet, Lincs.	42	167
May 16, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs.	48	161
June 1, 1936	Langham, Rutland	51	172
June 13, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs.	57	196
Aug. 3, 1936	Whaplode, Lincs.	60	199
Aug. 8, 1936	Freiston, Lincs.	61	196

Method splicing as we know it to-day is quite a modern innovation, although Fabian Stedman himself was the first to 'splice' methods when he gave the Exercise of his day what he called 'The Great Experiment.' Modern splicing, however, was introduced by the late Rev. H. Law James. On February 15th, 1911, a peal, consisting of 14 Surprise Minor methods in seven true and complete 720's was rung at Eddingham by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The fact that methods could be thus spliced was Mr. James' discovery, and since the idea was made known in 1911 it has been shown that there is a very wide field for mixing the methods. It is now known that, with very few exceptions, all the methods will splice with one or more others in groups. It has been left to the ingenuity of Mr. A. G. Driver to show that over eighty can be included in seven true 720's.

The thing that gave the greatest fillip to ringing peals in this form was the performance at Norbury, Cheshire, when a band rang a peal in 35 Treble Bob methods, and as the outcome the book, 'Method Splicing,' was published by 'The Ringing World.' In this book Mr. J. W. Parker lucidly explains how the 'splicing' of methods can be

effected, and chapters by Mr. J. P. Fidler give the ringer practical hints on the ringing of 720's in more than one method. It is published at 1s. 3d., post free.

The 35-method peal at Norbury was the outcome of a series of previous efforts leading up to what was undoubtedly a great performance, but that band, as a band, went no further. Some of the members of it, with others who have caught their enthusiasm, have, however, carried on the good work, and the progress made fittingly forms a part of this article.

Date	Place	No. of Methods
Dec. 29, 1934	Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire	39
Jan. 19, 1935	Sutton, Cheshire	40
Feb. 9, 1935	Disley, Cheshire	42
May 23, 1935	Marple, Cheshire	51

These were all in Treble Bob methods. They do not exhaust the peals that have been rung by this and other bands in 35 or more methods, but are printed to show how the number of methods in a peal has grown.

The figures of this 720, with 15 methods, are given below:—

23456	Newdigate.
42635	Marple.
—35642	Old Oxford.
63254	Old Oxford.
26435	Old Oxford.
42563	College Bob IV.
54326	College Bob IV.
—63542	Humber.
42356	Willesden.
34625	Braintree.
—25634	Braintree.
34562	Braintree.
62453	Braintree.
53246	Humber.
46325	Braintree.
—25346	Clarence.
63425	Charlwood.
54263	Wragby.
32654	Neasden.
46532	Neasden.
—25463	Neasden.
—34256	Clarence.
62534	Marple.
45362	St. Albans.
23645	Taxal.
56423	Morning Star.
—56234	Morning Star.
—56342	Morning Star.
64523	Marple.
35264	Elston.

23456

Here is Wrangle Alliance and the figures showing how it was introduced into the first 720:—

WRANGLE ALLIANCE.

123456
214365
241356
423165
421356
243165
423615
246351
243615
426351
462531
645213
642531
465213
645123
461532
465123
641532
614523
165432

164523

Bob 156423

Single 165423

THE FIRST 720.

23456 Tattershall Alliance
64523 Tattershall Alliance
S 35624 Bastow Little Court
—63524 Bastow Little Court
56432 Bastow Little Court
45263 Bastow Little Court
24356 Bastow Little Court
32645 Bastow Little Court
S 63254 Wrangle Alliance
26435 Wrangle Alliance
42563 Wrangle Alliance
54326 Wrangle Alliance
35642 Wrangle Alliance
S 62354 Bastow Little Court
36425 Bastow Little Court
43562 Bastow Little Court
54236 Bastow Little Court
S 25463 Alford Alliance
34625 Candlesby Alliance
56234 Langton Alliance

42356
Twice repeated, except in second and third parts substitute for Wrangle the leads:—

Butterwick
Freiston
Benington
Frampton
Frampton

TAMPERING WITH COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think it would be wise if it were pointed out where the abridged peal of Treble Bob, mentioned in your last issue, is false, as a good many ringers would not take it as false and they may ask where the repetition actually occurs.

If we use alternative calling for the third course of the first part, it is false with the second course of the second part, and also with the fourth course in the third part.

First, rows which occur when the treble is in 5-6 up in the third lead of the third course, repeat when the treble is in 5-6 down in fifth lead of the second course of the second part.

Second course end, Part I. 2546378

First lead end, third course 4235867

Second lead end, third course 3482756

Treble in 5-6 up 37861542

73685124

73685124

37685124

First course end, Part II. 6532478

First lead end, second course 3645827

Second lead end, 2nd course 4386752

Third lead end, second course 8473265

Fourth lead end, second course 7843265 (Bob)

Treble in 5-6 down 73685124

37861542

37685124

37861542

Then, again, rows when the treble is in 1-2 up at the fifth lead of the third course, repeat when the treble is in 1-2 down in the fourth lead of the fourth course in the last part.

1-2 up 1-2 down

17834625 17834625

71836452 71836452

17384625 17384625

71386452 13748265

Perhaps some of our young ringers would like to fathom out the reason for this. It is rather tricky. E. C. GOBEY.
Trowell, Notts.

MORE PEALS WITHDRAWN.

In addition to the peals withdrawn last week on account of the discovery of the falseness of the abridged version of F. Robinson's peal of 5,184 Treble Bob, the following are also withdrawn:—

June 22nd, 1932, at Egham, Surrey.

August 1, 1932, at St. Mary's, Ealing, Middlesex, both conducted by F. Corke and rung for the Middlesex Association.

Mr. Kippin's experience in calling a false peal twice in one day must be unique. From the list published last week it will be seen that he called this composition to Kent at King's Lynn and to Oxford at Swaffham on April 17th, 1933.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

NORTH-WEST BRANCH AT NORTH LEW.

There are many beautiful mediæval villages in our land, but none more quaintly picturesque than North Lew, away by the Dartmoor Hills and over which Yes Tor seems to frown. Perhaps never before have the musical bells in the little Norman tower responded to touches of Kent, Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Doubles, as they did on Saturday last, when the North-West Branch of the Devonshire Guild held its summer meeting. The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, was supported by the Rev. W. H. Smale and Messrs. Sangwin (hon. secretary) and W. Shears (treasurer of the branch), as well as members from Bridgenote, Holsworthy, Plymouth, Brampford Speke and Petersmarland and the local band.

Canon R. Hervey (Rector) conducted the service, after which the 40 ringers and friends present assembled in the Parish Room for tea.

In the business meeting following, the Rev. E. V. Cox acted as chairman in the absence of the Rev. W. Ravenhill, and votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and for the impressive service; the ladies who provided the 'solid comfort' of excellent refreshment; the organist, choir and the local band, who had helped in the arrangements.

Mr. F. Sangwin was elected as Ringing Master of the branch.

PEAL COMPOSITION CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The composition No. 1,794 Stedman Cinques by John Carter, page 57 in the Gloucester and Bristol annual report for the year ending December, 1935, requires correction. The 13th course end should read 314256, and the 25th (turning course) should read Single at 9. ALBERT WALKER.

FOR BEGINNERS.

UNION TRIPLES

It has been one of the objects of these articles to make readers not only think for themselves, but also work for themselves. We have sometimes described methods and left the beginner to work them out for himself. When he has done it he has a far surer knowledge than he would acquire merely by reading what could be said about it. Pencil and paper are the best aids to acquiring a knowledge of change ringing.

How far our advice is carried out we do not know, but it is always encouraging to find that someone, at least, has found the value of it and become interested. Mr. Ernest F. Behan, of Carlton, Melbourne, in a letter dated July 1st, says:—

'Your articles for beginners in "The Ringing World" week by week concerning various methods are interesting and appreciated by at least one ringer in this far-off country—the land of the Southern Cross. Especially did I appreciate those on Stedman, concluding with directions on calling Thurstans' great four-part.

'My last issue to hand is dated May 22nd, and in that you advise a "change of diet" and give a brief outline of "Oxford Bob." The concluding words seemed a sort of challenge to me, so I set to work and made out the first lead. This I followed up by getting the remaining four, and was interested to note the lead ends are identical with those of Grandsire, though not in the same order. I think my work is correct, as it appears to carry out the rules laid down.

'I then set to work and evolved the "mysteries" of the "bob" you describe, and followed this by doing likewise with the "single" (which you do not describe). Of course, I had to "think it over" for 10 or 20 minutes, and concluded that, as in Grandsire, one pair of bells would be reversed, and, as this could not occur in 2-3, it must be in 4-5. By making a 3rd's, 4th's and 5th's place at the call, the "trick was done." Rather curious, the work of the second, viz.: (1) a 4th's place at the call 'single'; (2) a single dodge in 4-5; followed by (3) a 5th's place and down to lead. This is the only solution I can see if the method is to be adhered to. I fear this work of the bell coming "out of the hunt" would "mystify" some of us here. Anyhow, it is really simple.

'For my own satisfaction I then worked out a few touches in the method, and, summing the whole thing up, I thought a couple of hours had been jolly well spent, and so got "under the blankets" and slept well.'

Now this indicates real interest and it will gratify our distant correspondent to know that his elucidation of the Single was in strict accordance with the Central Council's 'recommendations as to calls.' The Plain lead, Bob lead and Single lead for Oxford Bob Triples are given as under:—

Plain	Bob	Single
7162534	7162534	7162534
1762543	1762543	1762543
1275634	1672534	1675234

There are some excellent peals in the method in Section 1 of the Central Council's 'Collection of Peals.'

Further, in his letter, Mr. Behan says: 'Perhaps you may have an article on "Union Triples" later on? Arthur Barnes (one of the finest ringers that ever resided in Australia) used to talk of this method many years ago, but, though interested, I never remember it being rung here.'

Union Triples is very little rung now anywhere. It never had a very extensive vogue, and the discouragement by the Council of methods that are not 'symmetrical' and which do not produce the orthodox lead ends led to its being almost entirely dropped. Despite these failings, however, Union Triples is interesting to ring, and its touches, with double dodging behind at every lead end, can be more musical, in our view, than Grandsire.

At the risk of being 'brought to book' for advocating the ringing of Union Triples, we give some details of it here, for the benefit of any who may care to try it, and especially in response to our Australian correspondent's request.

Union Triples is something between Grandsire and Oxford Bob. It contains the 3rd's place of the former and one of the 5th's places (the

(Continued in next column.)

FIFTY YEARS AT LINSLADE TOWER.

MR. F. VICKERS' JUBILEE.

Mr. F. Vickers, of St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, who joined the band in 1886, has just completed 50 years as a member and has been foreman of the band since August 12th, 1895.

At the time he joined there were six bells in the tower and only call change ringing was done. After Mr. Vickers had been made foreman, the late Mr. George Valentine, of Stony Stratford, paid a week-end visit to Linslade and interested Mr. Vickers in half-pull ringing, writing out a course of Grandsire Doubles for him. The Linslade men worked hard to learn the method and soon had the satisfaction of ringing most of the plain methods on six bells.

In 1904 two more bells were added to make a peal of eight, and within a few weeks they rang the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells with an entirely local band. Then they commenced to practise the higher methods and soon were able to ring Superlative and Cambridge for practice.

VICE-CAPTAIN OF PYTCHLEY TOWER WEDS.

On Saturday, July 25th, Mr. Ronald Coleman, the popular vice-captain of the Pytchley tower, was married to Miss Dora Beasley, sister of 'Son' Beasley, another Pytchley ringer. The ceremony, which was fully choral (the bridegroom being a chorister as well as a ringer), took place at the Church of All Saints, Pytchley. The Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Hill) officiated. Prior to the ceremony the bells were rung to various methods of Doubles by J. Barnwell, S. Sargent, O. Brown, R. Williamson, G. S. F. Brown and S. Manton (conductor). Further ringing, in which H. Manton also took part, with the customary 'firing,' took place as the bride and bridegroom left the church and until the happy couple departed for a honeymoon at Teignmouth, Devon.

It is interesting to note that Pytchley tower's 'G.O.M.' aged 81 (Mr. R. Williamson), and their youngest ringer, aged 12 (Cecil Brown), took part in the ringing. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman will reside at Clifton Close, Kettering.

SIX FIVES.

HALF A DOZEN NORTANTS TOWERS VISITED.

Five-bell towers do not seem to offer much attraction to the majority of ringers, but half a dozen enthusiasts from Banbury and Coventry, housed in a couple of cars, paid a visit to six such towers, situated north-east of Banbury, in the county of Northants, on August 8th.

Meeting at Chipping Warden, they first inspected the church and the bells. Owing, however, to repairs to the roof, they did not ring here, but went on to Eydon, where the local captain gave them some advice before pulling the bells up. 'That treble you must watch,' he said, 'for the rope's a middlin' on the wheel.'

After a short stay at Moreton Pinkney, the ringers went on to Culworth, where tea was taken at the local inn. Here one of the company, who shall remain unnamed, demonstrated his extraordinary skill on a dart board, which, by chance, happened to be hanging on the wall of the tea room. The bells at Culworth have been recently rehung, and it was quite a pleasure to ring on them. Marston St. Lawrence was the next tower. Owing to the noise of the bells in the ringing chamber, the 'Canonian' method of calling had to be employed, namely, 'wap' for a Bob, and 'wap-wap' for a Single. However, in spite of these difficulties, a few 120's were managed before lowering the bells and going on to Farthinghoe. Here was found an anti-clockwise ring, and, after altering the 'furniture' in the belfry round a bit, the visitors managed to find enough floor space on which to ring. Finally they visited Thenford. Here, they were told, the bells had not been rung for ten years. The long rest did not seem to have done them any good. One bell had practically come adrift from its stock, as was soon discovered when an effort was made to ring her up; but a spanner, brute-force and the amateur bellhangers soon made the bell ringable. However, two short touches were quite enough, and the ringers managed to get away without doing any apparent damage to the fittings.

The thanks of the 'tourists' are due to Mr. W. A. Stote for arranging the tour, and also to Mr. Pearson for acting as guide in a district he knows so well.

M. C. C. M.

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second) of the latter, but, unlike these two methods, it does not produce the same series of lead ends.

There is, of course, a bell in the hunt. The start is exactly the same as Grandsire, which method it follows until the treble comes to its handstroke lead, when 5th's place is made. The bell that makes 5th's then dodges in 5-4 (down), while the two bells behind have a double dodge. The bells making 3rd's and dodging in 4-5 up work as in Grandsire.

The bob is a Grandsire bob, and the single is made by the three middle bells lying still, as in Oxford Bob. Here is the essential difference in the first lead of Grandsire and Union:

Grandsire	Union
5716243	5716243
5172634	5172634
1527364	1527643
1253746	1256734
5172634	5172634
Bob 1576243	Bob 1576243
1752634	1752634
5172634	5172634
Single 1576243	Single 1572643
1572634	1752634

Now try to write out the method and learn its work. In any case it is an interesting change from Grandsire and not very far removed from it. The dodging behind will be found exactly like a Grandsire bob, and it is done by the same pair of bells.

The Council's 'Collection of Peals,' Section 1, contains a big selection of peals, and they are by such celebrated men as the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and E. Bankes James, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, John Carter and Joseph J. Parker. These men must have had a high opinion of the method or they would not have devoted so much of their time and talents to composing peals.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT WREXHAM.**

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Wrexham, the first occasion for nine years, on Monday, August 3rd. Representatives from Llandudno, Rhyl, Gresford, Llangollen and Wrexham, in addition, visitors from Rotherham, Coventry, Market Drayton, Stoke-on-Trent, etc., were present. The ringing commenced at two o'clock, and one of the several short touches was rung specially for a wedding couple as they were leaving the church.

A service was then held, conducted by the Rev. Canon Benjamin Davies, Vicar of Wrexham, who also gave an interesting address on the origin of bells.

The general meeting was afterwards held in the tower, when, in the absence of the president (the Rev. R. C. Jones, Bangor), the Vicar of Wrexham (vice-president) presided.

The following appointments were made: President, The Rev. R. C. Jones, Bangor; vice-presidents, the Rev. Canon T. J. Rowlands and the Rev. Canon B. Davies; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Lea, jun., Wrexham; treasurer, Mr. T. Cathrall, Wrexham; secretary, Mr. W. Cathrall, Wrexham; district instructors: Bangor, A. E. Pegler; Rhyl, J. Fuller; Wrexham, F. R. Evans.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Llangollen on Whit Monday, 1937.

A vote of thanks to the officials for their work during the year was accorded on the proposition of Mr. J. Capper, while the Vicar was thanked for his instructive address on the motion of Mr. T. Cathrall.

The members and friends then adjourned to a cafe for tea, later returning to the tower for further ringing until 8.30 p.m.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS' EXCURSION.

A most enjoyable day was spent by the St. Nicholas's, Liverpool, ringers on Saturday last. They left Liverpool at 9 a.m., and, arriving at Todmorden at 10.45, were met by Mr. Herbert Devonport, the genial vice-president of the Lancashire Association. The first tower visited was Mytholmroyd, where a nice handy peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) was found. Several good touches were rung in various methods, including one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in which Mr. Carter, a member of the local company, took part. The party were joined by Mr. George Haigh, who escorted them to Hebden Bridge, where an excellent lunch awaited them at the White Lion Hotel. After justice had been done, the ringers struggled up the hill to Heptonstall, where they found an admirable peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.), and were agreeably surprised to meet Mr. Leslie Morris, of Leeds. Several excellent touches were rung on these bells, made famous by the ringing on them of the 17,824 Treble Bob Major record. The party then went on to Todmorden, where, after tea, they were met at the Parish Church by Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree and Miss Rose Bell, who gave them a most cordial reception and assisted in ringing touches in various methods. The bells, by the way, are a very fine peal with a tenor 24 cwt. This concluded the ringing, which throughout the day had been enjoyed. Nine methods were rung from Grand-sire up to and including London Surprise. A pleasant half-hour was afterwards enjoyably spent in Todmorden prior to departure for home. The thanks of the band are extended to the church authorities and others, in particular to Mr. H. Devonport and Mr. George Haigh, who helped to make the day so successful.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' 120 MILES TRIP.

The members of the Lavenham Society held their 15th annual outing on Saturday, July 25th. Starting soon after 8 a.m. and traveling by motor-coach, a run of 23 miles brought them to Mildenhall. The Rev. J. B. Sawbridge (Rector), the Rev. C. Walsh (curate) and Mr. P. Fordham welcomed the party. The proceedings commenced with a short service, conducted by the Rev. C. Walsh. Afterwards courses of Stedman Triples, Kent and Double Norwich were rung. The next call was at St. Mary's Church, Ely, where the Rector met the ringers. After a few courses of Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Treble Bob and a hurried inspection of the Cathedral, a move was made for Littleport, where the town was en fête for its annual agricultural show, which precedes a gala week. Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative were the methods rung. Lunch was served at the Crown Inn, Welney. A few courses and times on the handbells, also the usual vote of thanks to the organiser, followed. The journey was then continued to Wisbech, which was reached in a downpour of rain. Here the party were met by Mr. W. Jarvis, formerly a member of the Lavenham band. He, with other members of the Wisbech and Elm bands, joined in touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. Arriving late at Downham Market, the party had to wait until after evensong, when a course each of Grandsire Triples and Kent were rung. After an interesting 'chat' with the Rector (the Rev. W. Dorman), a move was made for home, which was reached safely at 10 p.m. The party were greatly pleased to have with them their old and respected tutor and leader Mr. Arthur Symonds, who, although unable to ring with them, was more than happy to be with his 'boys' again, on this 120 miles' successful journey. The Lavenham ringers here wish to thank all the incumbents and ringing friends for their kind help.

S. H. S.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on the 13th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Ringers' service at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at seven o'clock.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea in school at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Hon. Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton and Derby Districts.—A joint meeting of the above districts will be held at Repton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at 4.45. Short service at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested for this joint meeting at this historic place. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Bretforton on Saturday, August 15th. Service at 5 p.m.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at The George at 5.30 p.m. Quarterly business meeting afterwards.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Methwold on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy, on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome, a good company is requested. Please come, let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25 Tempsford Road, Sandv.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Huyton, on Saturday, August 15th. Service 5 p.m. For tea apply to Mr. Tickle, Rosebank, Rupert Road, Huyton.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August

15th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Putney (8), 3 to 5 p.m., and All Saints', Fulham (10), 7 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester and Huntingdon (St. Mary's) on Saturday, August 15th. Godmanchester bells available from 3 to 4.30 p.m., Huntingdon 6 to 8 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Cromwell Cafe, Huntingdon, at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 15th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Putney, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Further ringing arranged after tea.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint practice of the Dorchester and West Dorset Branches will be held at Whitchurch Canonorum, near Bridport, on Thursday, August 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Bridport bells (8) available at 7.30.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde and Preston Branches.—A combined meeting will take place at Kirkham (8 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the school, 1/- each, to all who send in their names not later than Wednesday, August 19th, to C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Summer is coming. Enjoy it in beautiful surroundings by coming to the ringing meeting of the Tonbridge district at Horsmonden on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Half-hourly bus service from Tunbridge Wells. Book to Broadford and walk through the park. Bring a snack with you. A cup of tea will be available.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cards, please, to Mr. P. Branford, Garden Cottage, Wingham, not later Thursday, August 20th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and short meeting to follow. Wool bells also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Northleach on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise for tea by August 18th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Glemsford, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at

Beaconsfield (8 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than August 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden (5 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd. Usual arrangements. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—August meeting at Grittleton on Saturday, August 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after. Sir Audley D. Neeld has kindly opened his beautiful gardens to the ringers. Visitors please notify me not later than the 20th and oblige.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Draycott on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Shelley, The Wentlow Tannery, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than August 19th.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littleham on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Withycombe Raleigh (8). Service at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. G. Shelmerdine. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s., meeting to follow. Buses leave Exmouth for Littleham Village at 2.20 and 4.20 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, August 24th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, August 22nd, St. Ippolyt's. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Great Wymondley bells will be available *after tea*. Learners welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (North and East District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, August 29th. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. and after tea. St. St. Peter's (10) from 3 to 5 p.m. A service will be held in this church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Grange Hotel, St. Peter Street. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned would be very

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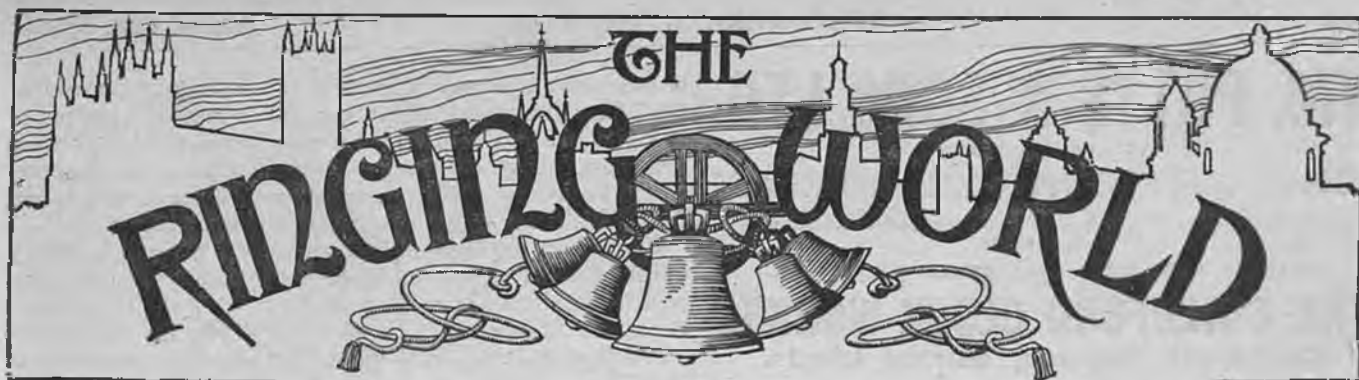
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UMPIRES FOR RECORD PEALS?

In 1902 the Central Council laid down as 'desirable' certain conditions which should be complied with 'in the case of a peal rung to surpass a previous peal.' One condition suggested is that not less than seven days' notice of the attempt shall be given in the Ringing Press, and that similar notice be sent to the conductor or, if he cannot be traced, to some other member of the band who rang in the peal which it is proposed to surpass, and also to the secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the earlier peal was rung. Another condition relates to the lodging of a sealed copy of the composition with a responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring.

When these conditions were laid down the records in mind were those of increasing lengths in various methods, and they are quite wise provisions. There is, and can be, nothing compulsory about them, but a band that claimed to have rung a record length without, at least, having given notice of its intention would run the risk of having doubts thrown upon its record. But ringers have accepted the conditions of the Council as fair and reasonable when one band seeks to wrest laurels from another, and they have been generally acted upon. Their desirability and purpose is obvious.

Since these conditions were framed, however, a new form of 'record breaking' has developed. 'Spliced' ringing has its own records, not of length, but of intricacy and, in Minor, as we have seen in the last year or so, there has been a rapid advance in the number of methods included in the normal peal lengths of 5,040 changes. Records in this direction are being rapidly broken, and it has led Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, who has himself taken part in peals in many methods, to suggest the application of the Council's conditions for record peals, at any rate so far as it relates to prior notification, to these performances on six bells. The Council's conditions say nothing about 'length,' but refer, as we have pointed out, to 'a peal rung to surpass a previous peal.' So that without any amendment the provisions can be easily made to apply to any form of peal record.

The utility of their application to a multi-method peal, however, is dubious. We doubt if there is any ringer with a sufficiently acute ear to say, merely by listening, whether six or ten or twelve or fifteen methods have been rung in a 720, and unless the listener is able to do this his presence as a guarantee of the peal's accuracy is wasted. From this point of view, indeed, there is less need for a 'listener' than for the ordinary peal. You cannot juggle easily with the composition of those extents which include a large number

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of methods and expect to get the bells round at the end of the 720. You might ring it, say, in two methods, instead of in eight, but it is hardly likely, even if the conductor were dishonest enough to 'try it on,' that all the rest of the band would acquiesce in what, after all, would be cheating, and from which they would get no possible satisfaction.

That opens up the question whether, if there is to be any check at all, it would not be better in peals of such complicated construction to have an 'umpire' in the tower, with the figures before him, as used always to be the case and is still sometimes done for handbell peals. This, we think, is the only practicable method of imposing a check on what is rung, but just as the Exercise has come to recognise that even in handbell ringing the honour of the band can be trusted, so in Spliced Minor peals the integrity of the ringers can be accepted. Unless the whole band deliberately sets itself out to hoodwink and cheat the Exercise there is not the slightest risk, we think, of peals in a large number of methods being 'cooked,' while, we imagine, it would be almost impossible to ring a peal so complex as one in sixty methods which was full of trips or so badly struck as not to be worthy of record.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5320 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 6
PERCY SPICE 2	ALBERT E. JARMAN 7
H. RICHARD FRENCH 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 8
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	GEORGE KENWARD 9
*PERCY PAGE 5	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

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

* 50th peal. The composition, No. 205, is rung for the first time.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

HENRY GOODMAN Treble	*WILLIAM DAVIES 6
WILLIAM GREEN 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD 7
HARRY HUSBALL 3	CHARLES W. COOPER 8
JOHN GOODMAN 4	NORMAN G. LEECH 9
RONALD GOODMAN 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, also to Miss G. Goodman, daughter of the ringer of the treble. Also rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Green, of Old Hill, and the marriage of Miss M. Sheppard, daughter of the ringer of the seventh, to Mr. D. Secker.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
*GEORGE SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
†FRED HARMAN 3	†HARRY PIR 7
JOHN HAYES 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	CECIL NICK 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 5
H. ERNEST COX 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
GEORGE CORNWALL 4	HARVEY H. WINNEY Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN EMM Treble	ROYDEN DAVIES 5
JOHN A. EVANS 2	*GEORGE MEADE 6
JOHN DARCH 3	FRANK ROWSELL 7
GEORGE KERLEY 4	WILLIAM L. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROWSELL.

* First peal.

WARE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH LADLEY Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 5
GEORGE MAXIM 2	STANLEY A. CARTER 6
GEORGE GRAY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	SIDNEY CADLE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

First peal in the method in the county, by the association and by all the band.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS PRICE Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
KENNETH LEWIS 3	*ALAN M. HICKMAN 7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
*FREDERICK PRICE 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Triples.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK BRAY Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	JOHN WALDMAN 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7
HAROLD MARCON 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED LACY Treble	HAROLD JUDD 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 6
*ARNOLD ARMITAGE 3	WALTER AYRE 7
JACK BRAY 4	WILLIAM EMMANS Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First of Triples 'inside.' † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Marjorie Walling and Mr. Frank Lord, the captain of the local company.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES QUINNEY Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 5
MISS K. WILLERS 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
JOHN W. WARD 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
REGINALD LATHBURY 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Mr. E. G. Hibbins' 150th peal.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
HARRY HOVRD 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

REG. C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of London on the bells, also by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*WALTER NICHOLS Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
JOHN E. HOBBS 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
FRANK W. BROWN 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER
* First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the 58 men who lost their lives in the Barnsley mine disaster.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT COLE Treble	FRED C. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 6
E. JACK PARIKH 3	MANSFIELD GINN 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Mr. Cole belongs to the local company. This was his second peal, his first having been rung 13 years ago.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS CONSTANCE M. WADE Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... 5
JOHN WILLIAM T. HOLGATE 2	FRANK RAYMENT 6
*REGGIE GRAVES 3	JOSEPH THACKRAY 7
SAM HELLIWELL 4	GEORGE W. STEEL ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY
* First peal. These two ringers are to be congratulated on the way they rang. The band also wish to congratulate the ringer of the second, who is in his 76th year.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES CAMM Treble	JOHN HALL 5
JAMES HENNING 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
*MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 7
RALPH HARRIS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung in honour of the wedding of two members of the association—Miss Maggie J. Johnson to Mr. Arthur J. Martin—which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

*WALTER E. LAIZELL ... Treble	HARRY R. ROPER 5
†MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	CHARLES E. SHERRINGS ... 6
†WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
CHARLES CLARK 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Court, combined 360's of Thelwall and Childwall Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

TONY PRICE Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
LEWIS BOSH 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. E. WIGG.

Arranged for the conductor, who was on holiday in the district.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one of Single Court, two of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM J. SHERBORNE ... Treble	†EDWIN H. NASH 4
*RAYMOND W. RHYMER ... 2	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 5
JOHN E. METCALFE 3	RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, general hon. secretary of the association, and R. G. Beck.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD F. MOLE Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... 2	DAVID WHITING 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

KEYSOF, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE SETH Treble	ERNEST ASQUE 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	DONALD COCKINGS 4

HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal on the bells.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's. Reverse Canterbury and three different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE ... Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
*HUBERT SMITH 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
†GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 3	FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal in more than one Minor method. † First peal in five Minor methods.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 11 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED ROWLEY Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
†JOHN S. MASON 2	†JOHN H. PAGETT 5
HOWARD HOWELL 3	JOHN BASS Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. The treble ringer has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

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WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*R. J. CARLTON (aged 14) ... Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH ... 4
†ARCHIBALD J. KAY ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. G. Paine, a foundation member of the association, and the 23rd birthday of his granddaughter, Miss J. Baker, whose birthdays occurred on the above date. It was also as a compliment to Mr. H. J. Castle, who reached the age of 75 the previous Wednesday.

BRIZE NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Britius,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

NOBLE SPINDLOW ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 4
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells in more than one method.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*HAROLD JUDD ... Treble	JACK BRAY ... 4
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... 5
†ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, August 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 4
MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE ... 2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Allen Sanders, for 35 years churchwarden at St. Giles', Exhall.

MONK BRETTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul-the-Apostle,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Capel, Sandal, College Exercise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM ... Treble	ARTHUR GILL ... 4
*WILFRED TIBBLE ... 2	GEORGE LORD ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells deeply muffled in sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives in the Wharfedale Woodmoor colliery disaster.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain, Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES SMITH ... Treble	†HARRY R. ROPER ... 4
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
*FRANK E. WISEMAN ... 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods and first attempt. † First attempt for a peal of Minor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F.

*LESLIE W. JARVIS ... Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4
ALBERT RULFE ... 2	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

* First peal in the method, it being the first Surprise peal by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and the first 'inside' by the 5th. The two latter ringers' 25th peal together.

CHARTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK G. BRETT ... Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

First peal on the bells, which are the oldest peal in the county.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(St. Peter's Society, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob (Treble Bob and Plain rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*BRYAN O'NEIL (age 15) ... Treble	*JAMES D. TAYLOR (age 16) ... 4
GORDON W. LIMMER ... 2	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 15) ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in more than three plain methods. First peal by the St. Peter's Society in more than three plain methods. The conductor's 350th peal.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's in 20 methods: (1) Newdigate, Marple and Wilkesden Delight; (2) Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (3) Charlwood, Braintree and Wragby Delight; (4) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (5) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, Capel and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*STANLEY NOBLE ... Treble	*MISS E. M. K. FETHERS ... 4
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	†JOE WHITTAKER ... 5
*THOMAS TAYLOR ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in spliced methods. † First peal in spliced methods away from treble. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Fethers.

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(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 42 methods, viz:—

- (1) Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Priarose, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
- (3) Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood, St. Albans, Humber and Braintree Delight.
- (4) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob and Wath and Carisbrooke Delight.
- (5) Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate, Taxal and Marple Delight.
- (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree.
- (7) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Single Court.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 2 VERNON TAYLOR ... 5
HAROLD BARSLEY ... 3 CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

There were 161 changes of method. First peal in 42 methods as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents.

Tenor size 13 in G.

JAMES W. GODDARD ... 1-2 | WALTER M. GODDARD ... 3-4

*ALISON M. GODDARD ... 5-6

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal. Rung as a thanksgiving and a welcome home to David, son of the conductor and brother of the other ringers, after a lengthy period in hospital.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 13 in G.

WALTER M. GODDARD ... 1-2 | *DEREK M. SHARP ... 3-4

JAMES W. GODDARD ... 5-6

Conducted by JAMES W. GODDARD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal as conductor.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY ABBOT'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 1-2 | WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 5-6

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3-4 | ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7-8

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

Umpire—Henry G. Miles.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 1-2 | *ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 5-6

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | †RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Bob Major with an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE VARIATIONS OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB.

Some wonderful performances in the way of method splicing have been occupying attention lately. Method splicing is beyond the scope of these articles, but there must be ringers who are able to ring Kent or Oxford Treble Bob who would like to get on to this more advanced stage of ringing, and, therefore, some explanation of other methods, which they must, of course, learn before they can splice them, may be helpful.

Methods which will splice into true 720's are mainly those which contain the same changes in a lead or in a plain course, but contain them, of course, in a different order—otherwise they would not be different methods. Sometimes the difference in them is only between the leads, when, in one, second's place is made, and in the other sixth's place. Sometimes the difference is only when the treble lies its whole pull behind. In one method this may be accompanied by one bell leading a whole pull; in another method by a bell making fifth's place. All that happens in such cases is that the rows forming the method are shunted into a different lead.

This was well illustrated in our article of three weeks ago, when we endeavoured to describe the differences between Oxford Treble Bob, Sandal Treble Bob and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob.

But in addition to this 'shunt,' produced by the introduction of 5th's place, or 2nd's place, or both, there are other methods which produce the same rows in a different order by, for instance, place-making in 3-4 instead of dodging and an accompanying change-over of the bells working together in 1-2.

Just examine this, for instance. Here are three methods allied to Oxford Treble Bob and producing the same rows, but when the treble is in 5-6 the following variations are made:—

Oxford	Capel	Kingston	London Scholars' Pleasure
263514	263514	263514	263514
625341	625341	625341	625341
263514	265314	265314	265314
265341	263541	625341	625341
256431	625341	265341	265341

In continuing the method, remember that below the line there will be places made corresponding to those above the line. We have not inserted them, because we want our readers to prick them out for themselves. When they have done so, they will find that the eight rows are alike in each of the last three methods, and, if they will go a step further, they will find the four missing rows in Oxford in the lead beginning 164523.

But we want those who are interested in this subject to go still further. Oxford Treble Bob has been explained (see 'Ringing World' for July 31st), and if its construction is understood, there should be no difficulty in writing out a lead of each of the other three methods given here and learning them all. Except in the work when the treble is behind, and which is shown above, there is no difference between them and Oxford.

Here, then, is the opportunity for adding to the repertoire, and these with Sandal and Duke of Norfolk, also dealt with in the same article as Oxford, you have a group of methods which, when you get a little more advanced, you can couple up in twos or threes or in what number you like to make a 720; that is, as far as the ringing of them is concerned. Your conductor, however, will have to be careful what composition he uses, if he wants a true extent.

TRUE 720'S OF BOB MINOR.

And now to answer an inquiry sent us by 'Learning Conductor.' This is what he says: 'I called a 720 of Plain Bob Minor with the 3rd bell to run in twice and Make the Bob, five times repeated. I put the single half-way, when the 2nd was making 2nd's place, the 4th was 3rd's place, and out, and the 3rd made 4th's and in. Is this false? I have been told I should have put the single when 2 and 3 were dodging at the back in 5-6.'

With the calling adhered to in the way 'Learning Conductor' explains, the bells would not come round at the end, because the singles reverse different pairs of bells.

Has he got his facts quite right? He does not say where he called the second single, and we can only presume he put it at the end. If the first single comes half-way, there is no place for the second single, except at the end, without getting a repetition.

Calling the 3rd twice in and to make the Bob in that order in the second half prevents the single being put at a plain lead as it was in the first half, and the bells could not come round, but if the calling had been reversed (Make the Bob and twice in), then 4 and 3, which were reversed at a plain lead by the first single, could be turned back again at the end with another single to bring the bells round.

Our correspondent could put the singles in as was suggested to him. In that form it produces a true 720 without disturbing the 3rd. Any true 360 of Bob Minor, produced entirely by bobs, can be converted into a 720 by calling two singles, as long as the singles are at plain leads and are 360 changes apart.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT SWAVESEY.**

A meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Swavesey, Cambs, on August 1st. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon and continued until about 8 p.m., good practice taking place. The methods rung included London, Cambridge, Norwich and York Surprise, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

An informal meeting was held, Miss K. Willers being elected to the chair.

The belfry election of the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg was confirmed. The meeting agreed that the next place to be visited should be Haddenham.

Visitors were present from Chelmsford and Dersingham.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Biggs 1, R. Biggs (conductor) 2, E. Blaby 3, F. G. Biggs 4, A. G. Jones 5, H. W. Shadrack 6, A. Newton 7, V. Evans 8. Arranged for H. W. Shadrack, who was on a visit from Danbury, Essex.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Merritt 1, W. Mortimer 2, S. Grant 3, G. Winter (conductor) 4, E. Stevens 5, S. Hillier 6, F. Green 7, G. Oram 8. Specially arranged to enable the Vicar of Parkstone to hear this fine peal of bells. He was in charge of the parish while the Rev. Sharp is on holiday, and, after the ringing, came to the belfry and congratulated the ringers.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church on August 9th, for the morning service, 720 of Doubles, being 240 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob: K. G. Carlton 1, A. J. Lancefield (conductor) 2, E. S. Ruck 3, C. L. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, H. G. Carlton 6.

NETHERTON.—On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. W. Smith 1, S. Prestidge 2, A. Prestidge, sen., 3, T. A. Townsend 4, H. Hubball 5, William Davies 6, Alfred Davies (conductor) 7, J. W. Davies 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Hospital Sunday, August 16th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 hobs): P. A. Smith 1, A. R. Paul (first in method) 2, W. Young 3, A. J. Abrams 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, W. Seekings 6. For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: P. A. Smith 1, W. Young 2, D. Paul (first of Surprise) 3, E. Wakeling 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, W. Seekings 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Burton-on-Stather, and, although the weather was not too good, brought a very nice gathering together. The handy peal of six was made good use of by the members from Bigby, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Waltham, Ulceby and the local band, Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell, of Goxhill, and ringing friends from Lincoln and Treeton. It was also something of a red letter day for the ringers, for it was the first ringing meeting held in the new Parish Hall.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. M. Hadley), who gave a very hearty welcome to the members and an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

In the Parish Hall a splendid tea was served, ringers' wives and friends doing the catering in fine style and 38 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry).

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 10s. 9d.

New members elected were: H. S. Sutton, of Alford, P. Barnes and F. Jeffery, of Burton-on-Stather, and W. Emmans, of Scunthorpe.

Mr. C. McGuinness proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the hearty welcome, for conducting the service and for his address, to Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies for providing such a splendid tea.—This was seconded by Mr. M. Walker and supported by the president.—The Vicar suitably responded.

Members then turned to the bells again and enjoyed further ringing.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A peal board, recording a peal of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Doubles rung on June 29th, 1936, was unveiled at St. Nicholas' Church belfry, Newington, Hythe, Kent, on Thursday, August 6th, by Miss Daisy Harden. The peal was rung as a welcome to Lt.-Col. and Lady Miles, and the names of the following members of the Kent Association appear on the record: W. C. Chandler treble, F. A. Slingsby 2, C. Turner (conductor) 3, F. T. Harden 4, J. Bartter 5, A. R. Loughurst tenor.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.—At the Parish Church for evensong on Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, W. Nipper 2, T. Timms 3, W. Dixon 4, R. Hudson 5, R. Jarvis 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Fred Wilford, late Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who has been seriously ill, is, we are glad to say, making slow but steady progress towards recovery.

St. John the Baptist, Margate, bells will be broadcast at 7.55 p.m. on Sunday.

The first peal on the bells at Chartham, Kent, was rung on Saturday. Chartham bells are the oldest ring in the county. The back five were cast by Joseph Hatch in 1605 and the treble by Samuel Knight in 1728. They were retuned and rehung in 1925, the 'go' being excellent. Owing to the excessive noise in the ringing room, a peal on these bells had been previously deemed almost impossible.

Mr. John William T. Holgate, who rang in the peal of Oxford Major at Bramley, Yorks, on Saturday, is in his 76th year, and has not done any regular ringing for about nine years.

Mr. G. W. Steere informs us that he has not yet completed Plain Bob from Maximus on tower and handbells as mentioned in this column last week. He still has to ring a peal of Bob Maximus on tower bells.

In the report of the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Hartfield on August 5th, published in our last issue, the name of the ringer of the 3rd should read David Cornford instead of Winford as printed.

A SURREY PEAL BEING RECAST.

CHIDDINGFOLD BELLS TO BE INCREASED IN WEIGHT.

The ring of eight bells at Chiddingfold Parish Church, Surrey, is being recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The weight of the peal is to be increased from 11 cwt. tenor to 12½ cwt. tenor in F sharp.

The ancient pre-Reformation fifth bell is being retained and hung 'dead' as the minute bell, and her place in the peal will be taken by an entirely new bell, dedicated 'To the glorious memory of the reign of His Majesty King George V.'

The peal will be rehung on modern engineering lines, and it is hoped that it will be ready for dedication in October.

THE ABRIDGED PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

FALSE IN ANOTHER FORM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret I have to withdraw a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Claines on May 9th, 1936, for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The composition, by F. Robinson, was shortened to 5,056, not by inserting a call in the middle course, but by omitting Middle, Before and 1 Wrong in the last course of each of two parts.

Nevertheless, as either way is false, I tender my apologies to the band for accepting the figures, given to me in all good faith as correct.

G. E. LARGE.

Hawford, Worcester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHRIST CHURCH, JARROW, BELLS UNSAFE.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Jarrow on Saturday, August 8th, ringers being present from West Hartlepool, Sunderland, Gateshead, Newcastle, Fennam and the local tower. It was regretted that Christ Church tower is unsafe for ringing, but the peal of six at St. Peter's were kept going during the afternoon and evening.

A very happy party sat down to tea, after which a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman welcomed Mr. C. L. Routledge to the district, and said it was a pleasure to see the old stalwarts at district meetings. It was a great help to the officials.

Mr. Routledge said it was indeed a great pleasure to him to be present and to see that all seemed to be having a very good time. He thanked the local clergy for the use of the bells and sympathised with the Rector of Christ Church in not being able to have his bells rung.

Mr. G. S. Taylor said that as this was the last district meeting before the annual meeting, he proposed that Mr. R. L. Patterson be again nominated as vice-president, or, in case the new rules were passed, that he be chairman of the Eastern District and that Mr. F. Robson be again nominated secretary.

Mr. Turnbull (Jarrow) seconded, and the proposition was carried with acclamation.

The tower was again visited after the meeting, the methods rung being Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Minor, Oxford, Double Court and Cambridge Minor. Great enthusiasm was shown at the meeting and there is no doubt that the Eastern District will have to try to hold more meetings in the coming ringing year—all had spent such a happy time.

BLESSING OF UFFORD CHURCH BELLS

ANCIENT CEREMONY AT SUFFOLK CHURCH.

So often nowadays the blessing of new bells for churches cannot be conveniently arranged. A modern foundry, with perhaps 50 rings of bells on hand at once, has to work strictly to a time table, and if the workmen on one job are held up for a few days while a ceremony is being arranged, it may mean that a number of other places have the work for them delayed also. However, at Ufford all difficulties were overcome, and on Saturday, the Feast of Title of the church, a congregation had gathered from all parts of the county. High Mass was first sung at 11 o'clock, the Rector (the Rev. Herbert Drake) being the celebrant, Canon Powell deacon, and Father E. W. Porter, of Rushmere, sub-deacon. Fr. Robertson, of Capel, and Mr. Bernard Barrell, of Ipswich, as cantors, sang the service, and Fr. Hargrave-Thomas, of Needham, did full justice to the beautiful organ of this fine Suffolk church.

Immediately the service was ended, procession was made to the outside of the west door, where the bells, which had been well decorated by different members of the congregation, were arranged in a semi-circle. Three of the bells are of pre-Reformation date, and had been already blessed and named. One of these cannot be made to fit in with the others, and, like an 'emeritus' official, who has finished his work, will find a resting place inside the church. This bell ('Margaret') was placed behind the others at the entrance to the tower. It was the old fourth. The other old bells are the sixth ('Katherine') and the tenor ('John'). The three smallest bells were modern and have been recast, and, with a new fourth, there are four new bells. The fifth, cast by John Darbie in 1686, and the seventh, by Thomas Osborne in 1799, had not been named, and were included in the ceremony.

The proper minister for the blessing of a church bell is a Bishop. But the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich was on the point of starting for his holiday, and his Suffragan, the Bishop of Dunwich, was still away. The Rev. Canon Claude Powell, Vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Ipswich, therefore acted as deputy, and performed the ceremony. During the procession to and from the altar, Psalms 145 and 150 were sung, including the invocation to the 'loud cymbals,' which ringers like to interpret as church bells.

The bells were first plentifully sprinkled (almost washed) with holy water, and then followed the first of three beautiful prayers taken from ancient sources. The bells were then anointed in turn with the right thumb and named. At the first bell (the treble) these words were said: 'May this bell, O Lord, be sanctified and consecrated, in the name etc., in honour of Saint Charles. Peace be to thee.' The second bell was then named Edward with the same words, the third George, the fourth Francis, the fifth Mary, the seventh Thomas. The second prayer was then said, each bell was separately censed, and the third prayer concluded the ceremony.

Nowadays so many services consist of hymns and the sermon, and little else. In this there was no hymn from beginning to end, and there was no sermon, yet the service was fully choral.

Ufford people are rejoicing to have their bells back in church again. It is nearly three years since they heard them, as it was Christmas, 1933, when the ringers felt that they could not ring them any longer. When the beams were taken down it was found, as can still be seen in photographs hanging in the porch, that the ravages of the death-watch beetle were so deep and so widespread that it was remarkable that they had hung there so long. The bells went away to Loughborough on Ash Wednesday, and returned on the Eve of the Assumption, in each case more than a month earlier than the work had been promised.

A WORCESTERSHIRE WEDDING.

UNION OF TWO WELL-KNOWN RINGING FAMILIES.

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 15th, at St. Peter's Church, Hinton-on-the-Green, of Miss Maggie J. Johnson, sixth daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, and Mr. Arthur J. Martin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, of Bromsgrove, thus uniting two well-known ringing families belonging to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The Rector, the Rev. V. C. Blyth, who is a vice-president of the association, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her mother, was escorted to church by her brother, Mr. J. D. Johnson, lay general secretary of the association. She wore an ivory dress and white veil, and carried a shower bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Kathleen M. Johnson, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Gwendolyn H. Martin, attired in pale blue dresses and picture hats to match, and carrying shower bouquets of pink carnations; and her two nieces, Miss Daphne J. Johnson and Miss Jean A. Corbett, in lemon dresses with sprays of flowers as headdresses, and carrying baskets of sweet peas. Mr. Harold P. Martin was best man.

As the bridal party left the church the bells rang out, and a peal of Bob Major was rung during the afternoon. After the reception, which was held at Hinton School, the happy couple left for Newquay, where the honeymoon is being spent. Their future home will be at Ventnor Cottages, Church Fields, Bromsgrove.

'GRAMOPHONE' BELLS.

POPULAR WRITER'S CONDEMNATION OF IFORD PROPOSAL.

In 'The Ringing World' of July 10th last we called attention to the proposal to use gramophone records and amplifiers, instead of bells, in the tower of a new church at Iford, near Bournemouth. We condemned this mockery of the time-honoured and hallowed call to worship associated with bells, and suggested it was the first step towards a mechanised form of religion.

The installation of this travesty of bells is being taken up in other quarters. The advice of the Central Council for the Care of Churches has now been asked with regard to the advisability, and if so under what conditions, of the installation of what are described as 'Radio Bells,' and this body has sought the views of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

We hope the result will be that the full influence of the Central Council for the Care of Churches will be used against the introduction of gramophone records as a substitute for bells at Iford or anywhere else.

A SCATHING CONDEMNATION.

We are not alone in our protest. A striking article by that popular writer 'Philemon' under the title of 'Still the Steeples Hum,' appeared in the London evening newspaper, 'The Star,' on Monday. We hope it has been read by everyone who lives in Iford and that its full meaning has sunk deep into their hearts and consciences. This is 'Philemon's' scathing comment:—

'The new Church of St. Saviour, at Iford, Bournemouth, is to have gramophone records and amplifiers in the belfry instead of bells. O tempora! O mores!

'The bells will ring to call her,
In valleys far away.'

Great poet as Housman was, I doubt if he would have been inspired to this superb little poem by the thought of gramophone records in the steeples of the 'coloured counties.' 'And still the steeples hum,'—with gramophone records!

And this in England which, because of its bells, used to be known as 'the ringing island.'

Repeat the word 'bells' to yourself aloud; think of bells, the bells of Worcester, of Leicester, of Bow; recall one of the thousand lovely lines like 'sweet bells, jangled, out of tune and harsh' (alas, Ophelia!); and then say 'gramophone records,' and realise from what heights, to what depths of bathos, we are falling.

'Gramophones in the belfry' is a fit companion phrase for 'bats in the belfry.' They mean much the same. It's true that bells are expensive, and gramophones very cheap; but in earlier days 'pious queens and gentlewomen threw into the mass of metal that was to be cast into a bell their gold and silver ornaments; and a feeling of reverence for the interceding voices was common to gentle and simple.' It's easy to think of bells as interceding voices; it's difficult with a gramophone record of bells not to think of a B.B.C. interval.

One of the stained glass windows in York Minster has panels showing the various processes in casting and tuning a bell.

Suggestion to the people of Iford, Bournemouth, that they should have a window in their church celebrating the manufacture of gramophones and records and loud-speakers.

When Henry VIII. began a raid on bells, melting them down to be sold as metal, all sorts of queer things happened. Ships, carrying the bells to foreign ports, foundered; at Yarmouth, for instance.

You may still hear, if the wind is blowing hard, the 14 bells from Jersey which were wrecked at St. Malo. The Bishop of Bangor sold the Cathedral bells, and was struck blind as he watched them being shipped to sea.

And Sir Miles Partridge, who won the Jesus bells of St. Paul's from King Henry at dice, was shortly hanged on Tower Hill.

Contrariwise, if anyone has the courage to pinch the gramophone records from St. Saviour's, let him be canonised and given a safe seat in paradise.

The Koran tells us that bells hang on the trees of Heaven, and, whenever the Blessed Ones wish for music, God sets them ringing by the breath of His mouth, a 'wind from the throne.' When the Koran is brought thoroughly up-to-date, God, I suppose, will touch a switch and the gramophones will play in the trees.

There was an idea in a bell. It was an interceding voice. The intercession was graven on it, 'Hail, Mary, full of grace, pray for us.' It called upon people to pray for a passing soul.

It defended believers from devils. Schiller's bell at Munster rang out, 'I call the living; I mourn the dead; I shatter the lightning.'

Superstitious ideas, if you like; but upon my word I like them better than the mechanical nothingness of gramophone records. Will the Bishop of Winchester, I wonder, consecrate the records?

You think I'm making a mountain out of a molehill? I don't know Iford. I don't care tuppence about Iford or St. Saviour's. It's the tendency which is symbolised here.

Bells meant faith in God, joy in God, and were rung to the glory of God; and now that the greater god, Mechanism, approaches, let the gramophone praise him!

The Bishop of Winchester can now sit in his palace and preach a sermon in St. Saviour's by telephone line. Lord help and save us!

MULTI-METHOD MINOR.

NOTIFICATION SUGGESTED BEFORE RECORD ATTEMPTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of last week, entitled 'The advance of method splicing,' I think we, as an Exercise, agree that tremendous strides have been made during the last few years in Spliced Minor ringings, of which we are justly proud.

Having taken part myself in some of the peals of Spliced Surprise Minor rung in this county, I feel the time has come when it would be far more satisfactory to the Exercise, and to those who take part in these record performances, if the suggestion I am to make were adopted. For instance, when a band contemplates attempting to set up a new record length in Major ringing, notification is duly sent beforehand to 'The Ringing World' and figures published.

Now that Minor ringing has reached such a climax, I think it would be to good advantage that notification should be sent to 'The Ringing World' when a band has decided to make an attempt to set up a new record in Minor or in Spliced Minor ringing. If this course were followed it would then give those who are interested in this phase of ringing the chance to listen to these peals in progress. Furthermore, the figures of the attempted peal should be in evidence, so that those who are expert enough could check the validity of the peal. I know there are quite a number of ringers who are rather dubious as to whether seven true and complete extents are really rung in these performances. Therefore, I think the suggestion made would be for the good of all.

C. F. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

'SPLENDID STRIKING.'

Dear Sir,—As an old ringer at Freiston for nearly 50 years, I should like to add testimony to the splendid striking throughout the whole of the peal rung here in 61 methods. I was within 150 yards of the church and took notice the whole of the time; scarcely a bell was struck wrong. Great credit is due to these boys, as, I believe, only three years ago hardly one of them could handle a bell.

ALEX SHARP.

Freiston, Lincs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINCOLNSHIRE BAND.

Sir,—I would also like, through the medium of your paper, to offer my heartiest congratulations to Mr. Vernon Taylor and his band on the magnificent performances recently achieved on six bells. May they go on and succeed in ringing the maximum extents in Spliced Minor.

W. J. G. BROWN.

Ipswich.

HOW SOME OF THE 720'S ARE FORMED.

The success of the young Lincolnshire band in ringing 60 and more methods in seven true 720's of Minor brings with it an interest in the way in which these 720's have been put together. From time to time we have published some of the figures. Last week, for instance, we gave the details of the first 720, which includes the Alliance methods, and also the 720 into which 15 methods are spliced.

The 720 in 13 methods was published on January 24th last, and the 720 in six Surprise methods on August 2nd, 1935. These were Nos. 3 and 4 in the two peals.

Here are three which have not yet been published; they formed the last three 720's in the 60 and 61 method peals.

23456 Fulbeck	23456 London Bob
56342 Fulbeck	64523 Lytham
42635 Fulbeck	—35642 London Bob
—23564 Plain Bob	26435 Double Oxford
36245 Plain Bob	42563 Thelwall
64352 Plain Bob	54326 Lytham
45623 Plain Bob	63254 London Bob
—45236 Plain Bob	—42635 London Bob
—45362 Fulbeck	—56423 Thelwall
62534 Fulbeck	45362 Double Oxford

34256 Fulbeck	34256
Twice repeated, Single, and then—	Twice repeated, Single, and then—

24356 Double Bob	24356 College Single
—45632 Double Bob	63524 Wavertree
32564 Canterbury Pleasure	—45632 College Single
26345 Reverse Bob	26345 St. Clement's
64253 Double Bob	32564 Childwall
53426 Fulbeck	53426 Wavertree
—32645 Fulbeck	64253 College Single
45623 Fulbeck	—32645 College Single
—56324 Canterbury Pleasure	—56324 Childwall
62534 Double Bob	35462 St. Clement's

43256	43256
Twice repeated, Single.	Twice repeated, Single.

(Continued in next column.)

FATAL ACCIDENT TO LINCOLN RINGER.

MR. JOE MAYER KILLED IN MOTOR-CYCLE COLLISION.

As the result of a terrible accident, the ringing company at Lincoln Cathedral have lost one of their youngest and most promising ringers. While on his way to work at Gainsborough on his motor-cycle in the misty morning hours of Monday, August 10th, Cecil Joseph Mayer, the second of three ringing sons of Mr. J. Mayer, of 50, Goldsmith Walk, St. Giles, Lincoln, came into collision with a motor-lorry, receiving such terrible injuries that he died within three hours at the Lincoln County Hospital.

Joe Mayer was the type of ringer that we can ill afford to lose from the belfries of our churches, and the news of his death came as a great shock, not only to his intimate friends, but also to the ringers in the city and district where he was well known.

He would have been 22 years of age this month, and he had rung 16 peals, including seven in Minor methods, one of Grandsire Triples, two of Stedman Triples, one of Bob Major, one of Grandsire Cinques and four of Stedman Cinques.

The funeral took place on Thursday, August 13th, the service, held at the new Church of St. Giles, being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Daniels. The Dean of Lincoln, the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell, read the lesson.

In addition to the family mourners the congregation included Mr. R. S. Godfrey, surveyor and clerk of works at the Cathedral, several ringers and the wives of ringers representing their husbands who, owing to work, were unable to attend.

In the evening upwards of 20 ringers met at the Cathedral to take part in a muffled quarter-peal as a last token of affection and respect, each ringer having a pull at different times during the ringing.

The quarter-peal was conducted by the writer, who has never before taken part in any ringing under such tragic and saddened circumstances.

The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to Mr. Mayer and his family in what seems to be their unfortunate year, as another son, Kenneth W. Mayer, also a Cathedral ringer, has been laid aside for five months with a broken and badly lacerated leg, sustained as the result of an accident while following his employment at one of the Lincoln engineering works.

J. A. F.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY AND BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICTS AT REPTON.

In beautiful weather, between 40 and 50 ringers and friends attended the joint meeting of the Derby and Burton-on-Trent districts of the Midland Counties Association, held at Repton on Saturday.

Repton lies in South Derbyshire, its history dates back to far antiquity, and to-day is the home of one of the great public schools of England and the pride of the county.

Members were present from Derby, Burton, Ashby, Spondon, Overseale, Netherseale, Appleby, Newhall, with visitors from Norton-in-the-Moors, Chilcompton (Mr. J. T. Dyke), Loughborough, Sheffield, Rotherham and Higham-on-the-Hill.

Mr. W. W. Worthington, J.P., chairman of the Burton District and donor of the second bell at Repton, was also present during the afternoon. The bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by Taylor and Co., were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various touches ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major.

Thanks to the wives and friends of the local company, an excellent tea was served in the Court Room, and immediately afterwards the Burton secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Fletcher, M.A.) and Mr. D. F. Ferguson, captain of the local ringers, for their generosity.—This was seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield, supported by Mr. G. Freebrey, secretary of the Derby District, and carried with applause. The Vicar, later, conducted a short service and gave an inspiring address.

During the evening small parties were conducted round the old part of the schools, and interest was particularly shown in the library, where hang portraits of past headmasters of Repton. These include the present Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Chester.

Other visitors enjoyed the privilege of looking round the Vicarage and its ground, and altogether an enjoyable time was spent in a most historic place.

THE SEVENTH 720.

(Continued from previous column.)

23456 Hereward Bob	S 62543 Single Court
64523 Hereward Bob	24635 Single Court
35264 Hereward Bob	43256 Single Court
S 46235 Oxford Bob	35462 Single Court
35624 Oxford Bob	56324 Single Court
24563 Oxford Bob	S 62453 Double Court
63452 Oxford Bob	S 53426 Oxford Bob
S 53246 Double Court	S 23645 Hereward
46325 Double Court	56423 Hereward
25634 Double Court	
34562 Double Court	34256

Twice repeated.

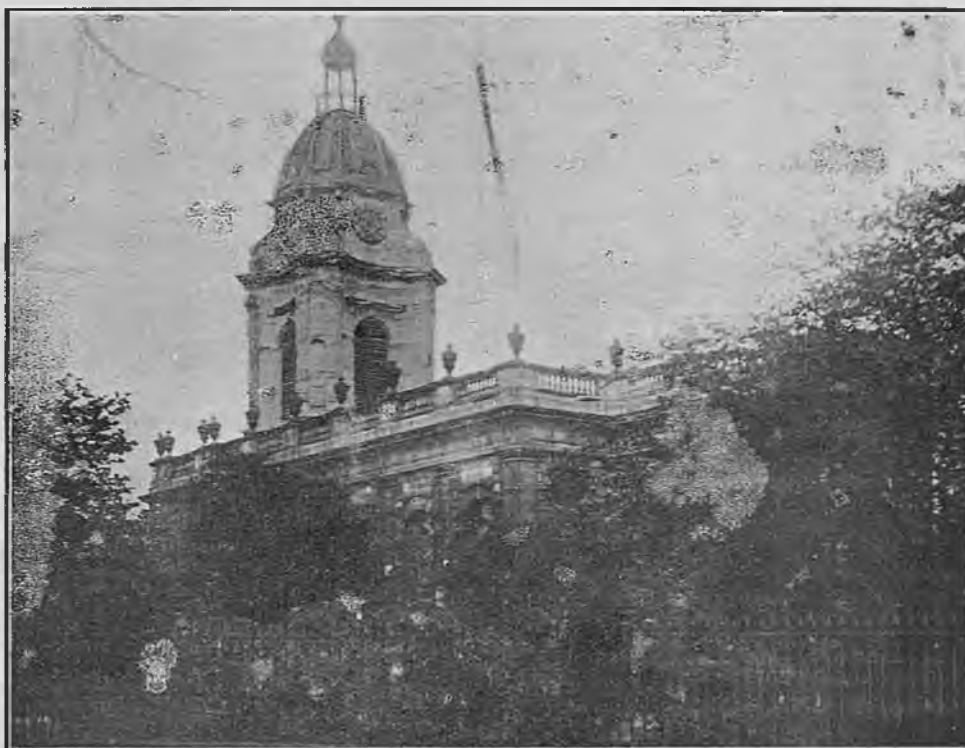
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL BELLS. PROPOSED RECASTING AND REHANGING.

It is good news that there is, at last, hope of something being done to the bells at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham. For years the bells have been in a deplorable condition, and their state is such that ringers have had little desire to ring the bells. Some of them have the unenviable

worthy peal which will not lack capable hands to make the best of a new peal.

The Church of St. Philip, which is close to the centre of the city, was erected early in the 18th century, but some time appears to have elapsed before anything was done in the way of providing bells for the steeple. The Vestry minutes of April 3rd, 1727, record: 'By an order of a general meeting this day it was agreed that Joseph Smith shall receive the mettle from Mr. Bradburn in order to cast a Bell for the parish church of St. Philip in Birmingham to be done with all expedition.'

Later there is an entry: 'At a meeting 13th day of June, 1727, ordered that a frame of good Timber be erected & fixed in the Steeple



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP, BIRMINGHAM.

reputation of being 'chest crackers.' The bells, too, are, with the possible exception of the tenor, of very poor quality, so that it is much to be hoped that the proposal that they shall be recast as well as rehung may see fruition.

For many years the Birmingham ringers urged the restoration of the bells, and it was made a theme of speeches at numerous Johnson dinners, but without any result, until eventually it was given up as an apparently bad job. But the seed has now presumably taken root, and if the full scheme materialises the Cathedral will have a

of the New Church for Hanging of Eight Bells & that the Two Bells already made be hung there with all convenient speed.'

Joseph Smith had a foundry at Edgbaston, and he afterwards supplied the peal of eight, which were replaced by Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1750-51. Six of these bells still remain, the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th. Pack and Chapman recast the fifth and tenor in 1772, and Thomas Mears the sixth and eighth, which are dated 1796 and 1823 respectively.

In days gone by many peals were rung on the bells of St. Philip's, which is now, of course, the Cathedral for the Diocese of Birmingham. The last peal on the bells was a 5,017 Stedman Caters rung by St. Martin's Guild on August 22nd, 1903.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LIVERPOOL.

For their annual trip the ringers of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, Rotherham, visited Liverpool, where they arrived at 10.20 a.m. The first 1½ hours was spent looking round the new Cathedral, then, after a tour of the main streets, the party had lunch at the 'Orient.'

After lunch the first ringing of the day was done at Oxtown, where Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major were rung. Bebington was the next visited, and here the light peal of eight were soon set going to Grandsire, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Stedman.

After an excellent tea the party hurried back across the ferry to St. Nicolas' Church, where Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the heavy ring of bells (tenor 40 cwt.), followed by a course of Bob Major and half a course of Cambridge on the back eight. This left the visitors less than 20 minutes to reach the station to catch the return train.

The Eastwood ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking those friends at Liverpool who made this outing such a happy one.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Gorton Unitarian Church on Saturday. The Rev. McMullen officiated and delivered a most inspiring address from the pulpit. Tea and business meeting took place in the Schoolroom, the chair being occupied by the Rev. McMullen.

Eccles was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, and Swinton and Reddish for the practice meetings.

Mr. C. Gudgeon was most warmly thanked for the work he had accomplished during his term of office as branch president, and Mr. N. Heaps was elected to the office.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had been responsible for the splendid tea, and for the arrangements that were necessary for making the meeting so successful.

Ringers from Ashton, Birch, West Didsbury, Oldham, Dean, Miles Platting and Worsley were present.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: John A. Cross (first quarter-peal and aged 14 years) 1, T. Sparrow 2, J. Dale 3, J. V. Cross 4, A. Rolph 5, J. Macdougall 6, J. Coruford (conductor) 7, J. Blay 8.

STOKE TRISTER.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, August 9th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): H. J. Ralph (conductor) 1, *C. Summers 2, *J. Thomas 3, A. E. Pound 4, S. J. Pound 5, *E. J. Maidment 6. * First quarter-peal. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. All but the conductor are members of the local band.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Sunday morning, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Sharp (Harrold, Beds) 1, *F. Gudslen 2, *R. Dadds 3, *E. Spickett 4, J. Waghorn 5, T. E. Sone (Padlock Wood) 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) (London) 7, A. A. Saxby 8 (tenor 22½ cwt). * First quarter-peal of Major. First quarter of Plain Bob on the bells.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Franks 1, R. Charge 2, R. Newman 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. Charge 5, M. Fensom 6, H. E. Weeks (first quarter-peal in method) 7, J. G. Nash (conductor) 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, July 29th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob): T. Hollocks 1, K. Simpson 2, Miss M. White 3, F. Day 4, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 5, H. Hollocks 6. First quarter of Minor by Miss M. White and K. Simpson. This quarter and the one at Lavenham were specially arranged for the three Shipley (Yorks) ringers.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,264 changes): L. Pryke 1, M. T. Symonds 2, Miss M. White (Shipley, Yorks) (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, K. Simpson (Shipley, Yorks) 4, W. Jarvis 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, E. H. Simpson (Shipley, Yorks) (conductor) 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Elvan's Church, Aberdare, on Sunday, August 16th, to celebrate the wedding of Nurse Vera Rosser, daughter of the captain of the local branch, to Mr. Ian McIntyre, which took place at Greenford, Middlesex, on Monday, August 3rd: J. Emm 1, A. Scribbings 2, F. Chave 3, E. Emm 4, G. Mead 5, G. Kerley (conductor) 6, E. Russell 7, B. Sheldon 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Langdon Hills, Essex, on August 15th, in honour of the wedding of Miss Mary Thompson and Mr. George Richardson, 720 of Bob Minor was rung by *P. Monk 1, A. Reeve 2, Miss C. Chinnery 3, H. Chinnery 4, *G. W. Fogden 5, *P. A. Corby (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Plain Bob. On the same occasion, 600 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung by P. Monk (longest length in the method) 1, G. W. Fogden 2, Miss C. Chinnery 3, H. Chinnery 4, P. A. Corby (conductor) 5, A. Reeve 6. Mr. Richardson has been captain of the local ringers for some six or seven years.

This is the first 720 rung on these bells for many years, probably since before the war. In all its 60 years' existence this church has been a notorious 'stone' stronghold. The bells, with a 12 cwt. tenor, are recognised as being one of the most musical sixes in the county.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Thursday, August 6th, at Dover, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. B. M. Taylor and Miss O. M. Clark, of the St. Mary's Girl Guides. The ringers were: C. R. Millway 1, B. Jarman (Harpenden, Herts) 2, H. J. Saunders 3, H. Whitehead 4, E. Murrell (London) 5, L. Leach 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8.

A BROKEN 'ROPE.'

LAY READER STRUCK ON THE HEAD.

The bell rope of the village church of Sheldon, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, broke when it was being tolled for the funeral of Miss Ruth Brocklehurst, who had been bellringer for some years.

Mr. James Stephenson, the lay reader, was tolling the bell prior to the funeral service when one of the links in the iron chain at the top of the bell rope snapped.

Rope and chain fell, and part of it struck Mr. Stephenson on the head.

This incident recalls the somewhat similar accident when a bell clapper injured a lad, and damages were awarded. The turrets in which these bells are hung are usually inaccessible, except by the use of a long ladder. Consequently they are seldom inspected and it is a wonder there are not more accidents.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

THREE PEALS BY ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

5,088	5,088	5,088
23456 M W R	23456 M W R	23456 M W R
54632 — —	43652 — 3	56234 2 —
43265 — 2	35426 2 2	32465 — —
36452 2 2	52364 2 2	64523 — —
52364 2 —	65324 3 —	25346 — —
46325 — —	42356 — —	54632 — 2
36524 — 3	53624 — —	32546 2 —
A 34625 2 —	63425 — 3	24653 — 2
A 52643 — —	25634 2 —	52643 3 —
A 62345 — —	36452 — —	24365 — 2
24653 2 2	54263 — —	65243 2 —
65243 3 —	46325 — 2	42356 — —
42356 — —	25463 2 —	65324 — —
25634 — 2	56342 — 2	C 36524 3 —
53246 2 2	64523 2 2	C 53624 3 3
46532 2 —	23645 2 —	C 26435 — —
36264 — —	46532 — —	C 56342 — 2
62453 — —	35264 — —	C 35642 3 3
25346 — 2	62453 — —	C 46253 — —
54263 2 2	B 34256 — —	C 26354 — —
63542 2 —	B 25346 3 —	53462 — —
45236 — —	B 32546 3 —	43265 — 3
Repeated, calling one course 2M and 2W instead of the three marked A.		
Repeated, calling one course M, 2W, R, instead of the three marked B.		
Repeated, calling one course 3M, W, instead of the seven marked C.		

All courses consist of 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.

5,024 IN TEN PARTS.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456 M W Methods	23456 M W Methods
54632 — — B B S L	45623 — — B B S L
35642 — — L S L	24653 — — L S L
43652 — — L S L	A 52643 — — L S L
56234 — — L S L	46325 — — L S L
32465 — — L S L	24365 — — L S B
63425 — — L S L	
24536 — — L S L	34562 — — B B S L
32546 — — L S B	65243 — — L S L
	46253 — — L S B
	A 65432 — —
	A 53624 — —
	26435 — — B B S L
	46532 — — L S L
	35264 — — L S B
	A 56342 — —
	A 64523 — —
	A 42635 — —
	A 23456 — —

Superlative and Cambridge are interchangeable. Has 70 bobs only. Contains 960 Bristol, 2,496 London, 1,568 Cambridge or Superlative. Has ten three-lead blocks of Bristol.

SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following further corrections are made to the list of secretaries' names and addresses, published in our issue of August 7th:—

North Staffordshire and District Association: Mr. Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Rogers' is no longer a pro tem. appointment.

NOTICES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES of Meetings inserted under this heading is at the rate of 3d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with the minimum charge of 1/6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at seven o'clock.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde and Preston Branches.—A combined meeting will take place at Kirkham (8 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the school, 1/- each.—C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Summer is coming. Enjoy it in beautiful surroundings by coming to the ringing meeting of the Tonbridge district at Horsmonden on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Half-hourly bus service from Tunbridge Wells. Book to Broadford and walk through the park. Bring a snack with you. A cup of tea will be available.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Beaconsfield (8 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden (5 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd. Usual arrangements. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, August 22nd. Usual arrangements. United Counties Bus.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's St., Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, August 22nd, St. Ippolyt's. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Great Wymondley bells will be available *after tea*. Learners welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The bells of Epworth Parish Church have been examined and found unsafe, so the meeting to be held on Saturday, August 22nd, is cancelled.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing at Shoreditch for Divine Service on Sun., Aug. 23rd, at 5.30 p.m. also practice on Thursday, August 27th at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbore Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littleham on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Withcombe Raleigh (8). Service at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. G. Shelmerdine. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s., meeting to follow. Buses leave Exmouth for Littleham Village at 2.20 and 4.20 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, August 24th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Applications for tea (meat 1/6, plain 1/-) to Mr. G. Thompson, Sunnyside, Woodhall Road, Calverley, nr. Leeds, by first post, August 29th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pucklechurch, August 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Warmley, August 28th.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, August 29th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 23rd if you intend to be present, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) **AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North and East District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, August 29th. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. and after tea. St. St. Peter's (10) from 3 to 5 p.m. A service will be held in this church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Grange Hotel, St. Peter Street. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned would be very much appreciated. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, 26th. A hearty welcome extended to all members and friends.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., at 1/-. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at The Shrubbery House (by kind invitation of Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart.), 5.15. Business meeting follows. Kindly let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, August 26th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles St., Petersfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (10) from 3. Service at 5 p.m., tea afterwards in Church House. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. P. Cooper, 62, Station Rd., Epsom, by the 27th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Caythorpe (8) August 29th. Names for tea by August 26th to Geoffrey M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stutton on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also at Holbrook (6) and Hardstead (6). Tea (9d. each) at the King's Head at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Members of the Essex Association are invited.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Batley, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1/6) at 5 p.m. but please notify Mr. H. Burton, 3, Harrison's Yard, Upper Commercial Street, Batley, by Wednesday, September 2nd. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on Saturday, September 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1/- each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by August 31st.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please by Tuesday, Sept. 1st, certain.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1/3 per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padibam on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The rededication of North Weald tower and bells, after complete restoration, will take place on Sat., Sept. 5th. Service at 3 p.m., conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Southend. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald, Essex, of their intention of being present.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Local Districts).—A joint meeting will be held at Egham and Staines, etc., on Saturday, September 5th. Full details later.—F. E. Hawthorne, F. W. Goodfellow and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept 5th. Bells available 3. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m., to be conducted by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea will be provided at ninepence each to all those who *notify directly* Mr. Percy Handley, Mill Lane, Kinver, Stourbridge, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st, and not to myself. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting is fixed for Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 5th, instead of Aug. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Please notify.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

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ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The 6th, 7th and tenor bells have been re-cast by J. Taylor & Co., and will be re-dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 12th, by the Rt. Rev. J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. Further details later.—Alban Disney, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (at 9d. per head); those requiring please advise Mr. F. Terry, Farmer, Hemingbrough, near Selby, by Thursday, September 10th. Buses from Selby every hour.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Worcester on Saturday, September 26th. Tickets (3s. each) are now available and may be obtained from the dinner committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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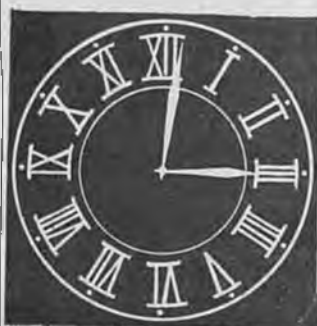
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There are, however, many places where lack of funds still prevents needful work being carried out. In our columns there are frequently appeals for help. Unfortunately ringers as a body are unable to do much in this direction. The vast majority are men and women of very limited means, and assistance can generally only be given through the Association which covers the area in which the necessitous tower is situated. In many of these organisations ringers make frequent contributions to the Association's restoration fund, and even where such funds do not exist, no appeal made for help for a local restoration falls on deaf ears. There are, however, numerous deserving cases which are beyond the means of the parishes concerned even with the help which the local association can organise. In quite a number of cases in the last ten years or so the Emma Barron Bell Trust has been able to do valuable work, and quite a few churches, particularly in Essex and Hampshire, have benefited from the late Miss Barron's generous bequest.

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HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER Treble	WILLIAM P. STIRLAND	5
* ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... ..	...	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... ..	...	6
† ARTHUR J. BROWN ... ..	...	[RALPH NARBOROUGH ... ..	...	7
ALEX HUTCHISON ... ..	...	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... ..	... Tenor	

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells and first attempt. ‡ 50th peal.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... ..	... Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY ... ..	...	5
THOMAS J. LOCK ... ..	...	REV. E. V. COX ... ..	...	6
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... ..	...	* CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... ..	...	7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... ..	...	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' First peal of Major on the bells.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, FYLINGSDALE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* FRANK S. ARMITAGE ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... ..	...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... ..	...	HARRY GIBSON ... ..	...	6
DEREK M. SHARP ... ..	...	RONALD H. DOVE ... ..	...	7
ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... ..	...	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... ..	... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	... Treble	JACK BRAY ... ..	...	5
GEORGE LADD ... ..	...	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	...	6
HAROLD MARCON ... ..	...	JOHN WALDEN ... ..	...	7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... ..	...	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY GIBSON ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... ..	...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... ..	...	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... ..	...	6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHERBROOK ... ..	...	RONALD H. DOVE ... ..	...	7
DEREK M. SHARP ... ..	...	ROY K. MOWFORTH ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

* JAMES SMITH (aged 76) ... ..	... Treble	R. H. BRUNDLE (aged 84) ... ..	...	5
JAMES ROSE (aged 55) ... ..	...	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (aged 49) ... ..	...	6
G. E. SYMONDS (aged 61) ... ..	...	FREDK. J. TILLET (aged 69) ... ..	...	7
WILLIAM TILLET (aged 59) ... ..	...	C. A. CATCHPOLE (aged 59) ... ..	... Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method. This band are all grandfathers, and Messrs. Brundle and F. J. Tillett are great-grandfathers. All are residents within the borough of Ipswich. Their total ages amount to 512 years, an average of 64.

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WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 23½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. LEAKER Treble	LEONARD DERRICK 3
WILLIAM E. WISEMAN 2	†RICHMOND ROBERTS 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
*ERNEST F. SHEARN 4	HENRY C. WINDSOR Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples with an 'inside' bell.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY Treble	*RICHARD F. ROE 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	ALEX HUTCHISON 7
FRED W. HILL 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
RICHARD F. ROE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble	*EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 5
PERCY W. WITHAM 2	*WILLIAM C. SHUTE 6
*ARTHUR G. ROSE 3	FREDERICK G. COLE 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

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

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
GEORGE PRYKE 2	*ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
*KEITH W. WHITTLE 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
*SHELFORD SPARROW 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Arranged for Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, Kent.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*ROY FAITHFULL (aged 13) Treble	†LEONARD KNOTT 5
HAROLD P. REED (aged 14) 2	REGINALD A. REED 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 4	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples and also 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All at first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 66 methods, viz.:—

- (1) Chapstow, Rostherne, Balmoral, Wilmslow, Skipton, Knutsford, Fotheringay, Bogedona, Ely Delight, and Nelson Treble Bob.
- (2) Charlwood, Newdigate, Neasden, Old Oxford, St. Albans, College Bob IV., Wragby, Willesden, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (3) Capel, Ockley, Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Dunottar, Wath and Poutefract Delight.
- (4) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise and Waltham, Burslem Delight.
- (5) Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight and Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob.
- (6) Melandra, Peveril, Beeston, Leasowe, Castleton and Bucknall Delight.
- (7) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

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

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents. There were 138 changes of method.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church SS. Mary and Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

JACK PUMFREY Treble	H. CARTER 4
MISS JESSIE ANGIN 2	*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
*MRS. H. CARTER 3	W. C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal in three methods.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
*ALLEN MORGAN 2	†REGINALD WOODYATT 5
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the Kent variation.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*A. RUSSELL PAUL Treble	ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 4
*WILFRED YOUNG 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS 5
ERNEST WASELING 3	F. WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wakeling (nee Miss Annie M. Dale).

A TOUR IN THE NORTH.

The following peals were rung for the Durham and Newcastle Association during a tour in the North:—

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

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

DURHAM.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

On Sunday, August 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells and by the association.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Monday, August 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REV. C. E. WIGG 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect to Mrs. Armstrong, Lady Mayoress of Tynemouth.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Monday, August 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

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

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 3
FRANK BENNETT 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	REV. C. E. WIGG 11
GEORGE MARTIN 6	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	*REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Norfolk on the bells and by the association.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	REV. C. E. WIGG Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

On Thursday, August 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

On Thursday, August 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	REV. C. E. WIGG Tenor

Non-conducted.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Friday, August 21, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	JAMES E. SIMPSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Friday, August 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Aidan,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	REV. C. E. WIGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM HENLEY 9
*GEORGE R. PYE 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

* 100th peal of Surprise Royal.

VICTORIA CATHEDRAL BELLS.

MR. E. WEATHERBY'S RECORD.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles (late of Market Drayton and Guildford, England), who travelled a thousand miles to be present at the opening of the Victoria Cathedral bells, recorded in our issue of August 7th, in an interesting letter tells us that he left Los Angeles on Wednesday, July 8th, and arrived in Victoria on the following Saturday. At the Cathedral he found the bells (which had been erected by Mr. Izard, of Victoria) ready for the opening next day. Most of the ringers not having rung for many years, short practices were necessary.

'The opening peal,' says Mr. Weatherby, 'was rung by seven Victoria ringers and myself. Everyone was delighted with the "go" and tone of the bells.'

After giving some particulars of the dedication and ringing, Mr. Weatherby adds that on Wednesday the bells were rung for the enthronement of the Bishop, the Right Rev. H. E. Sexton, D.D., which brought to a close a very enjoyable time for all.

'On Sunday, the 19th,' he adds, 'I rang at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, on a musical peal of eight, which were augmented from a peal of five French bells, through the efforts of Mr. Limpus. The first peal was rung on them in 1911, conducted by George Foster.'

'This brought to a close a pleasure I had long anticipated—to ring at the dedication of the new peal in Victoria, and a record of ringing on nine peals of bells on this continent—two in Quebec, one in Montreal, four around Boston, Victoria and Vancouver.'

DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES IN HERTS.

To the Editor

Sir,—I see recorded in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' the account of a peal of Darlston Bob Triples, rung at St. Mary's Church, Ware, said to be the first peal in the method rung in the county of Hertfordshire. The first peal of Darlston Bob Triples was rung at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on February 6th, 1894, and the second peal in the method at the same church on August 6th, 1894. The first peal in the method in Essex was rung at St. Mary's, Harlow, on February 9th, 1895. All three peals were conducted by me.

Chichester.

HENRY J. TUCKER.

YET ANOTHER MINOR RECORD.

CHESHIRE MEN'S 66 METHODS IN A PEAL.

The Cheshire band have quickly replied to the Spliced Minor records made by the Lincolnshire company at Whaplode and Freiston on August 3rd and 8th, when peals of Spliced Minor in 60 and 61 methods respectively were rung.

At Marple, Cheshire, on Saturday, a peal in 66 Treble Bob methods was rung, a wonderful performance which puts up by five the total number of methods comprised in a peal of seven true extents. This is rather devastating for the young men of Algarkirk, Lincs, who will have to get busy if they are to regain the laurels.

The previous highest number of methods rung in Cheshire was 52, in a peal, also at Marple, on May 23rd last. The peal on Saturday included a new extent in ten methods, arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver, and in the whole peal there were 138 changes of method.

The new extent, rung first in the peal, is as follows:—

23456	Nelson T.B., No. 9.
35264	Rostherne D., No. 29.
42635	Ely D., No. 35.
— 42356	Ely D., No. 35.
25463	Chepstow D., No. 28.
63542	Nelson T.B., No. 9.
34625	Wilmslow D., No. 37.
56234	Ely D., No. 35.
— 56342	Ely D., No. 35.
— 56423	Balmoral D., No. 36.

23645

Twice repeated,

substituting Knutsford (No. 31) and Bogedone (No. 40) for Rostherne and Wilmslow and Skipton (No. 30) and Fotheringay (No. 41) for Chepstow and Balmoral in 2nd and 3rd parts.

All the remaining extents were as in the 52-method peal, except the 2nd extent, which is as published in 'The Ringing World' of August 14th, 1936, but transposed to start from the 21st lead end.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.

'ORDINARY' RINGERS' APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Although there are many ringers of the ordinary 'man in the street' type, who, like myself, are, and always would be, quite incapable of even attempting anything in the nature of the exceedingly clever performance of the six young members of the Lincoln Guild, which is the subject of your deservedly appreciative leader in the issue for August 14th, I imagine that many of those same ordinary ringers are equally appreciative as yourself as to the 'mental acrobatics with a vengeance,' and also as to the skill and capabilities of the composer who made such mental acrobatics a practical possibility. I think, also, that such ringers would like to be able to say 'Hear, hear,' to all your appreciative remarks in regard to that performance, and to thank you for giving them such a jolly good 'clap on the back.'

You state, 'We' desire to pay a tribute, and, again, 'We' raise our hat. That 'We,' I presume, you use in an editorial capacity only, but I feel quite sure that there are many ringers, of all types, up and down the country who would be glad if you would allow them to be included in that 'We.'

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Draycott on Saturday. Thirty members were present from Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Lawton, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Uttoxeter and Stoke-on-Trent. Tea was partaken of in the school-room, and a very hearty welcome was extended to the association by Mr. W. Shelley, in the absence of the Rector.

The meeting was the first that the association had held at Draycott.

After the usual votes of thanks had been given to the ringers, four peal certificates were presented, two being to Draycott ringers, who are the first from this tower to ring a peal.

Five new members were elected, viz., W. Shelley, A. Hough, K. Shelley, W. J. Emery and W. Horrobin.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Cambridge, Wells, Violet, York, London and Norwich Surprise Minor were rung.

SOMETHING NEW IN SPLICED MAJOR.**A COMBINATION OF PLAIN AND TREBLE BOB.**

Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, who has been responsible for many clever compositions, particularly of Spliced Surprise, now sends us the figures of a peal which should interest bands who can ring Plain and Kent Treble Bob.

Mr. Pitman says: 'I send figures of 5,248 Spliced Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, which will be found to be something new in splicing.

'There are numerous ringers able to ring the two methods well, but I feel sure that this peal will be quite sufficient to keep any band awake while ringing same, and that the conductor will have plenty to think about.'

Here are the figures:—

	23456	W.	M.	H.
	64523	2	1	1
	35426		1	1
	26354	1	2	1
	32654	3	3	1
	46532	2	1	1
A	32465	1	2	1
	43265	3	3	1
A	54326			
A	65432			
A	26543			
	23645		2	1
	62345	3	3	1
A	56234			
A	45623			
A	34562			
A	23456			

Ring Bob Major, but, when more than one bob Wrong or Middle is called in a course, ring leads of Kent Treble Bob. Thus the first course would be rung as follows: B.K.B.B.B.B.B.B., and the third would be B.K.K.B.B.B.B.K.K.B., B representing a lead of Plain Bob and K a lead of Kent. The peal can be reduced by omitting three consecutive bobs Wrong or Middle.

PENTRE RINGER'S DEATH.

With regret we record the death of Mr. Harry Page, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Page was one of the pioneers of change ringing at Pentre, South Wales, and as a conductor he was second to none in the diocese. He rang, in all, about 80 peals and conducted a good number of them.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, August 15th, when four of his brother ringers, with Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, and Mr. A. W. Heath, of Cardiff, acted as bearers.

After the funeral, a half-muffled peal was attempted, but, unfortunately, came to grief after an hour's ringing. Half-muffled touches were also rung on Wednesday, August 19th, by the local band in memory of the deceased.

LOUGHTON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday the Loughton, Essex, ringers had their annual outing, when they made the journey to Northampton. Starting at 7.30 a.m. from Loughton, they picked up the remaining four of the party at Woodford and had a very nice run to Stony Stratford, where a halt was called. A very handy ring of eight at the Parish Church were soon set going to Triples and Major, each ringer having a pull, except the determined grand old warrior, Mr. J. Rann, whom the steps beat. However, he stopped outside and listened. Leaving Stony Stratford at 11.30, a further run brought the party to St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, where an old Woodford ringer, Mr. John Mardell, met the company. Ringing took place on the handy ring of eight, and after all had had a pull an adjournment was made to the Black Boy for dinner. Although the guide said it was only 'a little way down the road,' the distance was a little too much for the G.O.W., crippled as he is with rheumatism, so a taxi was brought to the rescue. At dinner the two 'youngsters' of between 70 and 80 years were unable to indulge in their usual occupation of 'chipping' one another, as they were seated in different rooms—much to the regret of the company. After dinner farewell was said to Mr. John Mardell, and the journey was continued to Harpenden, where tea was partaken of. Afterwards Mr. J. Rule, jun., spoke a few words of thanks on behalf of non-ringers of the party, and thanked the organisers for again inviting them.

Mr. C. R. Morss spoke for the ringers, and congratulated the 'Grand old warrior' upon his determination to be with the company, especially after his recent terrifying experience of being thrown out of his only mode of getting about by a lorry.

All voted the outing quite as good as any previous excursion, and wish to thank the tower masters and incumbents for permission so readily given for ringing and for arranging for both dinner and tea.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Stedman Triples at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on August 22nd, is believed to be the first to be rung by eight grandfathers all resident in the same borough. In addition, two of the band are great-grandfathers, Messrs. R. H. Brundle and F. J. Tillett, the former being in his 85th year, the latter in his 70th year, without a grey hair in his head.

The total ages of the band amount to 512, an average of 64 years. One grandfather, at the age of 76, rang his first peal of Stedman. The conductor is quite a youth, in his 50th year.

It must be very unusual for two great-grandfathers to be in the same peal, if it has ever been done before. Has anyone compiled a list of great-grandfathers who have rung peals?

The Central Council publication, 'Collection of Doubles and Minor,' is now out of print, and the supply of booklets, 'On the Preservation of Bells,' in stiff covers, is exhausted.

Fifty years ago next Monday the first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe, then of London. The remainder of the band consisted of Mr. Joe Field, of Oxford, Mr. Alf Thomas, of Birmingham, and seven Wrexham ringers.

In view of the 'naming' of the bells at Ufford, it is interesting to recall that the bells at St. Mary's, Edinburgh, are named as follows: 1, Humility; 2, Faith; 3, Constancy; 4, Patience; 5, Reverence; 6, Piety; 7, Hope; 8, Peace; 9, Joy; 10, Charity. The tenor is 42½ cwt.

Monday is also the anniversary of the record handbell peal, 19,738 Stedman Caters, at Guildford, on August 31st, 1912.

Peals have been rung in many strange places. The first (and only one) rung in a railway train was rung by Cumberland Youths between Paddington and Bristol on August 31st, 1923.

Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, one of the finest ringers that ever stepped into a belfry, was killed in action in France on August 31st, 1918. He had rung 953 peals, and was still a young man when he laid down his life in the Great War.

Two young ringers, one aged 13 and the other aged 15, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at North Stoneham, Hants, on Monday. George Williams, aged 79, was also in the peal.

THE TOUR IN THE NORTH.

A SUCCESSFUL WEEK.

Fourteen peals were the successful outcome of the eight days' visit to the North of England by a band collected mostly from the South. With Newcastle as headquarters, peals were rung in Durham and Northumberland, including Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals and Hexham Abbey.

One feature of the tour was a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Houghton-le-Spring. The conducting in the other thirteen peals was shared by no fewer than eight conductors. This, in its way, must, we think, be a record for any tour.

The methods rung were just as varied, and included Stedman Cinques 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 2, Norfolk Surprise Major 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, and, by way of change, Double Norwich Major 1.

With the second peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, at Gosforth on Saturday, Mr. G. R. Pye completed one hundred peals of Surprise Royal.

Five of the party rang in eleven peals and three of them in ten. The veterans, Messrs. George Williams and W. H. Fussell, rang in eight.

MARRIAGE OF MR. E. W. ELWELL.

CEREMONY IN NEW YORK.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. Edward West Elwell, son of the Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Elwell, of Capenhurst, Cheshire, and formerly hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, upon his marriage, which took place on Thursday of last week at St. Ignatius' Church (Episcopal), New York. The bride was Miss Winifred Ina Mackenzie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Mackenzie, of Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearce, of Sefton Park, Liverpool.

The marriage was solemnised, with Nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Jerome Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwell sailed on the following day for England.

Mr. Elwell, who before his departure for America was a popular member of the Central Council and one of its ablest debaters, now occupies the important position of assistant manager in the United States of the Royal Exchange Assurance Co.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS CHURCHWARDEN.

At Harwell, Berks, on Monday, August 17th, as a birthday compliment to Dr. R. Rice, who has been churchwarden for 45 years at the Parish Church of St. Matthew, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. J. Balcombe 1, W. V. Webb 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, J. Nobes 4, G. Caudwell 5, A. E. Lock (conductor) 6, R. G. Rice 7, E. Mulford 8.

JAMES BARHAM.**PERFORMANCES OF A WONDERFUL KENT RINGER.**

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

James Barham was born in 1725, the year in which the College Youths first began peal ringing. Apparently he lived for some time at Harrietsham, a village seven and a half miles from Maidstone on the road to Ashford. A new ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 13½ cwt., was supplied to the Parish Church by Thomas Lester in 1744, and in that year a peal of Bob Triples was rung, followed by another in 1745. In 1746 the band scored a 10,080 of Double Bob Major, the first of many long lengths in the district. So far as our records go, it was the tenth length of over ten thousand that had as yet been rung and the seventh of Major. It was the first ten thousand in the method and remains the record. Four years later the band rang another ten thousand of Double Bob, and on March 23rd, 1751, 5,040 of Reverse Bob, two months after Annable had called the first peal in the method at Westminster.



LEEDS, KENT, CHURCH.

Samuel Knight had cast several peals for Kent, and in 1751 his successor, Robert Catlin, added two trebles to the heavy six at the adjoining village of Lenham. The bells were opened on May 17th by a 5,040 of Bob Major, the peal being the first changes rung on them. At the same time Catlin supplied six new bells to Leeds to make a ring of ten. They were the gift of the Hon. Robert Fairfax, of Leeds Castle, who employed Barham as a gardener, no doubt with the idea of forming a band of ringers at the Parish Church. Barham's first peal at Leeds was one of 6,480 of Bob Caters, the first in the method of which any record remains, and still the longest length. From the number of changes it is pretty certain that what was rung was Annable's or a similar peal of Bob Major, with an extra bob in three courses to get the big bells in and out of the tittums.

Three weeks later the band rang 8,100 changes of Bob Royal, evidently the same composition applied to ten bells, and a fortnight later still they repeated the peal of Caters. In 1752 they rang forty courses of Plain Bob Royal, 7,200 changes, and on the last day but one of the year 14,500 of Bob Major. This apparently was an incomplete length, and a fortnight later they rang half the extent of the method, 20,160 changes, in 13 hours and 34 minutes.

They had thus in a little more than a twelve-month rung six peals, the shortest of which was 6,480 changes, a record which has not been surpassed by any subsequent band. Barham had great ambitions in the matter of long-peal ringing. He was himself capable of extraordinary feats of peal ringing, and, as his zeal outran the capacity of his companions, he adopted the plan of ringing peals by relays of ringers. Of course, if that is done, there is no particular reason why the bells should not be kept going for a week or more, or as long as the ropes remain unbroken, and the idea has rightly been discountenanced by the Exercise at large. The old ringers saw no reason why two or three men should not be put to a heavy or bad-going tenor, if it were beyond the capacity of one man to ring it single-handed; but that was quite a different thing. Barham's idea, no doubt, was to see how long he or any other individual member of his band could stand, and in that respect he did set up a record.

On March 31st, 1735, the band started for the full extent of Bob Major. They began at two o'clock in the afternoon, and at six o'clock the next morning, after 24,800 changes had been rung in 16 hours, the sixth clapper broke, and so the peal was lost. Barham rang the seventh for 14 hours and 44 minutes, which is a wonderful feat of endurance, and has not since been approached; but, of course, the circumstances were unique, and no other individual ringer is likely again to have a similar opportunity of seeing how long he can stand and ring.

The band made no further attempt for the peal for some years, but in 1760 Barham induced them to start again. On Monday, March 23rd, they rang 17,000 changes and then one of the bells was overturned. That is a most unusual thing to happen in peal ringing, and there is no reason to suppose that Leeds bells were not fitted with stays and slides. Possibly it happened when one ringer was relieving another.

A little later they made another attempt, and this time they succeeded. Fourteen men in all took part, and the time was 27 hours. Barham had called all the bobs in the failure of 1755, but whether he did so in the complete peal, or whether he deputed part of the task to another, does not appear. It seems the ringing was by no means faultless. When the College Youths visited the village in the next year they talked with many of the ringers and heard a lot about the performance. The authors of the 'Clavis,' after saying that they do not intend to give peals with the full extent of the changes on eight bells other than two of Bob Major as examples, proceed:—

'We think it extremely useless as it is impracticable for any one set of men to perform. To be sure it is recorded on a frame at Leeds in Kent as being performed by 13 men in 27 hours and some minutes, one man having rung eleven hours, another nine, etc., but those of the performers who have been spoken to on the subject give such unsatisfactory accounts that it is very little thought of, and it is generally believed that if they did keep the bells going the length of time, the truth or regularity of the changes were very little attended to.'

The account differs slightly from that in Barham's book (e.g. in the number of men that took part), and is probably derived from rather indirect information, but if it is correct that the man who stood the longest time (probably Barham) rang only 11 hours, as a feat of endurance the performance falls a long way short of the failure of 1755, and has been beaten more than once since. But we must remember that it was always difficult for the members of the great leading societies like the College Youths or the Norwich Scholars to believe that the men of obscure country villages could ring as well or better than they.

LEEDS RINGERS' BOAST

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The occasion of the peal was the election to Parliament of the Hon. Robert Fairfax and Sir W. Knatchbull. The ringers were very proud of themselves, and boasted that 'the peal was never rung or ever attempted to be rung by any set of ringers in the kingdom,' and they advertised that 'Whenever it is performed by any other set' they 'are determined to command their superiority to all others by ringing all the changes on 10 bells.' Perhaps it is as well they were not called upon to make good their boast.

Two other peals of over ten thousand changes were rung at Leeds—13,440 of Bob Major in 1773 and 10,080 of Treble Bob Major in 1796—and in addition many five thousands at Leeds, Harrietsham, Lenham, Maidstone and other towers in Kent. The majority of these were Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, but there were some others of very considerable interest. On February 7th, 1756, a day or two after Annable was buried, the band rang at Leeds 5,040 changes of 'that hard method called Court Bob, which was never rung in Kent before.' On Christmas Day they rang 6,720 changes, 'the most extraordinary thing of its kind ever done,' and next year the same length at Harrietsham, 'notwithstanding its difficult and abstruse method.'

On January 20th, 1765, they rang 6,720 changes of Court Bob ten-in at Leeds. Annable had extended Court Bob Major to Royal, and it had been rung by the College Youths at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, in 1741, but the London men apparently found that it was not worth ringing and dropped it, for it is a poor method which widely parts the big bells, and is inferior in music and interest to Double Bob and Treble Bob. It has been suggested that there is a doubt as to what variation of Court Bob Barham's men rang, and that they might have forestalled the Norwich peal of 1767. But the matter is as clear as any of these things can ever be. The Leeds men rang London Court Bob Major in 1756 and 1762, and London Court Royal is the obvious extension of that method. Moreover, the authors of the 'Clavis,' who were familiar with what had been done at Leeds, say distinctly that the first peal of Norwich Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft.

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tenor is a memorial to the late Vicar of Mullion, the Rev. R. H. Moyes, who died three years ago. The inscription reads:—

'In memory of Richard Henry Moyes, Priest. Died December 16th, 1933. From those who love him and feel his influence.'

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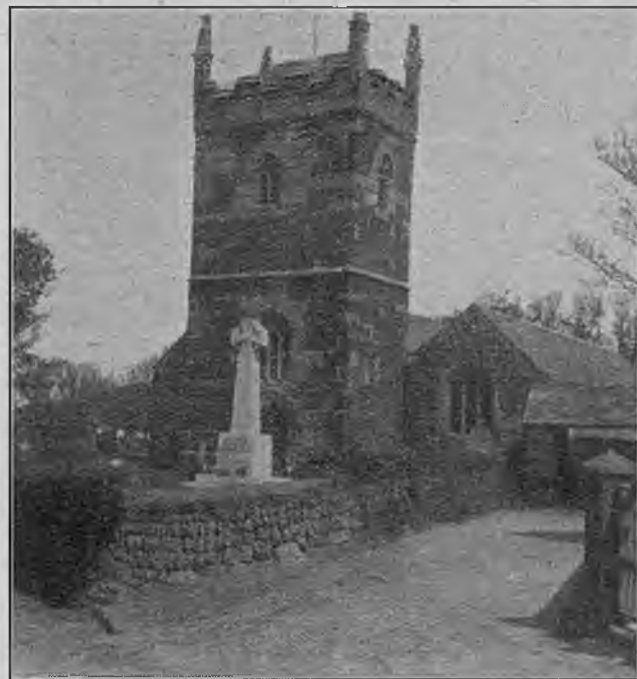
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A NEW CORNISH RING.**MULLION BELLS DEDICATED.**

In the presence of a large congregation of parishioners, ringers and visitors, the new ring of six bells at Mullion Church, Cornwall, was dedicated on Saturday, August 8th, by the Archdeacon of Cornwall (the Ven. G. W. Hockley). The church, one of the most beautiful in Cornwall, is thus further enriched by a beautiful peal of bells, the installation of which forms part of an ambitious restoration scheme embracing much of the general fabric of the building.

The dedication service opened with the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' during which the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean (Canon G. H. Doble), and the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Wintle), together with the choir and churchwardens, proceeded to the west end of the church. The hymn being concluded, the Archdeacon, at the request of one of the wardens, Mr. O. Bosustow, dedicated the bells to the service of God, and handed the ropes to the Vicar, committing the bells to his care as a sacred trust. As the procession returned to the chancel, rounds were rung by members of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

The Archdeacon preached a homely and inspiring sermon on the use of bells in the service of the Church, and commended the efforts

**MULLION PARISH CHURCH.**

of the guilds and societies, which had, besides advancing the science of change ringing, brought ringers in closer touch with the life and work of the Church. The service concluded with the singing of the dedicatory hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' and the Blessing pronounced from the altar steps.

After the service, the visiting ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar and wardens. Among those present were the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Dr. J. Symons, M.R.C.S., the Guild secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, ringers from the towers of Truro Cathedral, Gulval, Manaccan, Redruth, Towednack, St. Michael Penkivel, Helston, Cury and Mullion, as well as Mr. S. R. Roper, representing the bell founders, Miss H. Mills, of Farnham, and Mr. J. W. Clarke, of Chester.

The bells were made full use of during the evening. The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella acted as master of ceremonies, and rounds, call changes, raising and falling in peal, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were successfully accomplished.

The present bells replace a ring of four, cast at the Copper House Foundry at Hayle, Cornwall, in 1828, which had not been rung for many years. These four had superseded former bells, and an interesting item in the Parish Book records an expenditure of £15 17s. 10d. in 1829, this being the amount outstanding after allowance had been made for the old bells! Now, a clean sweep has been made from roof to floor. The new bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwt., are all hung on one level in a special steel frame resting on girders. Although the tower is small, painting room has been left all round the frame. The

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BLESSING OF THE BELLS AT UFFORD.

FRAME FOR TEN OR TWELVE BELLS.

Suffolk Guild's Testimonial to Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Last week we described the ancient and impressive ceremony of the blessing of the bells which took place at Ufford on Saturday, Aug. 14th. The decorated bells were placed in a semi-circle outside the west door, where they were sprinkled with holy water and blessed by Canon Claude Powell, Vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Ipswich, acting as deputy for the Bishop of the diocese. The bells were named as follows: Treble, 'Charles'; 2nd, 'Edward'; 3rd, 'George'; 4th, 'Francis'; 5th, 'Mary'; 7th, 'Thomas.' The 6th, 'Katherine,' and the tenor,

'John,' are pre-Reformation bells and had already been blessed and named. Another pre-Reformation bell, the old 4th, 'Margaret,' could not be included in the reorganised peal, and now finds a resting place inside the church.

The Suffolk Guild is raising, as a testimonial to the services of their secretary (Rev. H. Drake, the Vicar) and treasurer (Mr. C. E. Fisher), who have been Ufford ringers during the 15 years of its existence, a fund to defray the cost of making the frame such that the peal may at some future time be increased to ten or twelve bells. All but about £3 has been already given.



The Rev. H. Drake among the restored bells.



The Blessing of the Bells.

[Photos by Miss K. Pearce.]

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A PERFECT MEETING ON A PERFECT DAY.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held a meeting at Ruisslip on August 15th. It was a perfect day for a meeting, and very nearly a perfect meeting for the day! The ringing was of a high standard, every touch successfully concluded and nearly with as much variety of methods as to suppose the tower was in Lincolnshire (very subtle!). It was a joy to the novices to see the 'big noises' struggling in the throes of Oxford Bob Triples as well as, later, to listen to some perfect striking when these same 'heads' recovered their equilibrium and rang some Spliced Surprise Major.

Rev. K. H. Jocelyn, curate, conducted a very enjoyable service at five o'clock. Mr. A. W. Owen, the local organist, presided at the organ.

After many years, the tea rendezvous was changed, and the George provided a very welcome meal. Later the handbell ringers found a quiet and shady retreat in the garden, and altogether it would appear the suitable successor to Fabb's, who have closed down, has been found.

The quarterly business meeting was held after tea, with the curate in the chair, supported by the organist and many ringing notabilities. The total number present was 53. A greetings telegram was received from the Vicar, Rev. Canon E. Cornwall-Jones, who was on holiday in Norfolk.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, referred to the death of one of the founder members of the association, Mr. F. G. Goddard, who passed away on June 1st. Freddie Goddard did a great deal of spade work in the early days of the South and West District, and the older members would readily recognise this.

The members stood in silence for a few moments in respect to his memory.

A formal vote of thanks was accorded to the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Coles, for his labours in taking members over the works of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Co., Ltd., on July 18th. Mrs. T. Collins, wife of the hon. treasurer, was also thanked for presenting the district with a new minute book.

Messrs. G. W. Blake (Denham), J. Pennells (Sunbury), and F. Braybrook and R. Kilby (both of Ruisslip) were elected ringing members.

DISCUSSION ON 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Notice was given of joint meetings with other Guilds on September 5th at Egham and Staines and October 10th at Hillingdon. It was decided to hold the November meeting at Heston, probably on the 14th.

After formal votes of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, a discussion took place on the best means to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' The Ringing Master, who introduced the subject, said that with the co-operation of the hon. secretary, a census of all the towers in the district was to be taken, by which it was hoped to discover the number who took the paper regularly, why others did not, and obtain any grumbles, suggestions, etc., which would be put before the Editor for consideration.

Several speakers followed, amongst whom Messrs. Mayne and Roberts were of the view that more direct subscribers would be an advantage.

Mr. Fowler dissented, and suggested an order form be printed in the paper each week, and with the aid of this the present subscribers do some active canvassing.

Throughout the discussion, it was recognised that 'The Ringing World' cannot be regarded as a one-man concern. It belonged to the Exercise, and its circulation, contents, price, etc., was the concern of every ringer.

FOR BEGINNERS.

AN EASY PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Experienced conductors make many observations of their own for calling touches or peals. Some can 'keep a tab' on a number of points, and by putting them together, as it were, know where the bobs have to be put in. They have several checks, any one of which is a guide to the calling of the bob, while the use of several together makes assurance doubly sure. It is, however, only experience that gives the conductor knowledge, and until he has gained this experience the young conductor must be content with just one or two simple observations.

Knowing by heart the calling of a touch or peal, and ringing the observation bell is, of course, the lowest stage of bob calling—and it is at this stage that many have to begin. But no one ought to be long content to stay there. Study and practice should soon take them to a wider knowledge of and greater competence in the task and enable them to become conductors—as distinct from purely bob callers—who are able to call their peals from any bell.

In some recent articles we have given hints on the calling of Bob Major from a working bell. Let us now look at Grandsire Triples, which, by reason of a bob disturbing more bells than in the Plain Major method, is in our opinion just a little more difficult to conduct.

If you are calling a peal of Grandsire Triples from any but the observation bell, a good deal of reliance has to be placed on your knowledge of the bells 'Before,' that is, the bells making 3rd's place at the bobs, and those going into the Hunt.

The bell that is going to make 3rd's place is the one, of course, that, having dodged in 4-5 up in the previous lead, will then hunt up behind and down to lead immediately in front of the treble. Therefore when you want to call this bell Before you must look for it coursing before the treble and call the bob when it leads. There should be no difficulty in picking it out, for you will pass both these bells, whatever your own position, once, and unless you are in the hunt, twice between the time they come into that coursing order and the time the bob is called.

If, having called one bob, the next call does not come at the next lead, you can watch the bell you want gradually closing up to the treble. After a bob you may find, for instance, that the next bell you want to come 'Before' has three bells between it and the treble. With each lead one of these will disappear and fall in behind the bell in the hunt; so there will next be two bells between your 'wanted' bell and the treble; then one bell between, and then, of course, comes the lead, when it is coursing immediately in front of the treble, and the bob must be called.

Another thing to remember is that the bell in front of the bell coming 'Before' will be the bell that will go into the Hunt at the bob. That is very useful knowledge, and if, by chance, you are using as part of your calling observations the fact that such and such a bell is to be called In and Out, then your attention must be directed to watching for the lead when this bell hunts down with one bell (the bell coming Before) between it and the treble, and call the bob as the Before bell leads.

If you have to call a bell out of the hunt at the end of a number of leads, and you do not know the next bell to come Before or into the Hunt, it is not always easy, particularly if a trip may have intervened and had to be put right, to remember exactly how many leads have run. Endeavour, therefore, immediately you have called the bob, to 'fix' the next bell coming 'Before.' If your bell in the Hunt has to be called Out at 2, note the bell that has only one other between it and the treble, the bell, in fact, that is 'Two bells before the treble.' That is the bell that will come Before when the Hunt bell is called 'Out at 2.' If it is 'Out at 3,' it will be the bell 'three bells before the treble,' or Out at 4, 'four bells before the treble.' If it is 'Out at 5,' it is the same bell that came Before at the last bob. When the call is 'Out at 3' it is useful to remember that the same bell will go back into the Hunt at the 'Out' that came out at the call 'In.'

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Good practice can be got in calling by the bells Before by ringing that famous old peal, in whole or in parts—Holt's Ten Part. At one time this peal held pride of place with conductors, but it is not so extensively called now as it used to be. Peals like Parker's 12-Part and other modern compositions have displaced it, but it is an historic peal and not to be despised, although some people imagine its Single to be a blemish because it is not made as the ordinary single is made. But don't forget it is a 'Single' pure and simple, and that the usual single is not a 'Single' but a 'Double.'

THE ABRIDGED PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

PEAL RUNG IN 1907 WITHDRAWN.

to the Editor

Dear Sir,—I am informed that the 5,184 Treble Bob Major by H. Robinson cannot be reduced, and as I conducted this peal as a 5,120 by calling the last course of the peal 1W and 2H, at Netherton on December 9th, 1907, I now wish to withdraw the peal, with apologies to all the band.

R. MATTHEWS.

The symmetry of Holt's peal renders memorising a fairly easy task. Perhaps it will enable beginners to understand it better if we set out the parts of the peal, for the calling of each of the five parts of the second half are the reverse of the calling of the five parts of the first half.

First Half.		Second Half.	
234567		235476	
752634	1	642735	1
		746523	5
347285	2	547362	5
243576	5	345276	5
542637	5		
		763524	2
765342	1	567432	5
367254	5		
		245367	1
543726	2	342756	5
745632	5	743625	5
647253	5		
246375	5	257364	2

Each four times repeated.

In the first half it will be seen that, after starting with a bob at the first lead (which brings an odd bell Before), one bell is called three times Before (in the first part it is the 4th), another bell is next called twice Before (in the first part it is the 6th), and then the previous bell is called four times Before, which brings up the part end. These part ends in the first half are the lead ends of the plain course in reverse order, so that any number of parts can be called at will and the bells allowed to run round to a true touch in multiples of 518.

The second half of the peal, starting from the Single, which reverses 4-5 and 6-7, is actually the reverse of the first half, beginning with one bell called four times Before, its companion bell twice Before, and then the original bell three times Before, leaving the part end to be brought up with a bob at 2, which brings the second into the hunt, and an odd bell Before. Again this calling will produce touches in multiples of 518.

But now examine the bells Before and observe how symmetrical is their order. In the first half they work in the same order that they course in the Plain Course, and in the second half they are in the reverse order:—

First Half.			
Once.	Three Times.	Twice.	Four Times.
5	4	6	4
3	6	7	6
4	7	5	7
6	5	3	5
7	3	4	3
Second Half.			
Four Times.	Twice.	Three Times.	Once.
4	6	4	5
3	4	3	7
5	3	5	6
7	5	7	4
6	7	6	3

It is as well, when you have a series of bobs in similar place, to have, if you can find it, some easy 'landmark,' so that you will know when the last has been called. It does not always do to trust to memory. You may like to find your own checks, but here are some that are fairly easy to remember:—

In the first half, at the last of the block of three bobs, the 2nd, which is the 'fixed' bell in the peal, comes out of the hunt; at the last of the block of four, the 2nd goes into the Hunt (at the part end).

In the second half the 2nd is not so conveniently placed to be picked up quickly without some experience, and it is perhaps better to use another means. Thus, the bell that is Before at the part end goes into the Hunt at the last of the block of four bobs, and comes out of the Hunt at the last of the block of three. Incidentally, this is the bell that will be four times and three times Before in the next part.

If you want a check on the middle pair of Befores—and it may be useful in any case in the event of a trip—the bell that goes into and comes out of the Hunt at these two bobs, in both halves of the peal, is the bell which, in the plain course, is the bell naturally coursing after the one that is called Before. Thus it is the 7th when the 8th is twice Before; the 6th when the 4th is twice Before, and so on.

You may not want to call the whole of Holt's Ten-Part, but if you want practice at calling Grandsire Triples, it is a first-rate composition to begin on, because it is easy, and you can get various lengths in true touches.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Llangollen Parish Church, on August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect in memory of the late Rev. Merlin Davies, Vicar of the parish 1913 to 1928 and Rural Dean for 11 years: L. Charlton (longest touch) 1, J. Davies 2, N. Horspool 3, C. Ellis (longest touch 'inside') 4, J. Jones 5, J. W. Bailey 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, O. Downham 8.

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DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littleham on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Withycombe Raleigh (8). Service at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. G. Shelmerdine. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s., meeting to follow. Buses leave Exmouth for Littleham Village at 2.20 and 4.20 p.m.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Applications for tea (meat 1/6, plain 1/-) to Mr. G. Thompson, Sunnyside, Woodhall Road, Calverley, nr. Leeds, by first post, August 29th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pucklechurch, August 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Warmley, August 28th.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, August 29th, at 3 p.m.—J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) **AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North and East District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, August 29th. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. and after tea. St. St. Peter's (10) from 3 to 5 p.m. A service will be held in this church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Grange Hotel, St. Peter Street. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned would be very much appreciated. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HARPFORD, DEVON.—The ring of six, fixed in a new frame, by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton on Saturday, August 29th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. A hearty welcome extended to all members and friends.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., at 1/-. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at The Shrubbery House (by kind invitation of Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart.), 5.15. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles St., Petersfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (10) from 3. Service at 5 p.m., tea afterwards in Church House.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Caythorpe (8) August 29th.—G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stutton on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also at Holbrook (6) and Harkstead (6). Tea (9d. each) at the King's Head at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Members of the Essex Association are invited.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Church of St. Peter, Mountsorrel, to-morrow, Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on September 1st and 29th; St. Magnus on the 3rd and 17th; St. Andrew's on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. Special service at 7 o'clock to which ringers and friends are cordially invited. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Batley, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1/6) at 5 p.m. but please notify Mr. H. Burton, 3, Harrison's Yard, Upper Commercial Street, Batley, by Wednesday, September 2nd. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on Saturday, September 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1/- each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by August 31st.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please by Tuesday, Sept. 1st, certain.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1/3 per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The rededication of North Weald tower and bells, after complete restoration, will take place on Sat., Sept. 5th. Service at 3 p.m., conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Southend. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald, Essex, of their intention of being present.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept 5th. Bells available 3. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m., to be conducted by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea will be provided at ninepence each to all those who *notify directly* Mr. Percy Handley, Mill Lane, Kinver, Stourbridge, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st, and not to myself. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Thursday the 3rd.—F. Ridgwell, District Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone (8 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Deepcar, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 221, Hanover St., Sheffield 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Tingewick (5 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, September 1st.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Bräu, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. Barton Stacey bells also available. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in The Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney, at 5. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford (6 bells), on Saturday, September 5th. 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, September 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—(6 Bells). Meeting Saturday, September 5th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Excellent service of trains and buses from all parts.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Sat., Sept 5th, at North Muskham, Newark. Bells available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Miss K. Ballachey, Edgefield House, North Muskham, Newark, by September 3rd. Gentleman ringers welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton, St. Michael's (8), Christ Church (6), on Saturday, September 5th.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Saturday, September 5th (12 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Foulsham's, Market Place, at 5. Names or numbers for tea essential. All ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton, on Saturday, September 5th. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. Keevil bells available during the evening.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** AND **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District) AND **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, September 5th, at Egham. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing arrangements: Egham (8), 3 to 5 and after tea; Staines, St. Peter's (8), 3 to 4.30, and St. Mary's (8), 7.15 to 9; Wraysbury (8), 3.30 to 4.30. Names for tea to the respective hon. secretaries below by September 1st, please.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey; F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks; and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Bucks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Sunderland, on Wednesday, September 9th. Meet at Bishop Wearmouth at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. After tea meet at St. Ignatius. All ringers are welcome.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Special joint meeting of Macclesfield and Stockport branches at Macclesfield Parish Church (12 bells), on Saturday, 12th September. Full details later.—C. Kenneth Lewis, Joint Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Porthcawl, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryd View, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, on Saturday, September 12th, when the bells (8) which have been restored and rehung will be dedicated by the Bishop of Wakefield. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service of dedication

and thanksgiving 3. Tea 5, by kind permission of Canon and Mrs. Hone, in the Rectory, and tickets for same (1/- each) will only be allotted to those who notify Mr. L. W. Garbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Sept. 10th (this is important.) After tea ringers are invited to be guests of Councillor J. Rideal, Councillor H. Potter and Mr. C. D. Potter. The towers of Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be available if required by visitors.—F. Clark, M. Wilson, A. Panther, Hon. Secs.

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.—Re-dedication of recast 6th, 7th and tenor bells by Bishop Willis on Saturday, September 12th. Service 3.15 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9. Tea in Church Room; will those requiring same please advise me. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, near L.N.E.R. Station, Leicester.—A. Disney, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', St. Helen's on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. S. Burrows, 189, Exeter Street, St. Helen's. Special note: Canon Child will be present to say farewell to all ringers, as he leaves St. Helens at the end of September. Wigan Branch specially invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon, on Saturday, September 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's bells (6) available after tea. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 9th, certain.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dist. Sec., 7 Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford. (Please note change of address.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (at 9d. per head); those requiring please advise Mr. F. Terry, Farmer, Hemingbrough, near Selby, by Thursday, September 10th. Buses from Selby every hour.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern and North West Divisions.—A Wednesday meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, September 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Escrick, nr. York, on Sat., September 19th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held at the Village Institute at 4 p.m. Tea (1/6) at the Black Bull Inn at 5 p.m., and it is most important that all who intend to be present should notify Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, nr. York, by Tuesday, September 15th. The general meeting will be held at the Village Institute immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, nr. Rotherham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Worcester on Saturday, September 26th. Tickets (3s. each) are now available and may be obtained from the dinner committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. James', Clerkenwell.—All practice suspended until Friday, October 2nd.—A. W. Coles.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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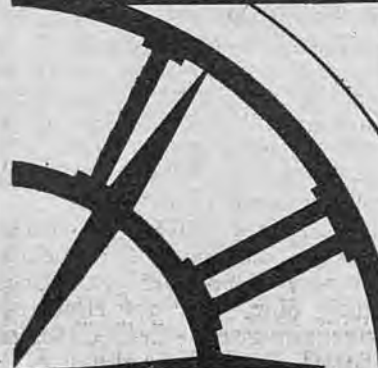
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CREDIT FOR FALSE PEALS?

The revelation of false peals which has just been made, with all the accompanying disappointment and the adjustment of records, both personal and general, has prompted a letter from the Rev. J. Maurice Turner which will be read with interest. Briefly, his contention is contained in the last sentence of his communication, 'If a band have faithfully followed the calling of the conductor and have brought the bells into rounds according to the composition, they should have the credit of the peal, true or false.' It is a suggestion which at first sight may seem to have some justification, but which, we think, on closer examination will be at once discarded by all those who regard 'truth' as the essential standard of a peal. While everyone will appreciate the fact that the ringing of a composition, whose falseness is discovered after its performance, is no reflection upon the actual ringers, throughout its long history the Exercise has never recognised anything but that which is strictly true, both in construction and execution, if we make an exception of trips in ringing which are speedily righted. To depart from this standard would, we are sure, be a mistake.

However well finished the performance might have been on the part of the ringers, a stigma at once attaches to anything that is afterwards proved false, whether it has been the fault of the composer or of the conductor. If an individual cares to delude himself by including false peals in his personal records, that is his affair, although, we imagine, he would fall considerably in the estimation of his fellows if they discovered it. But when it comes to the recognition of these things by associations, whose credit must always be above suspicion, it is another matter. It may not be possible to expunge the printed record of bygone days, but it is possible, and should be the invariable practice, to call attention to and withdraw as far as practicable, a performance which, in its truth, falls short of the recognised standards of centuries, whenever the discovery may be made. An individual can get no personal satisfaction from the knowledge of having rung a peal which was not true, whatever the cause; an association would not add to the honours gained for it in continuing to claim something which was known to be false.

There is also another and very strong reason, in our opinion, why all credit for the ringing of such peals should be given up. Their admission would be more than likely to lead to slovenliness in composition. The standards of to-day require the utmost punctiliousness on the part of the composer, a slackening of the demands would lead careless, not to say unscrupulous individuals to put out work which,

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as long as it could be rung before the discovery of its falseness was made, would receive credit which it did not merit. Moreover, one of the difficulties about false compositions is that of marking them down, to safeguard future ringers. Contemporaries may learn of the failings of a composition, but once it has been printed it seems impossible to take any step which will ensure that the peal will not be called again at some later date by another conductor. And if our correspondent's suggestion were to be adopted, why should not a repetition of the performance under such circumstances be admitted as a peal, just as it was originally, because the fault would be no more that of the ringers than it was in the first case? It may be unfortunate that, after men have expended their labours for three hours or more in ringing, perhaps a perfectly struck peal, they should have to sacrifice the record, but we feel sure that it is the only safe way of preserving to the Exercise the honourable status which is attached to a peal performance. And, as far as we are aware, while those who suffer may feel chagrined, they are ready to accept the position with the best grace they can command.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM 1	REGINALD PAYNE 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
THOMAS BROTHWELL 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 8
*NORMAN CHADDOCK 4	T. COLIN RYDER 9
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 5	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on ten bells. Kindly arranged for the conductor, from London, who was on holiday in the district.

NOTTINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER 1	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
JOHN E. HOBBS 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
FRANK BRADLEY 3	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 8
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH 9
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5	*CYRIL E. LANXON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER

* First peal of Royal. Arranged for ringers of 4, 5, 7 and tenor, who were on holiday in the district.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE 1	*WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT 6
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 7
*SAMUEL HOUNSLOW 3	*FRANCIS E. MAY 8
*FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 4	†GORDON CAUDWELL 9
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 5	†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. The conductor's 150th peal.

ASH, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, August 23rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Ogden 1, Miss M. A. Mansfield 2, Mrs. H. Ogden 3, E. Sherwood (conductor) 4, J. Barlow 5, F. Ellis 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by a local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. Treble	MRS. DORIS KELLY 5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
REGINALD LATHEBURY 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
This composition, No. 250, was rung for the first time.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT WATTS Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
GEORGE JORDAN 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Tuesday, August 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	*HORACE H. HILLIER 5
*HENRY G. OWEN 2	JAMES A. GLASS 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	Cecil W. PIPE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. W. C. Parker, the respected foreman of this tower.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 7 cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY 5
REV. C. CAREW COX 2	REV. E. V. COX 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 7
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY
First peal in the method on the bells.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	*HARRY HOSKINS 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	ALFRED G. HILL 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	FREDERICK J. COLLUM Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Oxford Major. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17½ cwt.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector (Dr. O. Hardman), also as a farewell, his last sermon as Rector being preached upon his birthday—August 30th.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 19½ cwt.

SEELFORD SPARROW Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
KEITH W. WHITTLE 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
Arranged as a compliment to Mrs. Phyllis Humphrey, whose birthday occurred on the above date.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY Treble	ARTHUR G. KING 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WILLIAM J. LEE 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 3	CHARLES F. SAYER 7
HENRY TOOKE 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Richard T. Woodley. The conductor's 300th peal for the Norwich Association and his first as a 'Benedict.'

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Chad,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 13 cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	ROWE HUXLEY 5
*ALFRED E. BARKER Treble	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 6
ROBERT SPERRING 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING 3	EDWARD PRICE Tenor
THOMAS PUGGE 4	

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Five 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
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WALTER DOBBIE 6
*CHARLES H. SONE 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 78). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE
* 175th peal together. 175th peal as conductor, also his 25th peal in this tower. The band extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality after the peal.**TOWER CLOCKS**Weight Driven or Electric by the
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 2	† CYRIL E. LAXON 5
* MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of three methods 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. Arranged for ringers of 1, 2 and 5, who are from Truro Cathedral, and 3rd from Exhall, Warwickshire.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Fairfield,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of St. Albans Delight, Wragby Delight, Neasden Delight, Sandal Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR HIBBERT Treble	ERIC ELLISON 4
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect and esteem for Mr. Robert Ashmore, 'father of the local band,' who was laid to rest earlier in the day at this church.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising a 720 each of Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

JAMES A. GLASS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 4
ALAN R. PINK 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William Birmingham and Miss Freda Lock, the ringers wishing them every happiness in their married life.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 28 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Stedman, eight of St. Simon's and ten each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 26 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	* CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 2	† FRANK PRICE 5
* STEPHEN LONG 3	* CHARLES H. LATHEY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five Doubles methods 'inside.' Arranged for Mr. Stephen Long, of Hollingbourne, Kent.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
CHARLES W. TAYLOR 2	JACK BRAY 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 3	ERNEST BRITAIN Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

DARFIELD, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, College Exercise, Norbury, Kingston, Capel and London Scholars (spliced), Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ARTHUR GILL 4
* WILFRED TIBBLE 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal in eight methods.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON Treble	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 4
JOHN A. BROWN 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

This peal was arranged and rung for the silver wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, whose kind hospitality in entertaining the ringers to supper was deeply appreciated.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven varied 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
* JAMES WOODYATT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Double Oxford Bob.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

* LEONARD BRAY Treble	* GEOFFREY F. D. PRAIT ... 4
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 5
FRANK MOLE 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Minor, also first of Minor as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. T. N. Crowther Green.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
* RAYMOND PECK 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which were rehung about 10 years ago. The peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. T. Woodley, of Lowestoft, on his 77th birthday. The band wish him 'many happy returns.'

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—On Sunday, August 30th, for matins, 720 Munden Surprise Minor, and for evensong 720 Canterbury Surprise Minor by R. Busby, W. Oliver, G. W. Park, R. Park, W. N. Park and R. T. Simpson. The first 720 in each method on the bells and by all the band.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*FREDERICK J. MARSH... .. 1	reble	WALTER H. POOLE 4
*TREVOR MARKS 2		WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*DOUGLAS W. RANSOM 3		*GILBERT W. RENDALL Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN C. BUCK 1	reble	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH 4
PERCY TOMPKINS 2		WILLIAM H. NORTH 5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 3		R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal as conductor in three methods and 50th peal. Rang after meeting short for Major.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure and ten six-scores of Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and 20 six-scores of Grandville with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

NORMAN A. ONER 1	reble	CYRIL S. WEST 4
*MRS. G. HUNT 2		CHARLES E. BASSETT 5
CECIL C. WRIGHT 3		ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal in more than one method.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At DUN A BHDILG,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2		EDWIN H. LEWIS 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4		RUPERT RICHARDSON 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

The first peal in the county of Argyll.

KILMORY KNAP, ARGYLL.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At DUN A BHDILG,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2		WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4		EDWIN H. LEWIS 7-8
		RUPERT RICHARDSON 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' The first ten-bell peal rung by the association.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 21, DEBDEN ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

LEONARD E. PITSTOW 1-2		WALTER AYRE 5-6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 3-4		*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 7-8

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

As was anticipated, the joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations at St. Albans on Saturday was well attended by members of both the organisations. It was estimated that over 60 ringers paid a visit to the Abbey or St. Peter's (or both) during the afternoon. A short but very bright service was held at St. Peter's Church at 5 o'clock, when the address was given by the Rev. W. Smith.

Tea was served in the garden at the Grange Hotel, about thrice as many turning up as had advised the secretaries! In the end, however, all were served. We can only hope the delinquents will think of the secretaries next time. Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who presided, was supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master) and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), of the Middlesex Association, and Mr. W. Nash (district secretary), Mr. W. Ayre (district secretary), Mr. B. Jarman, Mr. H. Goodenough, of the Herts Association, etc. The absence of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who sent a telegram conveying good wishes, was regretted.

Mr. Cartmel, after apologising for the absence of Mr. Gilbert Debenham, their treasurer, who was on holiday, welcomed the Middlesex Association. He said that the members of the two societies were not only neighbours, but they were friends, and were helpful to each other.

Mr. C. T. Coles replied, and took occasion to welcome several visitors from the provinces, including Mr. W. H. Southard (Truro), Mr. E. Jennings (Preston), Mr. G. Mayers (Norwich) and Messrs. G. L. Joyce and J. Cornford (Hornchurch). Mr. Coles reciprocated the good wishes of the chairman, and congratulated the Herts Association on the recent handbell successes by the Bushey ringers.

Mr. G. L. Joyce, on behalf of the visitors, expressed much pleasure in being present.

Votes of thanks to the Dean of St. Albans and the Vicar of St. Peter's, and to all others concerned, concluded the proceedings. Ringing took place at the Abbey during the afternoon and evening. Endeavours were made to give everybody an opportunity to ring, and rounds, Triples, Caters and Cinques were the order, under the guidance of Mr. H. Goodenough, assisted by Mr. C. T. Coles. At St. Peter's, in the afternoon, Mr. W. Nash and Mr. A. W. Coles looked after everybody, and made the most use possible of the time available for ringing.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT CALVERLEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley, on Saturday, when between 30 and 40 members availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting this delightful little township. The weather was glorious, and those who found it too hot for ringing were able to enjoy themselves in the beautiful little park, where an exciting cricket match contributed to their entertainment.

The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 o'clock except for a brief interval for tea. Members were present from Armley, Burley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley, Chesterfield and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower at 7.30, and in the absence of the president the chair was taken by Mr. H. Davison, vice-president.

Two new members were elected, viz.: Miss D. M. Roby, of Bramley, and Mr. A. Ashton, of Bradford Cathedral.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and local company was proposed by Mr. W. Jackson, seconded by Mr. F. Rayment.—Mr. C. Pratt, in replying for the local ringers, said how pleased they were to welcome the society to Calverley, and although some of them were now advancing in years, they were still able to enjoy the meetings, which, he said, contributed so much to the advancement of the Exercise.

Enquiring members were informed that Miss Olive Renton was making very favourable progress after her accident, and hoped soon to be amongst them again.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

The most popular peal of Grandsire Triples with conductors to-day is undoubtedly Mr. Joseph J. Parker's famous twelve-part. It is a classic, and it has been counted as a virtue that it can be so easily transposed that any bell may be used as the 'observation bell' to suit the physical ringing ability of the conductor. If he wants something bigger than the 6th, which is the fixed bell, in Mr. Parker's published figures, the conductor may call it off the 7th by beginning the peal at a different place; if he wants something lighter than the 6th, he can adapt the composition so that he can make one of the smaller bells the 'observation.'

If a 'conductor' must ring the observation bell, this facility for transposition may be convenient, but in no case is the transposition any improvement. Even the transposition, which was at first known as 'Groves' Variation,' which substituted the 7th for the 6th, and which, incidentally, was the form in which Mr. Parker himself first produced the peal, and which he discarded for what he considered a better form, has nothing to commend it over the original.

The point we are coming to, however, is, why bother about these transpositions when a study of the calling of peals and touches by the bells going into the Hunt or called Before will enable you to call the original Twelve-Part from any bell with very little, if any, extra trouble, and will certainly give you a much more interesting job.

The 6th, the fixed or observation bell, which comes back to its starting point at every part end, is called into only four positions, Before, In, Out, Home; but in eleven out of the fifteen calls in every part it is either Before, In or Out.

Last week we explained how to observe the bell coming Before or going into the Hunt. We need not, therefore, go into elaborate details again, but will remind you, briefly, that when you call a bell Before you watch for it to hunt down immediately in front of the treble and call the bob when it leads. The bell going into the Hunt is the bell with another (the one coming Before) between it and the treble, and the bob is, of course, called when the Before bell leads. The other calling places in Parker's peal are easily marked while ringing, and we will deal with them as we come to them.

Perhaps it will facilitate explanation if we set out the calling of the peal. Except where S indicates calling a single instead of a bob, all the lead ends given are leads where bobs have to be called, and the figure at the right-hand side shows the number of leads since the previous call.

234567 -

672453	2
536247	2
S 275436	1
642375	1
536742	1
S 725436	1
367542	2
* 423756	2
674523	1
426735	3
S 754326	1
267435	2
672435	4
546372	1
465372	4
Plain lead 423765	2

One of the 'beauties' of Parker's twelve-part from the conductor's point of view is the symmetry of the part-ends, which enables them to be easily memorised. The fixed bell, the 6th, of course, retains its place, at each part-end, 7 and 5 turn over, the three front bells transposition themselves, so that we get the following if the substituted Singles necessary to complete the peal are inserted in the 6th and 12th parts:

1. 423 765	4. 423 567	7. 432 765	10. 432 567
2. 342 567	5. 342 765	8. 243 567	11. 243 765
3. 234 765	6. 324 567	9. 324 765	12. 324 567

In addition there is another easy check upon the position of the bells in each part. At the bob Home, marked with an asterisk, it will be seen that the next part-end is produced, except that the 6th and the bell behind with it (either the 5th or 7th) are reversed in their dodging.

And now to the calling. First the 6th is called by bobs In and Out at 2. For the In you watch for it to hunt down with one bell between it and the treble. Just note that that bell is the 7th in the 'odd' parts, i.e., 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc., and the 5th in the 'even' parts. You can be sure of calling the 6th Out at 2, because this bob will bring the 5th In in the odd parts and the 7th In in the even parts.

The next four calls are at the next four consecutive leads, so that you actually have five calls in succession. The four calls bring the 6th Home with a Single, In, Out, Home with a Single. In the odd parts the 7th, in the even parts the 5th is concerned in these two singles, at the first making 3rd's place, at the second going into the Hunt.

The next call for the 6th is Before, and after that Home. You can mark this Home because it brings into the hunt the bell that will be

there at the next part end—this bob, in fact, producing what we may term in 'internal' part-end to which we have referred.

In and Out at 3 comes next. The In you will easily find (it is the next lead after the Home); you will know when the Out at 3 has to be called because it brings back into the Hunt the bell that was called Out when the 6th went in (it is again the bell that will be in the hunt at the part-end).

A single at Home comes at the next lead, and this is always made by 5 and 7, 7 going into the hunt in the odd parts and the 5th in the even parts.

Before, In and Out, Before, the last portion of the calling, should present no difficulty to alert conductors, but here are some points which may help to keep the bells right in this part of the peal. The bell in the hunt at the previous part-end goes into the Hunt at the first Before; the bell in the Hunt at the next part-end goes into the hunt at the second Before.

The first Before brings the 7th in the odd parts and the 5th in the even parts to course the 6th, and this coursing order is broken at the last Before by interposing the other of the pair, putting the 5th after the 6th in the odd parts and the 7th after the 6th in the even parts.

The part-end comes up two plain leads after the last bob, and the Single, which has to be inserted in the 6th and 12th parts, is called instead of a bob at the place marked with the asterisk.

As long as you have the capacity to memorise the part-ends, or to transposition them as you go, there should be no difficulty in the young conductor calling Parker's masterpiece in its original form, without having to bother about transpositions.

If you must call a transposition and select, say Groves', what we have said about the original can equally well be adapted to your transposition by substituting the 7th for the 6th and beginning from the 'internal' part-end.

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR FRIEND.

TEYNHAM RINGER DROWNED IN ATTEMPTING RESCUE.

The Teynham band of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association has lost one of its most promising young members as the result of a tragic accident.

On August 16th, Douglas Boorman, with his brother and a friend, was swimming when the friend, a fellow-chorister, got into difficulties and called for help. Douglas Boorman went to his aid, but, unfortunately, lost his life in company with his friend.

Boorman's younger brother tried to help both, but had to give up as he was also in danger of being drowned.

At the inquest the Coroner praised Douglas Boorman's pluck in going to the assistance of his friend, and in giving his life in an attempt to save him. He said no blame could be attached to the brother in having to give up.

Douglas Boorman had only been a ringer for 18 months, but was showing great promise.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Thursday, August 20th, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. B. Purser), and attended by the choir and ringers.

The bells were rung half-muffled on the following Sunday evening, when, in the course of his address, the Vicar spoke of the work in the church of both the youths, who had been members of the choir, while one had also been a ringer.

Much sympathy has been expressed to the parents of both boys, and in this, we are sure, our readers will join.

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PASSING OF MR. A. J. ROSE.**SUDDEN DEATH OF WYKE REGIS RINGER.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the passing of Mr. Alfred John Rose, captain of the Wyke Regis, Weymouth, band, whose end, at the age of 65 years, was tragically sudden. 'Alf,' as he was known to all his friends, rang both for matins and evensong on Sunday, August 23rd, when he was in his usual happy spirits. He did his usual day's work at his trade as a carpenter on the following day, Monday, at the end of which he walked home steadily, with his workmates. Arriving indoors, he was greeted by his wife, sat down and passed away immediately.

Mr. Rose had been a ringer at Wyke Regis Church for 45 years. When the present peal of eight was dedicated in May, 1891, he was one of the ringers who formed the new band, and had carried on faithfully ever since, only missing ringing twice every Sunday when illness prevented it. He was captain of the band for about 25 years and a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for about 33 years. He rang in the first peal—Grandsire Triples—on the bells at Wyke in September, 1905. Every Friday he looked forward to his copy of 'The Ringing World.'

The large number who gathered at Wyke Regis Church on Thursday week at the funeral was evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Rose was held. The Rector (the Rev. E. de Bassett Thurston) conducted the service. Representatives of the Foresters, deceased's fellow-workmen, members of the choir and servers and his brother ringers were present. The Wyke Regis ringers were represented by practically the whole band, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild by the Master (the Rev. H. R. Gundry), Messrs. G. T. White, J. T. Godwin, J. W. Smith and L. J. Noakes (St. Peter's, Dorchester) and the Dorchester Branch secretary. There were no flowers by request. Following the funeral service and again in the evening, half-muffled touches were rung on the bells he loved so well.

COLCHESTER RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred at Colchester on August 19th of Mr. William J. Schofield, who was 63 years of age and had been for many years a member of St. Peter's company of ringers.

On Tuesday, August 25th, at the funeral service, his brother ringers rang with the bells fully muffled the 'whole pull and stand.' Those taking part were Messrs. H. T. Pye, R. Cadamy, G. M. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Dent, R. W. Stannard, W. Chalk and E. P. Duffield. At the graveside a short touch on handbells was rung by Messrs. Rashbrook, Dent, Chalk and Duffield. Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, was also present.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED.**RINGERS' SOCIAL EVENING AT NETHERTON.**

On Saturday last, upwards of 20 members of the Dudley and District Guild met at the Bird in Hand for supper to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Green, of Old Hill, also the birthday of Mr. John Goodman and the wedding of Miss Mildred Sheppard and Mr. Don Secker. A bountiful repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Prestidge (the host and hostess) in their usual satisfactory manner. After the tables had been cleared, the rest of the evening was spent in conviviality, Mr. John Goodman, jun., being unanimously chosen to act as chairman.

The only toast given was that of 'The health of Mr. and Mrs. Green,' with good wishes for many more years of health and happiness. Mr. Green suitably replied.

Mr. Prestidge announced apologies from Mr. Churchwarden Cole, who regretted being unable to be present; also from Mr. Samuel Shaw, an ex-warden of Netherton Parish Church, who was unable to be present owing to continued illness.

Hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to his usual health and be amongst them again. Mr. Prestidge was asked to convey this message to Mr. Shaw, with the sympathy and respect of the company.

It is interesting to learn that Mr. Prestidge has just completed 36 years as a member of Netherton band of ringers, for several of which he has been captain and towerkeeper.

Several members of the party made good use of the handbells during the evening by ringing changes and playing tunes upon them. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Goodman for ably carrying out the duties of chairman, to Mr. and Mrs. Prestidge for the excellent way they had catered and to the ladies who assisted in making the evening a happy and enjoyable one.

DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES IN HERTS.*To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Mr. H. J. Tucker, published in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' regarding a peal of Darlston Bob Triples rung at Ware on August 8th last, I regret that a false claim was made for it, but as this method, seldom rung, was then first rung for the Hertford County Association, I naturally assumed it was the first in the county. The peals mentioned by Mr. Tucker, although rung in Herts, were under the auspices of the Essex Association.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

I think you will find, writes Mr. W. A. Cave, that the handbell peal in the train, to which you referred last week, was rung between Paddington and Stroud (not Bristol) on the occasion of a visit of the Royal Cumberland Youths to Painswick. I should like to add to yours my congratulations to the six-bell bands that are making history in the ringing of spliced peals.

The first peals in the county of Argyll were rung on handbells at Mr. E. H. Lewis' Scottish residence last week, when Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson paid a short visit to the Western Highlands. Other ringing visitors were the Central Council Librarian and one of the handbell wizards from Oxhey.

Between the arrival of the Master of the Lincoln Guild and his wife on Monday afternoon and their departure early on Wednesday, peals of Bob Major and Bob Royal were rung, and when they left 34 fish went with the peals into the Surfleet bag.

Mr. Richard T. Woodley, of Lowestoft ('Young Woodley' we believe his friends still call him), celebrated his 77th birthday last Saturday. He has created a record by ringing in a peal on his birthday for the last six successive years, and, incidentally, on the same bell. Yes, he is still 'Young' Woodley.

Mr. Nolan Golden, who conducted the birthday peal, has rung his 300th peal for the Norwich Association for the second time! Since he recorded it on the first occasion a peal at Salle has been withdrawn by the conductor, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

In the report of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at King's Norton on August 22nd, the name of the ringer of the 6th should have been William A. Stote, not Stone as printed; and Mr. Stote's name should also have appeared, instead of Stone, in the report of the peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Chilvers Coton on July 27th.

The 'bachelors' party,' with two or three married men to keep them in order, are spending an enjoyable week in Somerset in quest, principally, of peals.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It seems to me most unjust that a band of ringers, after working hard for three hours at a peal, tapping splendidly and delighting the ears of the listeners with good music, should suddenly be robbed of the honour, perhaps years after, because some 'nosey parker' has discovered the peal is false.

It makes one doubt whether any record of a peal can be accepted as true, and one feels like endorsing that modern beatitude, 'Blessed are they who are never found out.'

It is true the accepted definition of a peal is 'the true performance on bells of a true composition in any method of change ringing of not less than 5,040 changes,' but if a band have faithfully followed the calling of the conductor and have brought the bells into rounds according to the composition, they should have the credit of the peal, true or false, and claim the tablet.

J. MAURICE TURNER.

Moulton Vicarage, Northants.

VILLAGE BELL RESTORATIONS.

HOW BARRON BELL TRUST COULD HELP.

A Suffolk correspondent, who is also a churchwarden, writes expressing agreement with the leading article which appeared in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' with regard to bell restorations in needy parishes. He mentions instances in his own area, a poor agricultural district, of bells badly requiring restoration, where help would have encouraged local effort and make the carrying out of proposed schemes possible. As it is, the full burden of the cost is too great to be undertaken by the parishes concerned.

Our correspondent also complains of the conditions which are sometimes imposed upon Church authorities in having to preserve an ancient bell in the church; failing which the restoration cannot be carried out. Often, he says, these bells are cracked and have nothing to recommend them as ornaments, but because a parish cannot raise sufficient additional money to purchase a new bell, instead of recasting the old, the peal of bells in the tower has to remain in a neglected state, or retain a bell which absolutely spoils the effect of the rest, and often makes the restoration almost valueless.

He quotes the case of his own church, where there are four bells, but the second (undated) is so badly cracked as to be unusable. The fourth, a pre-Reformation bell, is nearly as bad. At present the parishioners hear, 1 — 3, cracked 4. 'Can you imagine the effect?' he says.

Quite recently a former Rector died and left £100 to be spent on the bells. But the authorities decline to allow the fourth, about 8 cwt., to be recast. If it is not left in situ, it must be preserved in the church, so a scheme to make the third the tenor, recast the second, recast the fourth into two trebles and make a ring of five is frustrated, as the provision of the additional sum required to provide the two new bells is too big a job for this small parish to embark upon.

In cases like these the Barron Bell Trust could be of immense help.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

BUSINESS BEGINS IN CO. DURHAM.

BY W. H. FUSSELL.

The peal columns of 'The Ringing World' last week reveal 14 successful attempts made in a programme of 15 towers that were visited in Durham and Northumberland during the octave August 15th to 22nd. It was practically 'Bennett's annual' ringing tour, with several old ringing friends making up the holiday party of 'twelve apostles' of the Exercise. Early in the year inquiry was set afoot in the area covered by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, when kind offers of welcome to the North were fully confirmed by the happy experience of the whole party on the tour.

Thanks to the assistance of Major F. A. Yorke and Mr. C. L. Routledge, respectively, the Cathedral authorities of Durham and Newcastle placed their towers at our disposal. Thanks also to Messrs.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL TOWER.

Peals in this noble tower are rare. The tourists rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells, after a narrow escape through the rope being jerked out of the tenorman's hands.

W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson, a fine list of belfries to be visited was planned, and the latter gentleman further contributed to the success of the tour by kindly supplying each member of the party with a detailed programme that saved many anxieties and doubts as to 'where and when' and how to get there?

Day by day the routine went through without any serious incident—no broken rope, no absent towerkeeper and no interruption for wedding or funeral.

On several occasions during the week a telephone call from Jesmond Road inquired, 'How did you fare to-day?' and the usual reply was '100 per cent. up.' I began to think the whole team would return to their homes like the famous Cock o' the North.

Private cars from Wycombe and Shadwell Heath carried seven men and the railway the remainder, the whole assembling at headquarters, the Queen's Hotel, Newcastle, between 6 and 7 p.m. on Friday, August 14th. After the long ride through half a dozen counties (276 miles from London), we sat down to supper at 8 o'clock. The local Press had reported our coming in the 'Evening News,' and referred to men of '1,000 peals' and the Australian tourists that were with the team.

Mr. C. L. Routledge hoped we would enjoy our visit and provided refreshment, and was supported by Messrs. Keen, Barber, Davidson, Adam Deas and R. and J. Anderson. They kindly formed a 'quorum' so that eight of our visitors could be proposed for life membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association. The fees paid and copies

of the annual reports were exchanged and the election 'clinched' with a pair of Newcastle longs, as the hotel poker was too short to handle. After this business was completed there was mutual conversation ending only by threatening to send some of the new members 'home' for breach of training regulations. However, beds were taken by eleven o'clock.

On Saturday, breakfast at 8, away at 9, to Sunderland, which was reached at 10 a.m. We were met by the clergy and Mr. J. W. Parker, Messrs. Patterson, Taylor and the verger. The first peal attempt was successful, not without some risk of a failure, caused by two interruptions; first a note for the ringers was brought to the belfry. Was it illness? Were we to stop? Next two pressmen came anxious to interview the ringers in the midst of ringing Surprise Major! Those not ringing went to Whitburn Bay for a couple of hours and saw a huge cargo vessel, the 'Birkley,' stranded high and dry on the rocks, after a recent gale, and likely to become a total wreck.

A NARROW ESCAPE AT DURHAM.

Luncheon at Newcastle, and then to Durham Cathedral, reached about 4 o'clock (ten men in two cars). Mr. James Shepherd had cycled from Newcastle and had already 'kissed' the tenor before we arrived, but Mr. Simpson came late (delayed train service), and showed his affection for her in a more vigorous manner. I wonder how many 'fairy tales' these two men could tell us about some of the big bells they have tackled? We received a welcome from the Bell Major, Mr. H. Oliver, the steeplekeeper, and Major F. A. Yorke. And what a climb to the belfry of this noble Norman tower! And what a man's job to ring the back bells—on ball bearings—tenor 30 cwt., hung in a swaying mass of stone! Messrs. Patterson and Simpson, who have each turned her in to Major, do not seek to repeat the task. This was a good performance for striking, marred by a few blows, some half-hour before the end, caused by the tenor rope folding over the sally guide and wrenching the rope out of the ringer's hands. This he recovered in a marvellous manner and soon had the bell righted. On leaving the tower we were invited to the County Hotel for refreshment by Major Yorke, and were joined by Messrs. Barber, Keen and Pickering and our 'unemployed' four men. They were all highly amused to hear of Mr. Bennett's emulation of the Coldstream Guards after two hours' ringing. When the braces gave way he looked every bit a 'braw laddie' without the sporran. We sympathised with him in his efforts to hitch up the trews and carry out the 'full work in front' in Cambridge—very much Surprise—Major. The County was left at 9, the Queen's reached at 10, beds by 11 p.m. and our first day's work was done.

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'Thy pews have seen an everchanging life,
Yet on them, still, the chequered sunlight falls,
May vandals touch thee not, but keep thee whole,
That men unborn here, too, may find their soul.'

(Chester-le-Street Parish Magazine.)

Service ringing 10 to 11 and Cathedral service 11 to 12 occupied our Sunday morning. In the ringing room was a strong muster of ringers, the local men courteously standing down for the twelve visitors to ring Stedman Cinques. Other touches followed in which all took some part, conducted by W. H. Barber.

There is a bourdon bell of 5 tons 18 cwt. for the clock hours, erected in 1891, when the bells were restored and the old eight bells replaced by a heavier peal of ten. The trebles added in 1912 make an excellent job of the whole. An early peal record, printed on silk, is framed and dated December 8th, 1848: 'Rung on the eight splendid bells of this magnificent tower in 2 hours 55 minutes, being the quickest peal ever recorded, tenor 36 cwt.' This was composed by Thurstan, of Birmingham, and conducted by Stephenson, a pioneer of change ringing in Newcastle. It was the first peal on the bells since the Jubilee of George III. A similar peal was conducted by John Cox, of London, in 1842. I wonder what took him to Newcastle?

In the afternoon a pleasant drive to St. Margaret's, Tanfield, where the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in County Durham was rung. During the journey the country scenery was 'relieved' by mountainous piles of coal slag, the accumulation of years, resembling in the distance Mount Vesuvius. We came to the conclusion that it would not be wise to send coals to Newcastle. Three hundred years ago these fields supplied the City of London, carried by sea, and one of its citizens, when leaving a charity to the poor of St. Olave's parish, specified the best 'Newcastle' coal. Who knows? Perhaps the Great Fire of London was started by a little piece of Newcastle?

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ON THE TYNE.

Don't be late in the morning was an unnecessary overnight request, and with a big day in front of them everyone turned out early on Monday morning. Breakfast at 8, garage, near Central Station, 9, and away by train and car to North Shields. Opposite our garage is an hotel named the 'Durham Ox' in large gold lettering. As Simpson happened to be beside me, I inquired if he felt envious? 'Not now. . . .' Arriving at Christ Church, we were met by local friends, who had nuzzled the bells in readiness for our peal of Cambridge Royal, and here I had the unique privilege of 'trebling' to the famous quartette of 'Georges,' elbow to elbow, in the peal. The Giffon band came here one practice night, scored the plain course

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LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL TOWER.

PROBABLY FIVE YEARS BEFORE IT IS COMPLETED.

The skyline of Liverpool Cathedral, writes a correspondent in the last issue of the 'Sunday Times,' has undergone a great change. A 250ft. temporary steel tower containing a passenger lift for the use of workmen has been completed alongside the unfinished vestry tower. The large single crane, which for years lifted the huge red stones of the tower into position, has disappeared, and in its place are two smaller cranes perched on top of the belfry.

The Vestey tower, named after the family who gave £250,000 towards its cost, has reached a height of 190ft., and the steel 'bridge,' which has to take the Cathedral's peal of bells, has now disappeared behind its rising masonry.

While the upper part of this tower piles skyward, workmen are engaged on the central space beneath. There is much work to be done on the western part of the interior, and 18 months or two years may elapse before it is possible to pull down the temporary wall that divides the part of the Cathedral now in use, the choir, the northern and southern aisles, and the north-east and south-east transepts.

When the present portion of the Cathedral is completed, it will be possible for 2,000 to be seated facing east, and hundreds more worshippers will be able to find seats in the four transepts. It is 32 years since the foundation stone was laid by King Edward VII. It will probably be five years before the tower is completed.

In anticipation of the installation of a ring of twelve bells, of which it is expected the tenor will weigh 4 tons, a reinforced concrete frame has been built into the structure.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S 'WEEK.'

The Cambridge University Guild's annual gathering is in progress this week. Those taking part met at Wokingham on Monday. On Tuesday they visited Reading, inspected the Jenkyn Memorial at St. Anne's College, Caversham, and also visited Sonning.

Wednesday's programme included ringing at Warfield, Windsor, Bray, Henley and Twyford; yesterday was spent at Oxford, and to-day the party are in Surrey, visiting Shere, Albury and Guildford.

ACCIDENT TO RYDE RINGER.

A most unfortunate accident befell Mr. Harry H. Flower, a member of the band of ringers at All Saints' Church, Ryde, who resides at Capra, Melville Street, Sandown, I.W.

About midday on Saturday he was returning home, and had almost reached his house when, in trying to avoid another cyclist and motorist, he applied his brakes sharply, and as a result was thrown off his bicycle and, in striking the stone kerbing, received a compound fracture of the left leg and ankle.

He was conveyed by ambulance to the Royal I.W. County Hospital at Ryde, where he is receiving treatment, and this will probably be his temporary address for several weeks.

When visited on Sunday, Mr. Flower was found to be fairly cheerful, and said, 'Things might have been worse.'

His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

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and rang a similar peal on the next Saturday, in the days of Whitley's glory.

North Shields and Tynemouth on the River Tyne are adjoining centres of industry, and it was good to hear of busy works and increased employment throughout the diocese. Our muffled ringing echoed the sympathy of the whole of Tyneside in the bereavement of His Worship the Mayor by the death of Mrs. Armstrong. At the same time, we felt sorrow for our conductor, Mr. F. Bennett, who had so recently suffered a similar loss.

Press and picture men invaded the belfry for 'copy' and we hurried across the road. Friends of the 1925 tour up North will be pleased to know the Old Hundredth Inn still carries on—ancient and modern—but we need not have hurried to get in by two o'clock (as they did), as the hour of closing is now 3 p.m. I could not help noticing during the week that Gabriel's 'lemonade' was always black and had a nice creamy head.

The old Parish Church of Tynemouth was the nave of Tynemouth Priory, from which the worshippers were shut out during the Commonwealth. During that time they met in a brewery at Chirton, belonging to Ralph Gardiner. On July 5th, 1688, the new church was consecrated by 'Ye Rt. Rev. Father in God, John, Lord Bishop of Durham.' The tower was built in 1786, and the first set of bells, six in number, was lost at sea. A second set was given by Mr. Joseph Storey in 1787. The church is at least the eleventh structure in direct succession from the little wooden church built by King Edwin on Tynemouth promontory in 627.

Monkseaton and Whitley Bay are all one; the place has grown remarkably in 12 years. The bay, with broad sands and safe bathing, is easily reached by electric train from Newcastle. We arrived late at St. Paul's Church owing to Carrick's refreshment cafe being crowded out with seaside holiday people taking lunch. We were met by members of the Goffin family and Mr. Stratford, and, when the bells had been raised, a good peal of London was rung, almost without Williams, he having gone a mile the wrong way for the church. Two in one day, George, at 79 years of age. Steady, boy, or you'll make James George and Robert Brundle awfully jealous of you.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BELL RESTORATION IN DORCHESTER BRANCH.

In glorious weather a very successful meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at West Lulworth on Saturday, August 22nd, and attracted a good number of ringers and friends. This place, with its noted cove on the Dorset coast, is looked upon as one of the beauty spots of England.

The bells (8), also those of Wool, were available from 3 p.m., and good practice was carried out, although some of the ringers found the light peal of six at Wool, hung on ball bearings, rather difficult to handle. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Sharpe). The chairman of the district (the Rev. A. W. Markby) read the lesson, and the address was given by that ardent change ringer, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Vicar of East Lulworth, who took for his text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it in the Name of Christ Jesus.' The preacher spoke of change ringing as a hobby and as part of the service of the Church. Some ringers, he said, thought of it only as a hobby which could only be pursued in the church because the bells were there. Others thought of it as only a part of the service and that it did not much matter what methods you rang or whether you rang anything but call-changes. Both these, he said, were wrong. The ideal ringer was the one who tried to be as proficient as possible in the art of change ringing and never lost sight of the fact that he was helping in the service of God's Church. He noted with pleasure that in the new district into which he had recently come there was a real spirit of devotion among the ringers and that the services at meetings were reverently and well attended.

Tea was served in the Reading Room, where 54 ringers and friends sat down. A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. A. W. Markby.

The secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) reported that he hoped to arrange a ringing practice at Abbotsbury and probably at Wyke Regis. There would be a meeting at Wool for the unveiling of the memorial tablet to the late captain, Mr. H. A. Runyard.

The Chairman gave the visitors a very warm welcome and expressed thanks to the Vicar, to the Rev. R. P. Farrow for his excellent address, to the lady helpers, to the local band and to their secretary for making such excellent arrangements.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar and the Rev. R. P. Farrow replied.

The Ringing Master (Mr. P. Field) said he had been to Mappowder and had found the bells there were in a very dilapidated condition. They bore the date 1735, and he appealed to the Guild for support in putting them in good ringing condition.—The Secretary said he saw no reason why this could not be done, and quoted what had been done in Dorset during the past 25 years.

Mr. Field went on to say he had suggested to the Vicar that he should apply to the Barron Bell Trust.

After an interesting discussion, in which the Rev. R. P. Farrow stated amidst loud laughter that his bells also wanted to be augmented, it was resolved that the secretary write to the Vicar of Mappowder on the subject.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Puddletown, Sydling, Stratton, Upwey, East Lulworth, West Lulworth, Wool and Wyke Regis. There were welcome visitors from Hazelbury-Bryan, Poole R.T.C., North Cadbury and Greenwich.

Both towers were visited after tea, and further good practice was obtained, the methods rung being Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire.

A MID-WEEK JOINT PRACTICE.

On Thursday, August 20th, a joint practice of the Dorchester and West Dorset Branches was held at Whitechurch Canonorum, near Bridport. This mid-week practice provided an opportunity for those members who cannot get off on Saturdays to attend the ordinary meetings. An excellent practice was obtained, about 20 members being present. The Dorchester and Lyme Regis bands were well represented. Mr. G. R. Cross rode from Twyford, Reading, to attend this practice, a distance of over 200 miles for the return journey. Other visitors present were Messrs. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; H. G. Herrington, London; W. Marsh Pyle, Shepton Mallet; S. Long, Hollingbourne, Kent; and G. O. Woodley, Sidmouth.

The eight bells were raised at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the Five Bells. Practice was afterwards resumed until 7 p.m., when Bridport was visited. There the practice concluded at 9 o'clock. Some members were overjoyed at ringing their first real touch (504) of Stedman Triples.

This was voted an enjoyable afternoon and evening practice on two very fine peals of eight. Whitechurch Canonorum is situated in the heart of Marshwood Vale, and the bells are heard to great advantage.

VETERANS' BIRTHDAY

As a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elliott, of Kelvedon, Essex, there was some special ringing at St. Mary's Church on Sunday. For evensong a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung by N. Steed (age 14) (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Papworth (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, C. W. Burton 3, J. Elliott 4, A. Mason (conductor) 5, C. Button 6. After evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, C. W. Burton 2, W. T. Elliott 3, J. Elliott 4, A. Mason (conductor) 5, C. Button 6.

JAMES BARHAM.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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Most of what we know about Barham is derived from a book which he wrote and in which he records the peals he and his band had rung, and other of their doings, with some comments on rival companies. In his old age he gave it to William Holland, of Leeds, and shortly afterwards it was in the possession of W. Laver, of Fulham, but in the course of time it disappeared. A copy was made by John Naunton, of Ipswich, in 1866, and that, too, is lost, but a transcript of Naunton's copy by Samuel Slater in 1867 still remains. It seems that Naunton did a certain amount of editing with the idea of making Barham's meaning clearer. During Barham's lifetime a broadsheet was published by Hall and Son, of Maidstone, giving a list of performances, and an imprint of it is in the British Museum. This professes to be 'a nearly correct copy,' but some emendations are said to have been necessary.

Once or twice the College Youths came in contact with the Leeds Youths. In 1775 the former lost a peal of Bob Major at Rye, after about an hour's ringing, and Barham's band followed them and broke down after ringing 4,768 changes of Kent Treble Bob. In 1770 the College Youths rang 5,056 Oxford Treble Bob at Sevenoaks, and the Leeds men followed it up with 5,184 in the same method. Barham says that the College Youths 'turned 5 bells out of course, which is not allowed.' Exactly what he meant is not clear. To say that the bells were 'out of course' was the same thing, in old phraseology, as saying that there had been a shift, and so it looks like an assertion that the London men got in a muddle and either called or forced the bells home. But that is hardly likely, for the College Youths' standard of peal ringing was a high one, higher than that of the Kent men.

Between Barham's band and the Wye ringers there was a great deal of rivalry, each claiming to be the leading company in Kent. On May 22nd, 1749, the Leeds men rang 5,040 Bob Major at Faversham, and 'the Wye ringers were here at the same time, but rang nothing to talk of at all.' In 1763 the others rang '5,184 Oxford Treble Bob on that celebrated peal of eight bells at Ashford. The truest and best ringing I ever heard for so long a time. Wye ringers at the same time was there and rang a short bit or two, but very badly indeed.' A match was arranged between the two bands to ring for half a guinea a man. In February, 1755, the Wye men visited Leeds. The local band rang 5,040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 10 minutes 'at the first trial,' and the others 'about 2,160 of the same peal though very badly.' Three months later the return match was held at Wye, when Barham's band rang a peal of Plain Bob, 'so we beat them both at home and at Wye, to the great dishonour of that company.'

In 1757 6,720 of Morning Pleasure was rung at Leeds, and in 1763 5,184 of the same method. In 1765 5,400 of Morning Pleasure Royal was rung. The method is a poor one, being Oxford Treble Bob spoilt by making thirds when the treble is lying full behind, and these seem to be the only recorded peals by any band save one at Ashford by the local band in 1768. In 1766 5,056 of Morning Exercise Major was rung at Leeds, and in 1775 5,184 of New Morning Exercise. Morning Exercise is Oxford Treble Bob above the treble and Cambridge Surprise be-

low. New Morning Exercise is probably Kent instead of Oxford. The method is very false, and it is certain that none of these peals was true, nor for that matter were any of the Treble Bob peals rung by Barham's band. Fulham Triples was another method rung, though it does not appear on the broadsheet.

A performance of more than usual interest was one of 5,088 changes of New Oxford Treble Bob at Leeds on June 5th, 1775. A note in the peal book says, 'and never rung before'; and this seems to have been the first peal of Kent Treble Bob ever rung. In 1784 peals of Kent Royal were rung at Leeds and Maidstone under the name of New Oxford. The Kent variation of Treble Bob was the one important contribution of Barham and his band to the development of ringing. It was taken to London, and, although the metropolitan ringers did not adopt it for many years, it was given in the 'Clavis.' Provincial bands in the Midlands and the North began to practise it, and in the early days of the 19th century it almost entirely superseded Oxford, except in the Eastern Counties, where the older variation continued to be almost exclusively rung on eight bells down to the close of the century. In the 'Clavis' it is called New Treble Bob, and Shipway was the first who printed it with the name Kent, but probably it was a title that the London ringers naturally and unthinkingly adopted from the place of its origin.

James Barham lived to a great age and died on January 14th, 1818, in his ninety-third year. He was buried in Leeds Churchyard, and his tombstone records that from the year 1744 to the year 1804 he rang in Kent and elsewhere 112 peals, not less than 5,040 changes each peal, and called the bobs for most of the peals. He actually rang two peals after the record was made, and his last was in 1813, when he was 88 years old, which is probably a record age for any peal ringer. In his ninety-second year he rang the treble to a touch of five hundred of Treble Bob Major.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT ASHMORE.**APPRECIATION OF A BUXTON RINGER.**

It is with a deep sense of loss that I pen these few words of appreciation of the worth of Mr. Robert Ashmore, of Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, who entered into higher service on August 20th. Of a cheerful and sympathetic disposition, he was held in high regard by all who came into contact with him.

Originally a ringer at Christ Church, Burbage, Buxton, he had for a long period been connected with St. Peter's, Fairfield, where, in spite of indifferent health, he was instrumental in bringing a young band to the stage of Spliced Minor ringing, and his helpful and kindly manner will be greatly missed in the Fairfield belfry.

He was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild and had rung several peals under its auspices, his last peal having been rung on June 6th, 1936.

He was laid to rest at Fairfield on Monday week, and in the evening six fellow-members of the Chester Guild rang a half-muffled peal as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held. C. K. L.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

MELKSHAM.—On August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Harold Smith (first attempt for quarter-peal) 1, S. R. Cockell 2, J. Jefferson 3, R. H. Legg 4, A. J. West 5, W. C. West (conductor) 6, W. S. Burbridge 7, F. G. Doddimead 8.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 22nd, at All Saints', 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. C. H. Connolly 1, R. Philpott 2, A. T. Greenwood 3, R. Overy 4, A. W. Myers 5, T. G. Myers 6, F. S. Bayley 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Specially arranged for the ringers of 5 and 6, who hail from Plymouth, this being their first touch in the method. It was intended to attempt a peal, but time did not permit.

GOUDHURST, KENT.—On Saturday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ralph E. W. Wenban (first quarter-peal and aged 15) 1, T. E. Sone 2, E. Bishop 3, W. Wenban (conductor) 4, L. Jarvis 5, W. Gorrings 6, J. Powell 7, S. Etheridge (first quarter-peal) 8.

AUGHTON RINGERS IN CHESTER.

On Saturday, August 15th, the ringers of Christ Church, Aughton, together with Messrs. Martin and Bennett, of Bootle, and Mr. Gil-mour, of Liverpool, journeyed to Chester in response to the kind invitation of Mr. Percy Swindley, jun. The party were met at the station, and proceeded to the Cathedral, where Mr. Swindley's father, as well as Mr. G. Sperring, Mr. Sam Jones, jun., and others, were waiting to assist with the ringing. Various methods were brought home in good style, and, after about an hour's ringing, 'Good-bye' was said to this peal of eight with the hope that at some future date there will be two more bells. The whole company then went on to Eccleston, where Mr. Jones was waiting with everything in readiness, and some good ringing was enjoyed on this tip-top ring.

After tea, steps were pointed to St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, and this was where the fun started. It is necessary to negotiate an upright step ladder about 40ft. high to get to the belfry here, and at least one of the party would not try his hand as a human spider, so only about three short touches were rung at this tower before going to the other St. Mary's. This one is at Handbridge. It was here that the best ringing of the day was enjoyed, a touch of spliced Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Little Bob being rung in excellent style, and at 9 p.m. the bells were dropped in peal to bring to a conclusion a grand day spent round Chester with some fine bells and no less fine company. Messrs. Brown and company wish to thank all the towerkeepers and the friends who accompanied them to the various towers for all the enjoyment they had, and Mr. Percy Swindley will ever be thought of in connection with the day.

YOUTHS' HALF-DAY OUT.

Willesborough and District Youths' annual outing, a half-day run, provided them with an enjoyable excursion round about Maidstone. They first called at Boxley, where they were received by Mr. Gosling, and rang Treble Bob, etc., on the handy little six. At Snodland, the next call, the bells had been got up ready for the visitors by Mr. Wanstall, and an hour's good ringing was put in. Going on to Mere-worth, where Messrs. Saunders and Newman were waiting on the sidewalk, the bells were raised in peal, and further touches rung. After the bells had been lowered, there was a hunt for a missing hal, which was eventually found in the hand of another Youth, who is a 'part-time No-Hatter.' Tea at the Torrington and then away through by-ways and hedges to East Peckham, where the Rector and some of the locals welcomed the visitors. Soon the fine old six were going in Oxford, etc., but whether it was the tea, the tomatoes or the tarts, no one can tell, but the ringing was not quite up to standard, and one Youth seemed more interested in Kate (or was it Margaret?) cleaning the brass, than in ringing. At Staplehurst the bells were rather a 'lumpy' lot for boys. Grandsire and Stedman were not so bad; but of the Major, 'nuff sed.' Home was eventually reached after an enjoyable round run of 70 miles, which included five towers visited and eight methods rung. 'Not so dusty,' says our correspondent, 'for Youths ranging from 13 to 70 odd.' He adds that the Youths wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents, towerkeepers and all who helped to give them such an enjoyable time.

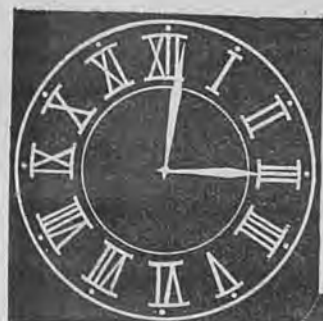
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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on September 29th; St. Magnus' on the 17th; St. Andrew's on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. Special service at 7 o'clock to which ringers and friends are cordially invited. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Batley, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1/6) at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on Saturday, September 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1/- each).—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padibam on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stich, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The rededication of North Weald tower and bells, after complete restoration, will take place on Sat., Sept. 5th. Service at 3 p.m., conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Southend. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald, Essex, of their intention of being present.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30.—F. Ridgwell, District Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone (8 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Deepcar, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 221, Hanover St., Sheffield 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Tingewick (5 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton, on Saturday, September 5th. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. Keevil bells available during the evening.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Saturday, September 5th (12 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Foulsham's, Market Place, at 5. Names or numbers for tea essential. All ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brau, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. Barton Stacey bells also available. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney, at 5. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, September 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Sat., Sept 5th, at North Muskham, Newark. Bells available 3 p.m. Gentlemen ringers welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton, St. Michael's (8), Christ Church (6), on Saturday, September 5th.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—Meeting tomorrow, September 5th at Haddenham, Cambs. Please come and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

FIRST NEWS, COPYRIGHT RESERVED.—Abbots Langley, Herts Association.—Saturday, September 5th. Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Excellent bus service from Watford or St. Albans. Trains: King's Langley nearest station (1 mile). **SPECIAL.** The peal tablet recording the first peal by local band will be opened during the meeting.—C. H. Horton, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** AND **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District) AND **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, September 5th, at Egham. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing arrangements: Egham (8), 3 to 5 and after tea; Staines, St. Peter's (8), 3 to 4.30, and St. Mary's (8), 7.15 to 9; Wraysbury (8), 3.30 to 4.30.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey; F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks; and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Bucks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Sunderland, on Wednesday, September 9th. Meet at Bishop Wearmouth at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. After tea meet at St. Ignatius. All ringers are welcome.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon, on Saturday, September 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's bells (6) available after tea. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 9th, certain.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dist. Sec., 7 Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford. (Please note change of address.)

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Porthcawl, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, on Saturday, September 12th, when the bells (8) which have been restored and rehung will be dedicated by the Bishop of Wakefield. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service of dedication and thanksgiving 3. Tea 5, by kind permission of Canon and Mrs. Hone, in the Rectory, and tickets for same (1/- each) will only be allotted to those who notify Mr. L. W. Garbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Sept. 10th (this is important.) After tea ringers are invited to be guests of Councillor J. Rideal, Councillor H. Potter and Mr. C. D. Potter. The towers of Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be available if required by visitors.—F. Clark, M. Wilson, A. Panther, Hon. Secs.

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.—Re-dedication of recast 6th, 7th and tenor bells by Bishop Willis on Saturday, September 12th. Service 3.15 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9. Tea in Church Room; will those requiring same please advise me. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, near L.N.E.R. Station, Leicester.—A. Disney, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, St. Helen's on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. S. Burrows, 189, Exeter Street, St. Helen's. Special note: Canon Child will be present to say farewell to all ringers, as he leaves St. Helens at the end of September. Wigan Branch specially invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (at 9d. per head); those requiring please advise Mr. F. Terry, Farmer, Hemingbrough, near Selby, by Thursday, September 10th. Buses from Selby every hour.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Motcombe on Saturday, September 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Semley bells available during evening, also Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury (½ hour each). For tea please notify by September 8th.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

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

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bunbury (8 bell-) on Saturday, September 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by September 9th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.) on Saturday, September 12th. Tea will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel, at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, September 9th.—J. Reed, Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guiseborough, Yorks.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bickleigh on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea by Monday, September 7th, to R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Poges on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 2.30 to 5 p.m. Bus passes church for Slough 5.14 p.m., for tea, 1s. Slough tower (8) open 7 to 9 p.m. Buses from Slough station to Stoke Poges, 2.7, 2.49, and 3.19 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Miss K. Bradford, 19, Radnor Gardens, Twickenham, by Tuesday, September 8th.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The meeting will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, September 12th, when a good attendance is requested. Bells available from 3.30. Any person capable of handling a rope cordially welcome.—J. Porter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Keyston, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held on September 12th at Todmorden Parish Church, bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Will members please make an effort to attend, and thus ensure a successful meeting?—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Send your card now to Mr. Cyril Wanstall, Pentire, The Groves, Snodland, if you require tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malt House, Egerton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Burton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. L. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield & Stockport Branches.—Special joint meeting at Macclesfield Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please inform Mr. W. Stevenson, 102, Paradise St., Macclesfield. All welcome.—C. Kenneth Lewis, Joint Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sunday, Sept. 6th, at 10.15 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand. Practices on September 14th and 28th at 7.30 p.m. at St. Clement Danes and St. Mary, Lambeth, on Sept. 29th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern and North West Divisions.—A Wednesday meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, September 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

THORNCOMBE, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 19 cwts.), rehung in a new frame and tenor recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury, on Thursday, September 17th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, by kind permission of the Rector at 5.30. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15th. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting is at Salle on Saturday, September 19th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at The White Horse. Service, probably, at 4.15. The presentation of gifts to me on the occasion of my marriage will take place at this meeting, and I hope as many as possible will be present.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Codshall on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Spinney. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports are ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, September 15th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The delayed Summer meeting will now be held at Hanbury on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector; 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify me by Tuesday, September 15th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcestershire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Escrick, nr. York, on Sat., September 19th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held at the Village Institute at 4 p.m. Tea (1/6) at the Black Bull Inn at 5 p.m., and it is most important that all who intend to be present should notify Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, nr. York, by Tuesday, September 15th. The general meeting will be held at the Village Institute immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, nr. Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alderton on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, kindly given by the Rector (Rev. J. C. L. Raikes), at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by September 16th?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—An open meeting on Saturday, September 19th, in connection with the rehang of the bells, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea, provided free to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, Chesterfield, by September 17th. All ringers welcome.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—There will be a general meeting at Hinderclay on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also Redgrave, Rickingham (Supr.) and Hopton (6), as well as Wattisfield, Hepworth, Market Weston, and Thelvetam (5). Tea at the school, free to all sending word by September 15th. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, September 19th. St. Bene't's (6) available from 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's (12) 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Service at St. Bene't's 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. I would like all outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ST. DUNSTON'S, CANTERBURY, KENT.—The rehung peal of 6 bells will be dedicated by Bishop Bidwell, on Saturday, September 19th. Service commences at 3 p.m. All ringers will be given every opportunity of trying these bells after the service and during the evening. Book this date, no further announcement will be made. Own arrangements for tea.—B. J. Luck, 25d, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GLOUCESTER.—The ring of 10 (tenor 20 cwts.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated on Sunday, September 20th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Worcester on Saturday, September 26th. Tickets (3s. each) are now available and may be obtained from the dinner committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/- per head, are available from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Applications (with remittance) should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than 26th inst. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all Branch Secretaries and members generally please note that the Hon. Treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is now Mr. Arthur D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, near Slough, Bucks.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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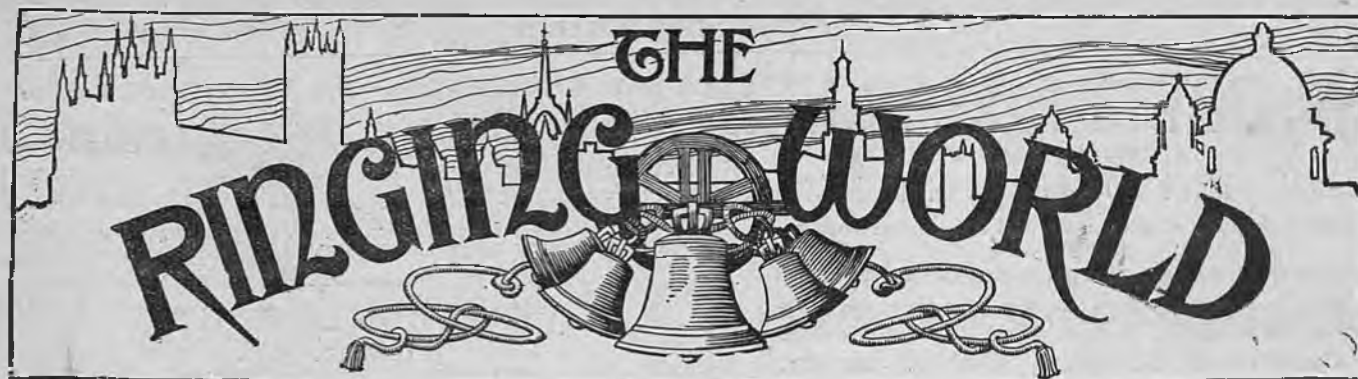
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GEORGE GREY 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
STANLEY A. CARTER 4	ALFRED G. HOUSE 9
STANLEY CLARK... .. 5	*ERNEST W. ANSELL ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. Rung on the 116th anniversary of the first peal on the ten bells.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*JOSEPH SOUTHALL Treble	WALTER FARLEY 6
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 7
ARTHUR E. WHAIMORE ... 3	JOHN WOODBERRY 8
MISS BETTY COPSON 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT 9
JOHN SMITH... .. 5	JOHN ADDLETON Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON.

Conducted by C. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Betty Copson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL Treble	GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 5
*JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... 2	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 6
HENRY G. KEELEY ... 3	FRANK PRICE... ... 7
†STEPHEN LONG ... 4	WALTER G. SARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. † First peal on eight bells. The peal was arranged for Mr. Long.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON. (Trinity) Treble	
REGINALD O. STREET (St. John's) 2	
E. MADRICE ATKINS (St. Catharine's) 3	
STEPHEN H. WOOD (Magdalene) 4	
REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Catharine's) 5	
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn) 6	
ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 7	
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Tenor	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (Trinity).

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 6
*WILLIAM WATHEN ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Rumsey, daughter of the treble ringer.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BURTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 6
DOROTHY E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

This method, by G. Lindoff, is now rung for the first time.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*MISS D. M. HAWLEY ... Treble	†FRED TERRY ... 5
ROBERT H. VIGOR ... 2	†S. STEEL ... 6
†MRS. E. BRADLEY ... 3	†EDWARD BRADLEY ... 7
HORACE S. MORLEY ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. Harold Walker, who is shortly leaving the district.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	*HAROLD V. FROST ... 6
FRANCIS KIRK ... 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
WALTER G. PAUL ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE SPERRING ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
FRED HARTMAN ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
*THOMAS PRICE... ... 4	EDWARD PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method for all except the conductor.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
REGINALD PAYNE... ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	*REGINALD PAYNE ... 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. T. COLES.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*BERT W. MAY ... Treble	WILLIAM A. COOKE ... 4
WILFRED L. RAYNER ... 2	FREDERICK J. CHEAL ... 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. J. CHEAL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor by all except ringers of 4 and 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Mr. T. Jull, of Newington. Mr. Jull is the esteemed instructor of the Bobbing band. First peal on the bells since rehanging by A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The Rector kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

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DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven extents in 68 methods, viz. :—

1. Chapetow, Rostherne, Balmoral, Wilmslow, Skipton, Knutsford, Ely, Potheringay, Bogedone Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise and Nelson Treble Bob.
2. Newdigate, Charlwood, Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Wragby, Willesden, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
3. Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Northury, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Weth, Pontefract Delight.
4. Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise, Waltham and Bursley Delight.
5. Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob.
6. Melandra, Castleton, Bucknall, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowes Delight.
7. Crowland, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents. There were 138 changes of method.

WEST DERPIG, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz. : (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) London and Wells; (3) Beverley; (4) Surfleet; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) Hexham and Berwick. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL... ..Treble | HORACE M. DAY... .. 4
 CHARLES W. WOODS... .. 2 | ALBERT E. SCOTT... .. 5
 HARRY GIBBARD... .. 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 14 Surprise methods. A birthday peal for H. M. Day.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes

AT THE (A.C.) CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS... ..Treble | WILLIAM A. STOTE... .. 4
 MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE... .. 2 | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG... .. 5
 FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in four methods on the bells.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH... ..Treble | LEWIS BUSH... .. 4
 WALLACE COUSINS... .. 2 | WALTER FREEMAN... .. 5
 FRED WIGMORE... .. 3 | CLAUDE COUSINS... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Seven varied 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

* WALTER H. RAXTER... ..Treble | * REGINALD WOODYATT... .. 4
 GEORGE E. LARGE... .. 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD... .. 5
 * ALLEN MORGAN... .. 3 | THOMAS W. LEWIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method. Quarterly peal for the branch.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 2nd and 3rd, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT 180, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn) 1-2
 R. E. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 3-4
 C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5-6
 REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's.) 7-8
 Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

A SOMERSET WEEK.

The following peals were rung during a week in Somerset:—

EVERCRECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 5
 NELSON ELLIOT... .. 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 6
 KENNETH SNELLING... .. 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
 C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... ..Tenor
 Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOT... ..Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 5
 KENNETH SNELLING... .. 2 | JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 6
 C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
 FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... ..Tenor
 Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

KEITH HART... ..Treble | KENNETH SNELLING... .. 5
 FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 2 | C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6
 NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7
 JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 4 | WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor
 Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

KEITH HART... ..Treble | NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
 ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... .. 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7
 FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 3 | JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 8
 KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 9
 C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 5 | WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Treble | NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 5
 JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 2 | C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6
 WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
 KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... ..Tenor
 Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM BOB MINOR TO GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

There are some towers we know, which have had their bells augmented from six to eight, where the ringers, having previously rung little else than Bob Minor, have found a difficulty in turning to Grandsire Triples. Some, indeed, have failed to make anything of the task in their early trials, and have, therefore, contented themselves with ringing Plain Bob Triples. This method on odd numbers is, in these days, taboo in all the best ringing circles, although now and again a band who know better will ring a peal of it just to say they have 'rung one.'

There are, of course, quite good objections to ringing an 'even-bell' method on odd numbers; it makes it a lopsided affair, apart from breaking the now well-established canons of change ringing. But we can understand the difficulties which beset beginners and some of the less experienced ringers when they want to pass from Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples, not only because of the extra bell to be reckoned with, but because the dodging that has to be done comes on a different pair of bells—4-5 instead of 3-4, and 6-7 instead of 5-6, and appears to be done in the reverse way.

Let us try to smooth out some of these stumbling-blocks. First of all, look at the difference in Plain Bob and Grandsire in their simplest form:—

1243	21345 back
1234 back	21354 hand
2143 hand	23145 back
2413 back	32415 hand
4231 hand	34251 back
4321 back	43521 hand
3412 hand	45312 back
3142 back	54132 hand
1324 hand	51423 back
1342 back	15243 hand
	12534 back
	21543

In each case the figures between the lines consists simply of plain hunting, but across the line, when there are four bells, second's place is made, leaving two to dodge behind, and when there are five bells the place is pushed out to 3rd's, so that there are still two bells left to dodge behind. If you examine the relative places of the treble, however, you will notice that the changes both on four and on five bells fall at the same stroke, either 'back' or 'hand.' When the treble is in 2nd's and 4th's going up it is a handstroke change, in the other places, going up, it is a backstroke change. Coming down the position is reversed. In 4th's and 2nd's it is backstroke, in the rest it is handstroke.

As you go from Minor to Triples the same rule applies. If you are in the habit of remembering, for instance, that in dodging in 4-3 (down) and 6-5 (down) in Minor the blows in 4th's and 6th's are at backstroke, then recollect also that in dodging in 5-4 and 7-6 in Grandsire the blows in 4th's and 6th's are still at backstroke. Correspondingly in dodging up in Minor your blows in 4th's and 6th's are at handstroke, so in dodging up in Grandsire your blows in 4th's and 6th's will be at handstroke.

It is often because in dodging down in Minor the step backward is at backstroke that a ringer, going from Minor to Triples for the first time, finds it difficult to 'dodge the other way.' The reason for this 'dodging the other way' is the fact that he is dodging one place further back, and once this is realised, the technical difficulty of putting in the dodge should disappear.

As a matter of fact, it is a great advantage to know, in ringing any method, at which stroke the dodge is made; it saves many a bad blow and often a trip. Whether you are ringing on five or twelve bells in plain methods, at all events, the 'odd' places, 3rd's, 5th's, 7th's, etc., are backstrokes, the even places handstrokes, when you are hunting or dodging up; and the reverse when you are on your way down. If you know this when you are ringing Grandsire Triples, for example, it should prevent your trying to dodge with a bell in 5-6, instead of 6-7, because you will realise that your blows are on the 'wrong stroke'

for a dodge. The greater the number of bells the more helpful this knowledge is, particularly if the ringing is none too steady and dodging bells are hard to find.

Another thing to remember in going from Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples is that there are two bells in the hunt; that in going up and down when you pass the treble there is another bell to pass, at the next stroke, which is not a dodging bell. And it is the same bell every time until a bob or single is called.

Third's place is made in Grandsire, instead of the 2nd's of Bob Minor, and while in the latter you only concern yourself with the treble, when going to, making and returning from this place, in Grandsire Triples you have the treble and the other bell in the hunt to take into account, and you strike over them alternately in going to, making and returning from the place.

If, in ringing Bob Minor, you are in the habit of remembering the coursing order of the bells, and desire to do the same in Grandsire Triples, recollect that, while in the former the last bell before the treble becomes the first after the treble when the treble has led, in Grandsire treble and bell in the hunt work as one for this purpose, and the last before the treble becomes first after the bell in the hunt, when the treble has led.

What really happens as the result of this additional hunt bell is that the dodging is pushed out one place, and 3-4 becomes 4-5, and 5-6 becomes 6-7. Take the ordinary tables by which some ringers learn their methods and you will see how similar they are:—

	Minor	Triples
Pass treble in 5-6	dodge 4-3 (down)	dodge 5-4 (down)
Pass treble in 4-5	dodge 6-5 (down)	dodge 7-6 (down)
Pass treble in 3-4	dodge 5-6 (up)	dodge 6-7 (up)
Pass treble in 2-3	dodge 3-4 (up)	dodge 4-5 (up)
Pass treble in 1-2	make 2nd's	make 3rd's

The bob making is, of course, entirely different in the two methods, but if the bob caller does his job accurately there should be little difficulty in making the bobs in Grandsire. The bob should be called when the bell which has hunted down in front of the treble leads. The four bells in 4-5 and 6-7 are then in the places where they have to dodge for the bob, and they each have a double dodge. (A 'double dodge' is stepping back twice, instead of once, before hunting on.)

The bob puts the bells one place back in the dodging sequence, but that should not matter to the ringer, because he should be in his dodging place when the bob is called. What should be borne in mind, however, is that the bell that passes treble in 2-3 and was going to dodge in 4-5 up, if there had been no bob, makes 3rd's place, and, taking the treble off at lead, becomes the bell in the hunt.

The bell that was in the hunt is passing through 5-4 when the bob is called; it, therefore, stops in 5-4 for a double dodge and takes its place in the cycle of 'working' bells.

While on the subject of Grandsire we must correct an error which, by a rather inexcusable oversight, was made in our article a fortnight ago, on calling Holt's Ten-Part. We said, erroneously, that by the calling of any number of the parts, true touches in multiples of 518 could be obtained. This, of course, is not so. The first part-end is 246375; the second 267453, and so on, so that in any part after the first (except the 5th where a half-peal would be completed) there would be a repetition of leads of the plain course.

It is a testimony to the number of competent ringers who read these articles that so many of them have written to call our attention to this slip. Some of them also remind us that Reeves' variation of the peal, which, by the insertion of an additional call, brings the part-ends up in plain course order, will give a true touch, however many parts are called.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL BRANCH PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE.

In stormy weather, a meeting attended by about 30 members and friends was held at Haddenham on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and, except for the tea and meeting interval, were kept going until about 9.15 p.m.

A short meeting was held, as it was desired to extend the members' best wishes to the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Kirkland), who is president of the branch, before his departure to a new church at Hastings.

The District Secretary, Mr. F. Warrington, in voicing the feelings of the members, said the Vicar had helped in many ways to form the Central Branch. The branch would greatly feel his absence, but hoped their loss would be others' gain.

At present there is only one bell in the new church to which Mr. Kirkland is going, but the secretary informed the meeting that it might not remain so—information which Sussex ringers should note.

Mr. H. Collins (local secretary) supported Mr. Warrington in his remarks, and added that the ringers might get as good a friend, but not better.

The Rev. A. E. Kirkland, who was much moved by the remarks made, thanked all for their services. Nearly every Sunday, he said, Haddenham bells were rung for morning and evening services. Bells and bellringers did their duty in more than one respect. People who never attend church were moved by the sound of bells, and the ringers by their labours were helping. The Vicar added he would not forget them. There was much applause at the close of the Vicar's speech.

A SOMERSET WEEK—continued from page 592.

WREINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 8
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
NELSON ELLIOTT 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal in the county and by the association.

WHERE THREE COUNTIES MEET.

SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT EGHAM, SURREY.

Tucked into an extreme corner of the county of Surrey, where the Thames divides it from Middlesex and Runnymede (where King John swore at his barons and then signed Magna Charta) separates it from Berkshire, lies the little town of Egham. Here on Saturday three associations held a joint ringing meeting—the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Over sixty ringers put in an appearance and spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. With the two rings of bells at Staines and the peal at Wraysbury available, in addition to Egham, there was plenty of opportunity for ringing, of which full advantage was taken.

The gathering brought together ringers from a large number of towers, and they attended service in Egham Church. In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Tranter), the Vicar of Stanwell took the service and gave an excellent address. He also presided over the tea, at which, among others, there were present Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretary) of the Middlesex Association, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) and Mr. T. Fowler (District Master, East Berks and South Bucks Branch) of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey District Ringing Master), Mr. F. Hawthorne (Chertsey district secretary) and Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford district secretary) of Guildford Diocesan Guild. Among the visitors were Miss V. Robinson (Wokingham), Mr. T. B. Worsley (Bolton, Lancs), Mr. R. G. King (Royston, Herts) and Mr. J. S. Mason (Oldbury, near Birmingham). Ringers were present from the following towers: Hillingdon, West Ealing, Willesden, St. Giles' and St. Lawrence Jewry, London, Cookham, Staines, Hersham, Leatherhead, Aldershot, Stoke Poges, Reading, Farnham Royal, Kingsbury, Uxbridge, Egham, Isleworth, Kingston, Chertsey, Chiswick, Twickenham, Streatley, Ruislip, Chalfont, Fulmer, Heston, Sunbury, Iver, etc.

There was no formal business to be done, but the Vicar of Stanwell was thanked by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne welcomed the visiting ringers. He emphasised the value of such meetings, which, he said, enabled ringers to realise that, although they were in different associations, they were all taking part in the same work. He hoped to see these joint meetings made an annual event, and he looked forward, with the co-operation of the other secretaries, to holding a similar meeting next year in Staines.

Mr. J. A. Trollope replied for the Middlesex Association. The spirit of brotherhood among ringers, he said, was the most important thing we possessed. If a man was a ringer he was a member of one great fraternity and was welcome wherever he went. He knew of nothing else like it throughout the land. If a man went into a tower in the uttermost part of England, the first thing the local ringers said to him was, 'Are you a ringer?' If he said he was, they asked, 'What can you ring?' and they would adapt themselves, if they could, to their visitor's standard and make him feel an honoured guest and friend. That spirit was a thing they should prize more than they did. Some of the younger people were inclined to take it as a matter of course, but that should not be so. They should appreciate the welcome they received when they went to a church as visitors. He expressed pleasure at the welcome received that day at Egham, and said meetings of that kind enabled them to meet people they did not come across in the ordinary way. Mr. Trollope added that they were specially pleased to see among them that day Miss Robinson, who bore an honoured name. To many of the younger people, the Rev. F. E. Robinson was only a name, but to the older generation it meant an extraordinary personality. Miss Robinson's father was the first man to ring a thousand peals, and that at a time when they were worth two thousand as they were counted to-day. He used to go all round England and there was something extraordinarily great about what he did. Mr. Trollope also specially welcomed Mr. Tom Hibbert and Mr. T. B. Worsley, and made mention of the presence of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. T. Fowler acknowledged the welcome on behalf of the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and put in an earnest plea for more support for 'The Ringing World.' He urged that regular subscribers should become agents to push the sale. In this connection he suggested that a subscription form should be printed in the paper every week, which those who were seeking new subscribers could use.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting with considerable zest, the towers at Egham and St. Mary's, Staines, being filled with eager ringers. The joint gathering was a great success.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Tuesday, September 1st, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uckfield, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. J. Hart 1, R. J. Dawe 2, P. S. Hart 3, A. F. Richardson 4, A. J. Turner 5, G. Wiggins 6, R. W. Dawe 7, J. A. Hart (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for the ringers of treble, third and fourth. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. A. Hart and P. S. Hart.

At Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield, on September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Pickering 1, G. P. Swann (conductor) 2, W. J. Meers 3, W. H. Funge 4, W. H. Hall 5, F. Dickens 6, W. G. Anker 7, E. C. Roper 8. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Sir A. H. Evans, who for many years has been closely associated with the above church.

A RINGERS' SERVICE IN LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would esteem it a favour if you would allow me the use of your columns to make reference to the service, as advertised in your journal, arranged to take place at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 7 p.m.

This service is being held at the kind invitation of the Rector of Cornhill, and, whilst it was originally intended for the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, a cordial invitation is extended to all ringers and to their wives or friends to be present, in the hope that the attendance may be such as to justify making the service an annual event. I am desirous to make this fact clear to members of all ringing societies, and particularly those of London and the Home Counties. Having seen the printed order of service, which has been specially drawn up and which includes hymns and prayers specially applicable to ringers, in addition to 15 minutes of special music by the St. Michael's choir, I can say that all who attend will find an excellent service awaiting them.

Needless to say, I count upon receiving from the members of the Ancient Society their fullest support on this occasion.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

P.S.—It will be noted that the service does not commence until 7 p.m.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MOST INTERESTING FEATURES LOST BY TRANSPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I beg for a little space to thank my unknown friend for his kindly interest taken in my twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, also the many hands who have rung my poor old twelve-part. The peal is now 43 years old and has had a good run.

I must say that I feel that all this transposing simply robs the peal of its most interesting features, seeing that the original contains the 2.6, 3.6 and 4.8 twenty-four times one way. It also has the twenty-four 5.6.7's one way; that is, at backstroke. I consider those conductors who prefer the 7th for observation show a very poor taste indeed.

J. J. PARKER.

Farnham Royal.

DEATH OF TWO PETERBOROUGH RINGERS.

LOSS TO ST. JOHN'S COMPANY.

Death has removed, within ten days of each other, two well-known Peterborough ringers, Mr. Francis Davis and Mr. Frederick Cooke. Both had been in failing health for some time, and death in each case followed an operation in the Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Davis was a native of the city, and for the last few years had been steepkeeper at St. John's Church. He was a member of the old Peterborough and District Association and had taken part in a few peals.

Several local ringers and friends were present at the funeral, and the service was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Coupland in St. John's Church. In the evening the 'whole pull and stand' and various touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

Mr. Cooke was a native of Fakenham, Norfolk, and was a member of the well-known ringing family of that town. He moved to Peterborough 30 years ago and had been a member of St. John's company since that time. During recent years he had acted as conductor. He was often present at St. Mary's on practice night and proved himself quite a good Surprise Minor ringer. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and had rung several peals. He had a quiet, unassuming manner and was greatly respected by all who knew him. His death is a great loss to local ringing generally and his place will be difficult to fill.

His funeral was attended by all the local ringers, and in the evening the 'whole pull and stand' and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung with the bells half-muffled.

On Sunday, September 6th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evensong with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for the two deceased members of the band: V. Butler 1, W. Rose 2, S. Wright 3, T. Vaughan 4, T. Little 5, H. Goakes 6, H. Beechey (conductor) 7, A. Joyce 8.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S PRESIDENT.

DEPARTURE OF THE REV. J. A. B. DAVIES.

The Vicar of All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), who is president of the Warwickshire Guild, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening last. He is leaving the parish to take up the living of St. James' Church, Hatcham, London. The service was preceded by a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), rung by: C. E. Rayson 1, J. Draycott 2, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 3, P. Stone 4, A. Haswell 5, J. Gibbons 6, H. Harris 7, J. E. Moreton 8.

At the conclusion of the service the Vicar entered the belfry, and Mr. J. E. Moreton, the head ringer, presented him with a silver bell inkstand inscribed: 'Presented to the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., by the bellringers of All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, September, 1936.'

The Vicar, who was taken completely by surprise, thanked the ringers for the gift and also voiced his appreciation of their efforts in the belfry and of the friendship they had always extended to him.

TOURISTS' TRY OUT.**A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO LINCOLNSHIRE.**

As a kind of preliminary to the more strenuous activities in Ireland next week, some of the tourists, who leave England for the 'distressful Isle' to-morrow, spent last week-end in Lincolnshire hardening their hands. These 'try outs' have been known in Lincolnshire in other years; this one was a complete success—for all but one man. But then he is not going to Ireland.

As usual, the arrangements, from peals and bands to board and lodgings, were in the hands, and much of it in the home, of the Master of the Lincoln Guild and Mrs. Richardson. There were three peals, Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday, Cambridge at Swineshead and Superlative at Spalding on Monday, and our peal columns testify to their satisfactory conclusion.

The one 'fly in the ointment' fell to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. He was to have taken part in the peal at Lincoln, but the Fates and the railways ordained otherwise. Grantham seems to play a sinister part in Lincolnshire peal arrangements sometimes. Many readers of 'The Ringing World' will recollect the commotion caused a year or so ago when two 'brass hats' went to Grantham instead of Spalding. In any case the two people concerned have not forgotten it. Last Saturday Mr. Morris wanted to get to Grantham and couldn't, so it seems that ringers, who do not want to get there, arrive, and those who want to arrive don't. Mr. Morris was to have been 'collected' at Grantham by the Surfleet bus, but he missed the connection at Nottingham. An extra man was 'dug up' at Lincoln, and at the finish of the peal the disappointed hon. secretary of the M.C.A. was found outside the tower. What he had said to himself in the meantime doesn't matter to anyone else, except, perhaps, the railway companies.

The president of the Central Council had the pleasure of ringing his first peal at Lincoln Cathedral—where the arrangement of the bells in the tower has a special interest for him as an expert on these matters—and the doubtful pleasure of arriving back in London at 3.15 a.m. on Sunday.

Monday's programme went off according to plan. In the interval threats to start for a handbell peal or peals did not materialise, but the guests at Surfleet were interested in the new provision which has been made to accommodate visitors—360 feet of glass houses heated with a mechanically stoked boiler. It is hoped by this means to 'force' short ringers into tall ones, and save the use of boxes in belfries and the trouble of lengthening ropes. This is a new experiment on the part of Mr. Richardson and will be watched with interest.

Once again the thanks of the visiting ringers are due to the host and hostess for their hospitality.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SMALL ATTENDANCE AT WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

When the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held their quarterly meeting at Batley on Saturday, the attendance was most disappointing. From such a hive of change ringing as Batley is the centre of, one would have expected the attendance to have overtaken the accommodation, instead of which a mere 20 members sat down for tea.

The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 o'clock, and ringing continued throughout the day in a variety of methods from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise.

A delightful tea was served in the Schools, followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. P. J. Johnson presided, supported by the Rev. W. A. Taylor, M.A.

On the motion of Mr. T. W. Strangeway, seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior, Mr. H. Armitage, of Huddersfield, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the removal of Mr. C. E. Lawson to Newcastle.

The Chairman, in moving that the best thanks of the association be accorded to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, pointed out how appropriate this was, seeing that Mr. Taylor was a very interested party, being a part donor of the bells. The Batley company were very fortunate in having a minister who took such an interest in their work.—This was seconded by Mr. F. W. Dixon.

The Rev. W. A. Taylor, M.A., in replying, spoke of his early days when he learned to ring bells at college, and how his interest had always been in change ringing. He welcomed the association to Batley, and hoped the spirit of bellringing would continue to flourish.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements, and to the ladies for so efficiently preparing and serving the tea, was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. John Edmondson.

Mr. W. H. Senior, in replying, said how disappointed he was at the very poor attendance, but that he was always pleased to welcome the association to Batley.

The Chairman once again reproved the members for failing to send in their notices for tea, and pointed out how discourteous this was.

The towers represented were Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Birstall, Brighouse, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Headingley, Huddersfield, Idle, Keighley, Leeds, Rothwell, Shipley, Sheffield Cathedral, Tadcaster and the local company.

The next meeting was proposed to be held at Rothwell in December, and it is hoped that members will rally round to make this meeting a success.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the order to restore the bells at Llanfihangel Rhydeithon Church, Radnorshire.

Mr. R. G. Cousins, of Woodford, Essex, who took part in the London County Association's peal of Stedman Cinques at Bow Church, Cheap-side, earlier this year, has had a rather nasty motoring accident. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is progressing favourably.

The 'rope croft' in Broad Street, Birmingham, which now provides not only bell ropes, as was originally intended by the testator, but many hundreds of pounds per annum for the purposes of St. Martin's Church, has a rival at Great Bissington, Gloucestershire. The Parish Church there has held a piece of ground from time immemorial, the rent of which is devoted to providing bell ropes for the six bells hanging in the Norman tower. The piece of ground is called the 'Bell rope' field.

Mr. James George, we are sorry to say, is still far from well. He still has a distressing cough, the result of his attack of bronchitis and whooping cough. As a result he is not yet able to resume his wonted activities.

The Parish Magazine of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, has a sympathetic reference to his illness in the September issue. Mr. George is churchwarden and superintendent of the belfry at this church.

A party of well known ringers leave England to-morrow for a peal-ringing tour in Ireland.

The Chester Diocesan Guild meeting which was to have been held to-morrow has been postponed to September 19th.

CREDIT FOR FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very much surprised to read the Rev. J. Maurice Turner's letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' Surely this gentleman cannot seriously know much about the matter. I heartily congratulate you upon every point from commencement to finish of your leading article, and am certain that any other right-minded person will do the same.

With regard to the long peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick and the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, which have now been proved false, I am sure the College Youths feel as I do that we should be sorry to recognise them amongst our records.

JAMES GEORGE.

Birmingham.

A PROTEST.

Sir,—I am entirely in agreement with your leader on 'False Peals,' and also I strongly protest against the term 'nosey parker' being applied to those who, by their interest and research, discover the falseness in compositions and variations. They deserve thanks and not abuse.

W. A. CAVE.

TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On August 7th, the following appeared in 'The Ringing World' from one of our experts in figures:—

'Treble Bob methods on six bells, provided they are symmetrical and do not contain four places made in the same change, will always give the extent of the rows.'

On the following Friday, August 14th, another of our experts with figures gives a lead each of four different six-bell methods with the following remarks after explaining their class, etc.:—

'Nos. 1 and 2 are both symmetrical methods and never have more than two places in any pair of rows, but they will not produce extents.'

'On the other hand, Nos. 3 and 4 both have four places in a pair of rows four times in each lead, and yet both will produce the extent of the changes.'

A reply to the above from another of our wizards in the figuring world would be very interesting to the ordinary practical ringer, as well as being an education.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

North Stoneham, Eastleigh.

A LOST PEAL.

BROKEN ROPE FOILS FIVE 'FIRSTS.'

On Saturday last, at Burnham, Bucks, a peal of Bob Major was started, but after 3,200 changes the 7th rope, apparently sound, broke below the sally: J. E. Taylor 1, T. Burton (first attempt for Major) 2, C. A. Burgess (first attempt for Major) 3, E. Barrett (first attempt for Major) 4, G. W. Limmer 5, W. H. J. Parker (first attempt for a peal) 6, G. H. Limmer (first attempt as conductor) 7, G. Gilbert 8. The ringing had been good, which made it all the more disappointing. The band afterwards consoled themselves with a good spread at the Five Bells, and threaten to make another attempt at an early date.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

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A NEWCASTLE RECEPTION.

BY W. H. FUSSELL.

We reached the County Hotel, Newcastle, from Whitley Bay, on Monday evening, in good time to respond to the official but kind welcome to the North offered our party by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. A private room in this high building had been booked, and during the course of three hours' happy and brotherly association refreshments were handed round by the stewards.

The president of the Guild, Councillor Arthur Payne, O.B.E., J.P., wearing his Guild badge of office, took the chair and was supported by Mr. C. L. Routledge, who introduced the visitors to the president.

In offering them a welcome, the president hoped they would enjoy their visit to the capital of the North, and ring all the peals successfully. 'We have looked forward, for several months, to this visit, and it is a great pleasure to have you come to see us and to meet you all personally,' he said.

The Press has reminded me of some of the distinguished ringers from the South of England—Messrs. Williams, Simpson, Pye, Bennett, Shepherd and 'Twissell.' The President referred to the scattered towers in the diocese—some of which the visitors were to call at in the wilds of Northumberland—in a total Guild affiliation of 41 parishes, and to the difficulty in getting a large gathering in depressed areas.

when a heap of builder's rubbish was about to be burned. Seeing a dirty panel with lettering on it, he had it cleaned and restored and found a record of a performance by the ringers of 150 years ago: 'Gateshead, May 10th, 1790. A peal of Grandsire Triples by the Union Society of Gateshead and Newcastle.'

There were three Stephenson's in the band, it was conducted by John, and the members of the same family took part in another, rung in 1829.

The Vicar, Canon Stephenson, kindly came up to the belfry to welcome the tourists (he has done duty in the district 25 years), and he mentioned that the old bells, except one that went to another church, were sold in 1788 to pay for church repairs. The Union Society lost no time by ringing a full peal within two years of the new bells arriving from Whitechapel in 1788.

Around this church a considerable area has been cleared of old Gateshead property to make room for the new high level Tyne Bridge and its approaches, that served as a practical model and afforded data for the design and erection of the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge, N.S.W., on a much larger scale.

Gateshead possesses a strong company of Sunday service ringers, who have recently scored their first peal with Mr. Barber's help, and here, also, was accomplished the first peal conducted by a ringer blindfolded.

A restful afternoon preceded the Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas (Patron of Mariners), but it was nearly



SOME OF THE TOURISTS 'UP NORTH.'

Left to right: G. Lindoff, J. W. Parker, W. Henley, G. R. Newton, (bottom), G. Martin, G. R. Pye, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, F. Bennett.

W. H. Fussell, G. Williams, R. L. Patterson (top), H. Wingrove
[Photo: 'Sunderland Echo']

In supporting the president, Mr. Routledge announced that Mr. Blacklock (Tyne Commissioner) had kindly offered the visitors a launch trip down the river for Tuesday afternoon to view the miles of engineering, shipping and coal works along the banks, but reluctantly the invitation had to be declined. It was cheering news to us Southerners to hear of the growing prosperity of the district.

The evening was enlivened by handbells by the Newcastle men, and a course of Stedman Caters by Messrs. Williams, Pye, Davidson, Barber and Anderson. Several songs were given: 'John Peel' by Mr. Routledge, and 'Blaydon Races, 1864,' by Mr. Owbridge, Mr. Keen putting a 'jerk' into the harmony by ably helping with the pianoforte.

Mr. Fussell, on behalf of the tourists, thanked the Guild for their warm reception. They one and all, he said, appreciated the efforts of the president (a busy citizen, who had taken part in 36 peals for the Guild) to spend an evening with fellow-ringers.

Amongst the company present were Messrs. Pickering, Patterson, Barber, Ditchbourne, Oxley, Gofton, P. Payne, Holmes, Lawson, of Leeds, Keen, Adam Deas, Davidson, Scott, Murray, Owbridge and the three Andersons.

'Auld Lang Syne' was sung by the whole company standing in a circle round the room with 'ringing hands' together, and the gathering closed, after singing 'God Save the King,' at 10.30 p.m.

The 'good nights' did not take so long as usual, for the members realised that two peals a day for a week requires conservation of energy whenever possible. The echo of 'The King' died away in slumber at the Queen's well before midnight, and, on going to bed, Mr. Martin and I well recalled our Melbourne and Sydney friends, who, like the lads of the North of England, wanted us to go everywhere and see everything.

ACROSS THE TYNE.

The morning peal on Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, Gateshead, went well, and we were met by Mr. E. Wilson and Mr. J. Stuart (now in his 72nd year), who for 55 years has been a ringer at this church and has scored 30 peals for the Guild. He vividly remembers the old tower, almost split into two, and the restoration of the church

six o'clock before Billy Barber called 'Go,' and it took the ringers half an hour to settle down to an odd-bell method after so much Major. The last hour's striking put a 'Birmingham finish' to the peal, and Mr. Bennett and I were much amused at the eager inquiries from the men, dressing as they came out, about the 'hour' and the nearest 'place'!

In the Squire adjoining some 20 ringers, from Chester and local towers, assembled to hear the peal finish, and it is possible the point policeman thought they were a political crowd, for they talked of nothing but working overtime, being locked in, or 'striking.'

Like St. Dunstan's, London, or St. Giles', Edinburgh, the tower has a graceful lantern terminal and is quite worthy of the praises of generations of City ringers for its internal and external design. It is 193ft. high by about 36ft. square at the base. The earliest campanile was built 1091, destroyed by fire 1216, restored 1359 and extended at later dates. In 1239 Henry III. first granted a Charter to the freemen of Newcastle to dig for coal.

The town is said to have been the site of a Roman station, but it was really founded by Richard, son of William the Conqueror, who, after a futile inroad into Scotland, built the New-Castle in 1080. King Charles in his flight from Oxford reached here in May, 1645.

ALLANDALE.

'And his banks open and his lawns extend,
Stops short the pleased traveller to view,
Presiding o'er the scene, some rustic tower,
Founded by Norman or by Saxon hands.'

Mark Aikenside, on his native Tyne.

Breakfast 7.30 on Wednesday and away at 8.30 for a long ride via Hexham to Allandale. We skirted the river amidst varied scenery, which beyond Hexham became wild and mountainous and sparsely timbered for miles. A quaint old-fashioned village built of local stone that has felt the loss of summer weather, a small church dedicated to St. Outhbert, a small square tower with a light ring of bells recently restored. Just the cosy little place in which to ring a new method for the county of Northumberland. It came into rounds at

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT AND ROMNEY MARSH DISTRICT MEET AT NEW ROMNEY.

A meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at New Romney on Aug. 29th in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild. Although the weather was not conducive to much ringing, good use of the bells was made until 5 p.m., when tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was served at the Church Hall. No service was held owing to the Vicar having an engagement elsewhere.

Mr. G. B. Anderson presided at both tea and the business meeting and welcomed the company in the name of the Vicar.

One new member was elected to each society, but other than this there was no business for the Kent County Association.

The Guild accepted an invitation to Stone-in-Oxney for a meeting on Saturday, September 12th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for allowing the bells to be used and for his hospitality, also to the ladies for so kindly waiting on the company.

During the evening, in much cooler circumstances, the bells were kept busy, and although the ringing was confined to the standard methods, it was of a high order. This most enjoyable meeting closed by lowering the bells in peal at 7.30. It has been suggested that the last train for a place best kept secret should leave ten minutes later than its scheduled time!

The district secretary wishes to apologise to any who were inconvenienced by the postponement of this meeting from August 8th, and to any who, through no fault of his, went to New Romney on that date for the meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACTIVITY IN AMPHILL DISTRICT.

A party of ringers, all members of the Bedfordshire Association, made an afternoon tour by car and cycle round the Ampthill district on Saturday. This is an outlying part of the county very seldom visited, and four towers were selected, Maulden, Flitton, Westoning and Eversholt. Each contains a good peal of six bells, and some excellent touches were brought round in a great variety of methods. At Flitton the tenor is about 8 cwt., and 120 Bob Minor was rung in 2½ minutes! How's that for a record 120? The last tower was reached in the dark, but it is so simple, even in outlying districts to-day, with electric light, that it is small inconvenience, and Eversholt bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

In every tower the company was met by the local ringers, and some good spade work put in. Another run is being planned and anybody may join in who can handle a bell, as all are catered for. Good ringing, an excellent tea at Ampthill, during which the services of a street musician were engaged to play to the company, pleasant riding through delightful country—what more can a ringer want? Best thanks are given to the incumbents and certain others for all they did.

F. C. T.

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1 p.m. We were courteously received by local hands, let the bells down with thanks, and left for the 'next, please.' Our reserve man took off the part-ends in the daily paper and paid a visit to the inn, where the landlady complained 'she couldn't hear his order for those noisy bells!' Another customer then exclaimed, 'No more noisy than your loud wireless, and that you can shut off when you like!' She afterwards 'tuned in' to the Southern Regional when eight men walked in and demanded attention at the same moment.

HEXHAM.

The Abbey Restaurant gave us lunch at two o'clock, but the start for a peal of Superlative was delayed by a fashionable wedding until nearly 4 p.m. We found our missing links admiring the bridegroom and the bride. We had a good look round the ancient features of the Abbey dedicated to St. Wilfrid, and mounted the wide stone monks' staircase (room enough for a coach to pass) leading up to the ringing room. The whole building was teeming with visitors, none of whom guessed that 'Bob Singles' were being rung as a joy peal for a newly-married couple. This was Shepherd's 'masterpiece' with the locals.

Hexham bells were one of the first octaves to be installed in the North. They were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1741, and were followed by Berwick-on-Tweed in 1754.

The first appellation of the Tyne appears in early accounts of a religious house at Tynemouth. Under its present name it occurs in Bede's Church History in 685. The ancient episcopal dignity of Hexham was derived from Wilfrid, a monk of Lindisfarne, who founded the Cathedral in 673-4. The great St. Cuthbert, of whom so many legends are related, was the third Bishop. I remember the parish of Wistanstow, Salop, claims one legend about him.

Gabriel Lindoff, George Martin and I trained back to Newcastle, leaving George Williams to bring home the peal and his band in the two cars. All reached 'The Queen's' by 9 o'clock for supper, and were congratulated by Mr. Routledge, anxious to hear about the 100 per cent. belfry dividend, and no discount for 'smash.'

(To be continued.)

BONVILSTON CHURCH BELLS RESTORED. REDEDICATION SERVICE.

In the presence of a large congregation of parishioners, ringers and visitors, the ring of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Bonvilston, Glamorgan, was rededicated on Thursday, September 3rd, by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff. The service opened with the hymn, 'Christ is our corner stone,' and during the ringing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' the Bishop and the Vicar (the Rev. Gilbert Thomas), together with the churchwardens, proceeded to the west end of the church. The hymn being concluded, the Bishop, at the request of the wardens (Messrs. R. H. Williams and E. Thomas), rededicated the bells to the service and glory of God. Rounds were then rung by some of the local band with the aid of two visitors.

The Bishop preached a homely sermon on the use of bells in the service of the church. The service concluded with the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' and the Blessing from the altar steps.

The bells were made full use of during the evening, being rung to various methods by the local band and other ringers.

The bells have been fitted throughout with new headstocks, clappers, ropes, etc., and rehung on ball bearings in the existing frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whom great credit is due. The whole job and the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday last. The bells, a ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. in E flat, 'go' fairly well, and good practice was put in by some of the younger members.

The Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Yerbrough) conducted the Guild office in the grand old church, with Miss Bartlett acting as organist, after which adjournment was made to the village institute for tea.

The usual short meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. F. White. Mention was made of the passing of Mr. W. E. Greenland, of Devizes, it being stated that the members had been represented at the funeral by the Ringing Master, secretary and Guild assistant secretary. The meeting stood in silence, at the request of the chairman, as a tribute to the memory of the deceased.

Three ringing members and one life member were elected on the proposition of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Weeks.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bradford-on-Avon in October.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist for the service and use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Bartlett for having everything in readiness.

In his reply, the Vicar said it was always a pleasure to have the Guild visit his parish, and hoped his ringers, who were practically all present at the meeting, would help forward the work of the Guild.

During the evening Keevil tower was visited, the members being met by the Vicar, the Rev. F. M. Weller. These bells (six, tenor 21 cwt.) also go remarkably well, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

During the meeting methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise were rung at both churches. Amongst those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Connolly (Southampton), Mr. H. J. Ralph (Kington Magna), Mr. E. B. Hampton (Poole) and Mr. Darvil (Uxbridge), and representatives from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bishop's Cannings, Rowde, Hilberton, Scend, Holt, Southbroom, Keevil, Warminster, Melksham and Steeple Ashton.

A BERKSHIRE EXCURSION.

'DISTANT' BELLS AT HAMPSTEAD NORRIS.

Some members of the Soaring Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, with wives and friends, enjoyed an afternoon outing on Saturday, August 22nd. Leaving Wokingham at 1.45 p.m., they first visited Midgham, Berks. The party was met by the Vicar and one of the ringers, and good use was made of this light ring of six until a broken rope put an end to the ringing. This modern church is situated in a most delightful spot, and the visitors would fain have spent more time there. Thatcham was the next call, and an hour's ringing enjoyed on this mellow octave. After an excellent tea, a beautiful run brought the party to the old-world village of Hampstead Norris. Here was found a nice six in good going order, and, ringing on the ground floor in this ancient church, the bells sounded beautifully quiet but distinct, as though the sound came from miles away. The writer has never heard anything quite like it in all his ringing experience. Bucklebury was the last call, and good use was made of this handy ring of eight, although the lighter bells proved difficult to handle for some of the visitors. Glorious weather prevailed, and everywhere the ringers were received with the greatest kindness and cordiality. Thanks are extended to all, both clergy and ringers, among others, Mr. W. Matthews and the veteran Mr. Wigmore, who greeted the party and had the bells ready.

W. J. P.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Jeffery 1, A. Gillings 2, C. Starley 3, G. Apps 4, J. Jeffery 5, T. Gasson (conductor) 6, T. Mitchell 7, G. Gasson (first quarter-peal) 8. Ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 7 hail from Cuckfield.

MINOR RECORD RAISED AGAIN.

NOW 68 METHODS IN SEVEN 720's.

Only a fortnight elapsed after the Cheshire company put up a new Spliced Minor record of 66 methods in seven 720's at Marple before they raised the number once again. By the introduction of two additional methods into one of the 720's, making the number in this extent twelve, the methods included in the peal at Disley on Saturday was 68. They were all 'Treble Bob' methods and there were 138 changes of method.

The new 720 is again the work of Mr. A. G. Driver, to whom the Exercise owes so much for the time and patience he has bestowed on this branch of composition. To the band who rang the peal, ringers will again offer their congratulations.

It is not uninteresting to note the number of methods in each 720: 1, twelve; 2, fifteen; 3, thirteen; 4, eight; 5, eight; 6, six; 7, six. Appended is the new extent arranged by Mr. Driver:—

23456 Nelson	23645 Nelson	23564 Nelson
35264 Bourne	34256 Wilmslow	36245 Bogedone
42635 Ely	62534 Ely	52436 Ely
42356 Ely	62345 Ely	52364 Ely
25463 Chapstow	24653 Fotheringay	26543 Skipton
63542 Nelson	53462 Nelson	43652 Nelson
34625 Rostherne	36524 Bourne	35426 Knutsford
56234 Ely	45236 Ely	64235 Ely
56342 Ely	45362 Ely	64352 Ely
56423 Balmoral	45623 Hull	64523 Skipton
		23456

N.U.T.S. VISIT STRANGE TOWERS.

BELLS IN A STRAIGHT LINE.

The Warwickshire Branch of the N.U.T.S. visited a few towers in the South of Warwickshire on August 29th, and were very happy to have with them Mr. A. P. Cannon, the president and 'Chief Nut' of the Tower Snatchers' Association.

By means of car and motor-cycle, the party of six made their way to Studley, where they found quite a novel ring. Both the bells and the ropes by which they are rung are hung in a dead straight line, with the tenor at one end and the treble at the other. The 'ringing chamber' is merely a kind of footbridge, about 4ft. in width, which spans the tower. How does one ring 'rounds' with such a 'rope circle'? However, after initial difficulties had been overcome, several good touches were brought 'straight.'

At Salford Priors, the next tower visited, the trebles were practically unringable, but a course of Grandsire Triples was successfully accomplished with the help of two ringers from Mickleton. After that, the ringers contented themselves with Minor for the rest of their short stay. Close to Salford Priors is Bidford-on-Avon, and here they found a very pleasing ring of six bells. Among other things, a course of Cambridge was rung.

From Bidford a twelve-mile ride brought them to Ullenhall, their last tower of the tour. There are eight bells in this tiny tower, closely packed together in three tiers. The estimated weight of the tenor is 4½ cwt. and none of the bells has a stay or slider. At first, when some of the lighter bells were rung up, difficulty was experienced in checking them, and they went right over, only to be pulled back by two ringers hauling on to the end of the rope. One ringer, with a few hundred towers to his credit, confessed he was really frightened of them. Very soon, however, the band got the 'feel' of the bells, and touches of Minor were successfully brought round, before a broken tenor rope put an abrupt end to any further ringing.

LATE NOTICE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify me by Wednesday previous. Buses from Belgrave Gate.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 548, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

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RESTORATION OF A DEVON PEAL.

BELL FRAME STRENGTHENS TOWER AT HARPFORD.

With the sun shining gloriously, the ancient little church of Harpford, Devon, presented an animated scene on Saturday, August 29th, when the restored peal of bells was rededicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Crediton.

There was an exceptionally large attendance of parishioners and visitors, and many were unable to find room in the church during the service.

The bells, a ring of six with tenor 7 cwt., have been entirely relung with modern fittings, carefully tuned and fixed in a scientifically designed steel and iron frame. The work involved special consideration of the tower, and has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The girders are so arranged with concealed fish plates that the tower walls are now bonded together in all directions. It was remarked that, whereas formerly the tower rocked considerably when the bells were rung, there is now no appreciable movement. The 'go' is perfect, and the tone, although the frame is in two tiers, is quite even.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Greenslade), assisted by the Rev. C. E. J. Goyer, of Tipton St. John, and the Rev. F. Perry, of West Hill, an admirable sermon being preached by the Bishop. A large number of clergy were in attendance.

The bells were chimed during the dedication, and immediately following the service a well-struck 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung. They were kept going during the whole afternoon and evening. Forty ringers were present from Feniton, Collaton Raleigh, Ottery St. Mary, East Budleigh, Sidmouth, Exeter and Croydon, including Mr. J. Godfrey, district secretary of the Devonshire Guild. It is interesting to note that Mr. Godfrey was present when the bells were first installed in 1855.

The visitors and ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. Willoughby Smith, one of the most generous subscribers to the bell fund.

The success of the scheme is principally due to the energy of the Vicar.

The bellfounders were represented by Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson.

A SOMERSET TOUR.

NOT ALL PEAL RINGING.

Departing from the custom of making two peal attempts a day the feature of their tour, the company which visited Somerset last week spent a very enjoyable time. Our peal column record half a dozen peals of Surprise Major and Royal—London, Yorkshire, Bristol and Superlative Major and Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

In addition the party visited and rang at Chewton Mendip, Chew Magna, Clevedon, Dunster, Old Cleeve, Queen Camel, Martock, Street and Congresbury.

ALDERSHOT RINGERS MARRIED.

BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM TAKE PART IN HANDBELL RINGING.

For the third time within 15 months two ringers associated with the band at Aldershot Parish Church have been united in matrimony. On Saturday the wedding took place of Mr. Percival L. Eldridge and Miss Marjorie Winifred Smith, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Aldershot. The bridegroom graduated to the belfry from the choir as a boy, and has been a ringer for some ten years or more. He is still a member of the choir. Miss Smith has been a ringer for about five years, and rang her first peal for the late King George's Silver Jubilee. Both bride and bridegroom are popular members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, whose meetings they regularly attend. They have also formed part of the 'mechanism' of a certain 'ringing machine' which was demonstrated in London after the last Central Council meeting.

The wedding ceremony, at which the Vicar, Canon H. le Fleming officiated, was fully choral and was attended by many friends, including the ringers. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by three bridesmaids, the Misses Joan Stillman and Molly Goode (old school friends of the bride), and little Miss Pauline Smith (cousin). The bride was attired in white satin, with wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaids were dressed in green silk crepe and carried floral muffs of yellow roses. The elder bridesmaids wore jewelled clips, and the younger attendant a bracelet, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. C. W. Denyer (district secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and a member of the Aldershot company) was best man.

After the wedding ceremony the bridal pair left the church through the belfry and passed under the crossed ropes held by the ringers. Then the bells rang out to speed the happy couple.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and the guests saw the unique spectacle of bride and bridegroom taking part in handbell ringing as part of the celebration of their marriage. Afterwards the happy pair left, amid the good wishes of their friends and the clanging of handbells on the railway platform, for a honeymoon at Eastbourne.

The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold signet ring, and the groom's gift to the bride a handbag. The ringers of Aldershot tower presented them with a dinner service, and the choir gave a frameless mirror. From his colleagues in the office of the Farnborough Urban District Council Mr. Eldridge received a canteen of cutlery.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on September 29th; St. Magnus' on the 17th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. Special service at 7 o'clock to which ringers and friends are cordially invited. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon, on Saturday, September 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's bells (6) available after tea.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford. (Please note change of address.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, on Saturday, September 12th, when the bells (8) which have been restored and rehung will be dedicated by the Bishop of Wakefield. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service of dedication and thanksgiving 3. Tea 5, by kind permission of Canon and Mrs. Hone, in the Rectory. After tea ringers are invited to be guests of Councillor J. Rideal, Councillor H. Potter and Mr. C. D. Potter. The towers of Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be available if required by visitors.—F. Clark, M. Wilson, A. Panther, Hon. Secs.

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.—Re-dedication of recast 6th, 7th and tenor bells by Bishop Willis on Saturday, September 12th. Service 3.15 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9. Tea in Church Room; will those requiring same please advise me. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, near L.N.E.R. Station, Leicester.—A. Disney, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, St. Helen's on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. S. Burrows, 189, Exeter Street, St. Helens. Special note: Canon Child will be present to say farewell to all ringers, as he leaves St. Helens at the end of September. Wigan Branch specially invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (at 9d. per head). Buses from Selby every hour.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.) on Saturday, September 12th. Tea will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel, at 5 p.m.—J. Reed, Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guiseborough, Yorks.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bickleigh on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Poges on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 2.30 to 5 p.m. Bus passes church for Slough 5.14 p.m., for tea, 1s. Slough tower (8) open 7 to 9 p.m. Buses from Slough station to Stoke Poges, 2.7, 2.49 and 3.19 p.m.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The meeting will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, September 12th, when a good attendance is requested. Bells available from 3.30. Any person capable of handling a rope cordially welcome.—J. Porter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Keyston, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held on September 12th at Todmorden Parish Church, bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Will members please make an effort to attend, and thus ensure a successful meeting?—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Send your card now to Mr. Cyril Wanstall, Pentire, The Groves, Snodland, if you require tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malt House, Egerton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dinton on Saturday, September 12th. 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., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern and North West Divisions.—A Wednesday meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, September 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

THORNCOMBE, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 19 cwt.), rehung in a new frame and tenor recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury, on Thursday, September 17th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Burton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. L. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5.30. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15th. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ampert on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting is at Salle on Saturday, September 19th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at The White Horse. Service, probably, at 4.15. The presentation of gifts to me on the occasion of my marriage will take place at this meeting, and I hope as many as possible will be present.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Codshall on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Spinney. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports are ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, September 15th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please let me know by first post Wednesday, Sept. 16th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The delayed Summer meeting will now be held at Hanbury on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify me by Tuesday, September 15th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcestershire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Escrick, nr. York, on Sat., September 19th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held at the Village Institute at 4 p.m. Tea (1/6) at the Black Bull Inn at 5 p.m., and it is most important that all who intend to be present should notify Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, nr. York, by Tuesday, September 15th. The general meeting will be held at the Village Institute immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, nr. Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alderton on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, kindly given by the Rector (Rev. J. C. L. Raikes), at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by September 16th?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, September 19th. St. Bene't's (6) available from 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's (12) 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Service at St. Bene't's 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. I would like all outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—An open meeting on Saturday, September 19th, in connection with the rehangings of the bells, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea, provided free to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, Chesterfield, by September 17th. All ringers welcome.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—There will be a general meeting at Hinderclay on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also Redgrave, Rickingham (Supr.) and Hopton (6), as well as Wattisfield, Hepworth, Market Weston, and Thelvettham (5). Tea at the school, free to all sending word by September 15th. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, September 19th, instead of Adlington. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, September 19th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Secretary, Charlbury, Oxon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Braden on Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5.15. All ringers welcome. Buses from Bridport every hour. Notifications for tea by Tuesday, September 15th, please.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

SKILLINGTON, NEAR GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sunday, September 19th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, September 16th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone, King's Norton, 1542.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday afternoon, September 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Monthly meeting. By kind invitation of the Rector, the next meeting will be held at Old Bilton, near Rugby, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (5) available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided. Please come yourself, and so help to make this meeting a success.—M. Melville, Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (a nice ring of 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, September 19th. The bells are available from 5 o'clock, and all ringers are invited to take part in some good practice.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kintbury on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. W. G. Watts, The Barley Mow, Kintbury, near Newbury, by Wednesday next, September 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Jubilee Hall. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, September 16th. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting at Woodford on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Meat tea nearby at 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors welcome. A half-day excursion into Essex is being arranged for Saturday, October 3rd. Start from London 2 p.m. Inclusive charge 6s. 6d. per head. Will would-be participants please notify the secretary by this meeting at the latest?—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tydd St. Giles' on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday previous. Lincolnshire Guild friends invited.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 16th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, September 16th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ulverston Parish Church on September 19th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Elsham on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the school at 5 p.m. at 1s. 3d. Business meeting to follow. Now, please send a card by Wednesday, September 16th, to Mr. G. Elsom, joiner, Elsham, Brigg.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GLOUCESTER.—The ring of 10 (tenor 20 cwts.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated on Sunday, September 20th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 26th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. and again in the evening. Service at 5 o'clock followed by tea and a short business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by September 22nd, to the Rev. R. P. Rowan, Kingsclere Vicarage, Newbury.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, the Drewe Arms Hotel, 5. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, September 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Attractive musical programme. All Saints' (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. per head) obtainable until Tuesday, September 22nd, from any member of the Dinner Committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford District meeting, originally fixed to be held at Ockham on September 12th, has been postponed and will be held at Ockham on September 26th. Bells (5) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by September 21st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The contest for the Crawford Cup will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, September 26th, commencing at 2.45. Ringing as usual after tea. Please send me a card if you intend to be present.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

PAULERSPURY, NEAR TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 27th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been rehung in a new framework by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/6 per head, are available Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Applications (with remittance) should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than 26th inst. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all Branch Secretaries and members generally please note that the Hon. Treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is now Mr. Arthur D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, near Slough, Bucks.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, September 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: *G. T. Rogers 1, *Mrs. C. Guy 2, L. H. Page 3, *F. W. Stemp 4, F. A. Burnett 5, C. L. Guy 6, *L. P. Cook 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8. * First touch in the method, also first Surprise for Sunday service.

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Tenor 9½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	THOMAS HARRISON 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	CYRIL CROSSHWAITE 6
KENNETH HALL 3	ADAM BLOGG 7
JOHN JACKSON 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

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JOHN E. MEICALFE 4	* ALBERT J. LINTERN Tenor

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*ELSIE M. GREENALL	3	EDITH K. FLETCHER	7
*IVY R. HOUSDEN	4	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

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On Wednesday, September 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
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Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED WIGMORE	Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
ALFRED BACON	2	WALTER FREEMAN	6
WALLACE COUSINS	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	7
LEWIS BUSH	4	CLAUDE COUSINS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

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On Thursday, September 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY	Treble	HERBERT FIELD	5
*R. WILLIAM BARBER	2	GEORGE LEE	6
CHARLES W. COOK	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

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FRANK CLAYDON	2	H. WALTER SMITH	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
REGINALD MARTIN	4	*JOSEPH JENNINGS	Tenor

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Tenor 18 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	Treble	WILLIAM H. TURTON	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	WILLIAM H. WAIN	7
JOHN W. SYKES	4	JOHN MARSHALL	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

The composition was rung for the first time.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. STEELE	Treble	HAROLD JONES	5
WILFRID J. MOSS	2	MARK LANE	6
DAVID VINCENT	3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	7
*ALAN J. BROWN	4	NORMAN HEAPS	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for Mr. Mark Lane, of Aspley Guise, Beds, also as a birthday compliment to F. J. Steele.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES J. HATHAWAY	Treble	LOUISA A. WILSON	5
†NEIL ALLNATT	2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	6
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3	CHARLES J. GARDINER	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	†A. GEORGE WELLS	Tenor

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING	Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
*FREDERICK HARTMAN	2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE	6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	3	JOHN GRIFFITHS	7
JAMES MORGAN	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	Tenor

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*WALTER SOUTHGATE	Treble	*MAURICE LING	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	*URBAN WILDNEY	6
*GEORGE JENNINGS	3	*HORACE A. WRIGHT	7
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the addition of the new trebles added by the Barron Trust Fund. It was a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th. Fastest recorded peal on the bells.

MONMOUTH.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	Treble	H. ERNEST COX	5
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	6
*REV. H. T. WISDOM	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
JOHN J. WEBB	4	CHARLES L. SADLER	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. Arranged as a farewell to the Rev. H. T. Wisdom on his leaving Monmouth for Oxford.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HARRY V. SEAR Treble	HARRY SEAR 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	WALTER SEAR 6
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

G. Martin's 200th peal as conductor.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BOURNE Treble	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON ... 5
GEORGE K. HANKS 2	IVOR J. RAWLINGS 6
*SIDNEY A. BAKER 3	WALTER TAYLOR 7
†RICHARD J. RAWLINGS ... 4	WILLIAM E. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal 'inside' and on eight. † First peal 'inside' on eight. Rung on the occasion of the revisit to the parish of the Rev. J. Morgan Parry, Vicar of Burghill, 1893-1910.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HAWKCHURCH, DEVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
ARTHUR G. CRUICK 3	FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Specially rung on the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. First peal on the bells.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 extents each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Canterbury, and 12 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. GIBSON Treble	E. HAROLD FARMER 3
E. AUBREY BIRCH 2	MALCOLM E. BACON 4
FRANCIS R. DRACON Tenor	

Conducted by F. R. DRACON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. J. Preston, wife of a local ringer and a great friend of the local band, whose funeral took place on Wednesday, September 2nd. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

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

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLY 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLY.

T. W. Lewis has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal in seven methods.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*LEONARD KNOTT Treble	ANDREW I. CORRIGAN 4
*ERNEST W. WHITEMAN ... 2	REGINALD A. REED 5
HAROLD P. REED 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. First 720 of Cambridge by ringers 3, 4 and 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*THOMAS J. HULL Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 4
WALTER AYRE 2	HORACE L. WAITE 5
FRANCIS KIRK 3	*HAROLD V. FROST Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on six bells as conductor.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
*HORACE TUTTLE 2	†LESLIE HOUGHTON 5
*ALBERT HOUGHTON 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	JOHN H. THOMAS 4
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	HENRY E. COX 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	JOHN J. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung to commemorate Preb. H. G. Morgan's 60 years' ministry at the above church, 10 years as curate and 50 years Rector.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Froyle. Among those present were Mr. G. Williams (Ringing Master), Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart., the Rev. C. H. Sangster (Vicar of Froyle) and members from Alton, Blackmoor, Froyle, Petersfield, Steep, Soberton and North Stoneham. There were also visitors from Ash, Bramley, Pirbright and Sandhurst, 28 altogether. The bells were rung in the afternoon to the standard methods, and the Guild's office was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address. Tea was provided at the Shrubbery House by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, and the usual business meeting followed.

In the absence of the district chairman (the Rev. F. G. Eyres), Sir Hubert was voted to the chair. Several apologies for non-attendance were received.

The next meeting was fixed for November 7th at Binsted.

Mr. A. Brownjohn applied, on behalf of the Froyle ringers, for an instructor to assist them in the winter months, and Mr. A. Hardiman kindly consented to undertake to visit the tower when possible.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. H. Sangster and the organist, also to Sir Hubert Miller for his kind hospitality.

Sir Hubert afterwards personally conducted the party round his gardens and grounds, and the members later returned to the tower for further ringing.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ATTEMPT SOMETHING FRESH.

In the leading article on the front page of this issue it is urged that every band during the coming winter's practices should endeavour to advance in method ringing, by attempting something fresh. There is always a liability to get into a rut, sometimes through indifference, sometimes owing to the irregularity of some members which retards progress. There is nothing like practising something new to stir up and retain interest. The members of an orchestra or chorus would soon lose their interest if they never practised anything but the same piece. Ringers, too, can grow tired and stale in a similar way, but a change of method will keep them interested, and the more variety they introduce into their activities the more they will want to advance. We hope in the next week or two to make some suggestions in this column which may help young bands, and some older ones, perhaps, to break away from their rut.

First of all a word or two for those five-bell ringers whose scope is the most limited of all, and those who, while they have the bells with which to expand their practice, are content to 'stick.'

Most of the few methods on five bells are made up of plain hunting, broken by the insertion of a 'place' or places in third's. For the benefit of those who are only just starting into change ringing we may, perhaps, explain that plain hunting is moving the position of your bell a step at a time right through the other bells; that is, after you have led, you move up and strike once in second's, once in third's, once in fourth's, twice in fifth's (or a whole pull behind); then move down, and strike once in fourth's, once in third's, once in second's and then lead a whole pull. If this operation is carried out by all the five bells, they will come round in ten changes. A 'place' is made when a bell in its hunting course stays in one position for two blows, or a whole pull, but the whole pull at lead and the whole pull behind are not called 'places.'

If any other 'place' than 3rd's is made on five bells, you at once depart from true 'Doubles,' for 2nd's place or 4th's, inevitably means that only one pair of bells instead of two pairs can change. All the while 3rd's place only is made it is possible to produce a series of rows of true double changes.

The pure Doubles methods that are rung, therefore, are produced merely by the variation or multiplication of the 3rd's places used. Further variety in methods can be obtained by the introduction of 2nd's place or 4th's when the treble is leading or lying its whole pull behind, but, as we have indicated, this at once takes them out of the category of pure Doubles.

Now the simplest of all methods is 'Original,' so called because it is the foundation of all change ringing. It consists of plain hunting only. A course consists of ten changes only, but the whole of the 120 can be produced by the use of bobs and singles, and we suggest to ringers who now confine their attention to Grandsire Doubles that they should turn their attention to 'Original,' for this reason: You can learn quite easily to ring all the Doubles methods by ringing Original. Grandsire Doubles is only Original with a bob inserted every time the treble has led, and another one on alternate occasions when it begins its lead.

Practise Original and call the bobs in other places and you will have a useful introduction to rest of the methods. When a bob is called the bell hunting up through 2-3 makes 3rd's and returns to the front, the two bells behind in 4-5 make a dodge; that is, each steps back a place before hunting on.

The bob-making can be reversed, and when the call is made, the bell hunting through 4-3 down makes 3rd's and hunts back up, while the two bells in front in 1-2 make the dodge.

1.	2.	3.	4.
12345	12345	12345	12345
— 21354	21435	21435	21435
23145	24153	24153	24153
32415	42513	42513	42513
34251	45231	— 24531	— 24531
43521	54321	42351	42351
45312	53412	43215	— 24315
54132	35142	34125	42135
51423	31524	31452	41253
— 15432	— 13542	13542	14523
14523	15324	15324	15432
— 41532	— 51342	51234	51342
45123	53124	52143	53124
54213	35214	25413	35214
52431	32541	— 52431	32541
25341	23451	25341	23451
23514	24315	— 52314	— 32415
32154	42135	25134	23145
31245	41253	21543	21354
14253	— 14235	12453	12534
14352	12453	14235	15243

Each twice repeated.

All these are touches of Original, which can be extended to the complete 120 by the addition of a single in each half. The first two contain bobs made at the back; the last two, bobs in the front. Examination, however, will show that they are also methods: 1 is

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NEWTON, PORTHCRAW.

After a lapse of ten years, a meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Newton, Porthcawl, Glamorganshire, on Saturday last. The morning was one of the wettest of the year, with almost a continuous downpour, but later the sun shone out and the afternoon proved a real late summer one. The earlier weather no doubt kept many away from the meeting; nevertheless, there was very good muster, including the young band from Penarth. The Rector unexpectedly had to leave early, and the service had to be held half an hour earlier than arranged for. He gave a cordial welcome to all to the old parish and hoped it would not be long before another visit was paid. A bountiful tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and the friends of the church. Several lady ringers were present, chiefly from Llangynwd.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. S. Glyn Morgan (curate).

Many items were dealt with, including restorations and augmentations. It was reported that the Bonvilston bells were again in ringing order, new headstocks, gudgeons, etc., having been fitted to the old bells and replaced in the old frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It was also reported that the order has been placed with Messrs. Taylor and Co. to erect a new peal of eight, with a tenor 183 cwt., in Ebbw Vale Parish Church. The same firm are also adding two more bells to the existing six at Llanfrechfa.

Several new members were elected, including practically the whole of the Cowbridge band, whose bells were restored last year.

After the usual votes of thanks the tower was again visited, the standard methods and Cambridge being rung. The meeting was a very pleasant and successful one. The next meeting will be held at Caerleon.

SUFFOLK TOURS.

STRANGE TOWERS VISITED.

On Saturday, August 22nd, the members of Rushmere St. Andrew, Suffolk, accompanied by ringing friends from St. Matthew's, St. Clement's, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and Tuddenham St. Martin, held their outing to East Suffolk churches. Leaving by coach at 1.30 and going via Ipswich, the first call was at Monewdon, a light ring of six. Next they went on to Dennington, a ring of six with tenor 19 cwt. This was a great contrast from the previous stop. After ringing and visiting the old church a move was made to Worlingworth (a medium ring of eight). Here some creditable Bob Major was rung, considering that some had never rung on eight before. Tea being the next item of interest, a short run was made to the Royal Oak Inn, Laxfield. A visit was then paid to the adjoining tower for a ring on this good six (tenor 15 cwt.). These hang in reverse positions and caused some confusion at first to those not having much experience. On the way home a call was made at Benhall for ringing on the light peal of six. On the way through these narrow and winding lanes the 'guides' got mixed and took the wrong turning so that the party arrived rather behind time. Here a group photograph for record was taken. Although it was very dull and the hour 8 o'clock, it proved successful. The last call was at Marlesford to ring on the light ring of five. Here 'a limb of the law' (himself a ringer) met the visitors and saw them safely on the road for home, which was reached at 10.30 after an enjoyable trip.

On Saturday afternoon, August 29th, seven members of St. Clement's, Ipswich, had a trip into West Suffolk. They travelled by train to Stowmarket, where they were met by car by Mr. A. R. Woodward (a friend of the band), who took them on the tour. Calling first at Bardwell, the six bells were found to hang 234156, although in a good circle. This caused some confusion, but was soon got over and ringing was done by all. The next stop was at Great Livermere, a small church with thatched roof and wooden tower containing a light ring of five. After ringing, followed by tea at Fornham Martin and a ring on the six bells, they went on to Fornham All Saints, where there is a light ring of five in a small tower. A call was then made at Great Barton (6) and Great Finborough (6). At the last place is a good ring of bells, but the howling effect and noisy belfry do not add to the enjoyment. Stowmarket was reached in time to catch the nine o'clock train for home after a pleasant outing.

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Grandsire, 2 is New Grandsire, 3 is Reverse New Grandsire, and 4 is Reverse Grandsire. If it were rung as Original you would have to call a bob at every place marked; if you ring it as a method you call bobs only at the alternate 'leads' of the treble.

But with Original you need not keep the treble plain hunting all through. In these examples, treated as Original, the treble is the 'observation' bell, but any bell can be the observation bell, and, therefore, you can get quite a variety of extents. Keep your observation bell plain hunting, put in a bob regularly at every ten changes so that it is not affected by the call, and then, in alternate 'tens,' put in another bob (either immediately before or immediately after the regular bob, according to where the latter is called), and you can make up your own extents. The singles are made by the two bells which dodge at a bob, lying a whole pull instead. Insert the single in one of the 'tens' (or courses) instead of a plain change, and call the next one exactly 60 changes later.

Now figure out some extents for yourselves and go and ring them; never mind if what you produce is already known as a method.

NORTH WEALD RESTORATION.

TOWER STRENGTHENED AND BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of St. Andrew's Church, North Weald, Essex, were rededicated on Saturday, September 5th, by the Archdeacon of Southend after being retuned and rehung.

When the tower and bells were examined last year serious defects were found in the building, and an undue amount of movement in the frame. The tower had split, vertically, in two—a large crack running the whole height of the west wall and another on the east wall from the tower arch upwards. Indeed, when the bells were rung considerable movement was noticed at the cracks, and the bells joyously rocked on a concertina-like frame.

The tower is a fine piece of brickwork, built possibly towards the end of the 15th or beginning of the 16th century. The bricks have weathered a lovely dark red colour, and on the day of the rededication the weathercock—regilded for the occasion—proudly raised its head aloft.



The fine brick tower of North Weald Church.

The tower has been strengthened by the insertion of two reinforced concrete girdles inside the structure, one of which forms a foundation for the bell frame, and the cracks bonded and stitched. At the same time, the interesting fireplace in the priests' room was opened out.

Two new wooden frame sides were found to be necessary and these were made in English oak. All four frame sides have been bolted down to the reinforced concrete girdle, and the bells arranged in a way which made it possible to rebuild the damaged arch of the newel staircase where it enters the bell chamber.

The bells have been rehung on ball bearings and go like 'tops.'

Both the building and bell work have been well done, and interest was shown by all those who took part. Great credit is due to the builder, Mr. Henry Potter, of Chelmsford, and to Messrs. Mears and Staibank, who both acted under instructions from the architect, Mr. Walter E. Troke.

At the service, which was attended by many parishioners and members of the Essex Association, the prayers were said by the Vicar, the Rev. Oswald Gosney, and the Venerable Archdeacon Blayne gave a homely address based on the text, 'Do all to the glory of God.'

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER.

VISITORS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE LORD MAYOR.

Arrangements for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association, to be held at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool, on October 31st, are now well in hand. The dinner is timed to commence at 6 p.m. prompt and distinguished visitors have promised to be present.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of Liverpool will hold a civic reception at the Town Hall for all visitors at 3.30 p.m. The Lord Mayor has graciously intimated that he will provide afternoon tea for the visitors to the Town Hall.

If any visitors feel interested and also energetic enough, arrangements have been made for a party to visit the Cathedral tower. By climbing several steps the visitors may proceed to the top of the present building, which is about the position of the bell frame. Meet at Cathedral at 2 p.m. prompt.

Tickets for the dinner, 4s. each, are now ready, and may be obtained from Mr. Claude I. Davies, 58, Dumbabin Road, Liverpool 16, but please enclose stamped addressed envelope with remittance.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 5th, when members attended from Battle, Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Hailsham, Heathfield, Brede, Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), together with Mr. W. Pickworth (Hastings), Mr. F. Oakshett (Kent), Mr. Barker (Middlesex) and Mr. Haig (Wokingham). The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward) conducted the service and gave a very appreciative address on service.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Franks, of Battle, presided at the tea and short business meeting which followed. The Vicar was made an hon. member of the association.

Mr. Pickworth proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local secretary for making arrangements for the meeting. The members then returned to the tower and the bells were kept going until 8.30.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, on September 5th, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, a very poor muster turned up. The bells were placed at the disposal of the visitors from 3 o'clock, and the Guild service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. F. Brighton, Vicar of Instone, Staffs (who is doing duty for the Vicar of Kinver during his absence on holiday). He also gave a short but very able address.

After tea, which was partaken of at the Woden Cafe, the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. F. Brighton, who gave the members a hearty welcome to Kinver on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Mercer). The next meeting is to be held at Wednesbury, and the quarterly peal attempted at Kinver, the arrangements being left with the Ringing Master.

Several new members were added to the roll.

At the close of the meeting the best thanks of those present were accorded to the Vicar of Kinver and to the Rev. F. Brighton. Thanks were also given to Mr. Percy Handley for making arrangements for tea and the meeting, and to the organist for his services. The chairman thanked the members on behalf of all concerned.

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Some rounds were rung for the dedication, and afterwards 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor formed the opening touch. The changes were well struck and the excellence of the tone of the retuned bells heard to advantage. The bells ring out across the fields, and even underneath the tower can be listened to with ease and pleasure.

The weather made it impossible to have tea on the Vicarage lawn as was intended, and it was laid in the Schoolroom. The ladies of the congregation not only served but provided all the eatables—a splendid effort.

The Vicar spoke about the work which had been carried out, and gave details of the amount so far collected. This small, scattered parish has done magnificently; but there is yet over £100 to collect to wipe off the debt.

Mr. E. J. Butler, secretary of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, spoke appreciatively of the work, and congratulated the ringers and parish and all who had been connected with it.

After tea the bells were rung to various methods until nine o'clock, Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge, Oxford and Grandsire being the methods indulged in.

Thirty-three ringers were present from 15 towers, and the opening touch was rung by Messrs. W. Watson (Romford), G. Black (Woodford), E. Runter (Springfield), A. Pye (Romford), E. J. Butler (Romford) and Pavey (Leytonstone). Many were the favourable remarks made by the visitors.

The concluding touch of the day was 720 Bob Minor, rung by F. Whitty 1, B. Burton 2, G. Samms 3, H. King 4, L. A. Cordell 5, W. Wedlock (conductor) 6. This was a perfect piece of striking and the bells were lowered at the finish in fine style.

It now remains for Mr. Harry King, in his enthusiasm, to continue the excellent work he is doing in training a local band—or should we say bands? for he has about 20 keen recruits eager to learn the intricacies of the art.

DEATH OF LIVERPOOL RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Ernest Jones on Saturday, August 29th, the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, lose a valued colleague.

Mr. Jones was formerly of Shrewsbury, where he learnt to ring at St. Chad's Church in the days of Mr. George Byolin. He rang for a time at St. Peter's, Woolton, but for the last 15 years he had allied himself to the tower of St. Nicholas'. Up to the last few months deceased rang regularly for Sunday service. He took part in upwards of 50 peals in the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Superlative and the only peal of London Surprise Major in the city.

Mr. Jones, who was 55 years of age, was buried at Allerton Cemetery on Wednesday, September 2nd, the towers of Childwall, Garston and St. Nicholas being represented at the graveside. The deep sympathy of all is extended to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

TOUR INTO LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 5th, a party of bellringers from Darley Dale, Ashover and Matlock, accompanied by lady and non-ringing friends, went by motor-coach on a tour into Leicestershire. The first call for ringing was at Ashby de la Zouch, then on to Nuneaton for lunch and an hour's ringing on the bells at Chilvers Coton Church. Earl Shilton was visited during the afternoon and an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the bells.

Leicester was reached in time for tea and to spend the evening looking round the city. Several of the ringers came in touch with a party of ringers from Luton and spent the evening ringing at St. John's Church. Leaving Leicester about 9 p.m., Darley Dale was reached about 11.30 p.m., all agreeing that they had had a splendid day's outing. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

MEETING IN PEAK DISTRICT.

The Peak District meeting at Ashover was well attended by over 20 members and friends from Ashover, Whittington, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Darley Dale, Edinburgh, Eyam, Sheffield, Matlock, Dore, Norton, Preston, etc. The bells were kept going and good touches brought round of Forward, Little Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

Tea, provided by the Ashover ladies, was enjoyed by all, and the company were honoured by the presence of the Vicar of Ashover, who mentioned in a short speech that he and his father together had had charge of the parish for over 100 years.

ANSTEY BELLS.**RINGERS' EFFORT SECURES RECASTING OF THREE LARGEST.**

For many years the 6th, 7th and tenor bells at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, Leicestershire, urgently needed recasting, but it was left undone owing to the difficulty of raising the necessary funds. Just over two and a half years ago the Anstey ringers undertook to raise the money required to recast these three bells. A few minor repairs, including new ball bearings, pulleys to all eight bells, etc., have also been undertaken.

The happy consummation of the ringers' efforts was seen on Saturday, when the three bells, which have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., were rededicated by the Right Rev. J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester, in the presence of a large congregation. The service, which lasted just over an hour, was very bright and inspiring throughout. Eight members of the local band rang a few opening rounds after the dedicatory prayers. The Bishop preached a short but very interesting sermon, in which he referred to his many years' work in South Africa. The service came to a fitting conclusion with the singing of the 'Hallelujah Chorus.'

Immediately after the service an opening touch of 168 Stedman Triples was rung by five members of the local band, with Messrs. C. Harrison, E. Morris and A. Ballard, and conducted by the local Ringing Master, Mr. Redvers F. Elkington.

Tea was served in the Church Rooms and tunes played on the hand-bells by Messrs. E. Morris, J. Morris and S. H. Harrison were much appreciated.

The tower was kept open till 9 p.m. and the 50 or more ringers present made good use of the bells. Many of the ringers had come from places many miles distant. The ringing ranged from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Everyone was loud in their praise of the musical qualities of the recast bells, and Anstey now possesses a perfectly balanced peal of eight which, for their weight, would be hard to beat. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated upon carrying out a very satisfactory job.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The special service for ringers, to be held at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, London, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, will, it is hoped, attract a large attendance. It is a new departure in London, and the College Youths, for whom it was originally arranged, will, we are sure, be well supported by members of other societies. There will be ringing from six o'clock.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, the Essex veteran, rang his 440th peal at Kirby-le-Soken last Saturday. He is in his 81st year.

Ladies' peals are few and far between, but one was rung on Wednesday of last week at St. George's, Southwark—a very good peal of Stedman Triples.

It will be noted in the report in our peal columns that the usual prefix applied to a lady of Mrs. or Miss is missing. No, that is not intended as a pun, but we wondered if some of the husbands did not know that their wives were away on a peal ringing expedition and this little ruse is hoped to hoodwink them!

By the way, the first Ladies' Guild meeting in the Eastern Counties (if Lincolnshire is not an eastern county) is to be held at Norwich on November 21st. East Anglian lady ringers will specially welcome this visit.

Members of the Leeds and District Society are asked to note the change of time for the business meeting at the gathering at Rothwell on September 25th. See notice.

Although the Central Council 'Collection of Minor Methods' is officially out of print, some of the association secretaries have copies available. Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, has two for sale. A new edition is shortly to be printed.

The dedication of the bells at Skillington is to take place on Saturday.

Prebendary Morgan's record at Stoke Lacy must be almost unique. He has been 60 years at the church, 10 years as curate and 50 years as Rector. A peal in his honour was rung on Sunday.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN PHILLIPS.

FORMER LINCOLN GUILD DISTRICT SECRETARY.

We regret to record the death at his home, Sunnyside, Sawtry, Huntingdonshire, of Mr. John Phillips, who passed away on September 5th, after a long period of indifferent health, at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Phillips was formerly a district secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which he represented on the Central Council for several years.

THE IRISH TOUR.

The tour in Ireland, in progress this week, includes visits to the following churches for peal attempts:—

Saturday, 12th.—Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin; ten bells, tenor 39 cwt.

Sunday, 13th.—Service ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and Christ Church, Bray.

Monday, 14th.—St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen; ten bells, tenor 22 cwt.

Tuesday, 15th.—St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry; ten bells, tenor 32 cwt. St. Patrick's, Coleraine; eight bells, tenor 20 cwt.

Wednesday, 16th.—St. Patrick's, Ballymena; eight bells, tenor 18 cwt. St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus; eight bells, tenor 14 cwt.

Thursday, 17th.—SS. Philip and James', Holywood; eight bells, tenor 13 cwt. St. Comgall's, Bangor; eight bells, tenor 21 cwt.

Friday, 18th.—St. Malachi's, Hillsborough; eight bells, tenor 20 cwt. St. Peter's, Drogheda; eight bells, tenor 21 cwt.

Saturday, 19th.—St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin; twelve bells, tenor 45 cwt. St. George's, Dublin; eight bells, tenor 20 cwt.

RINGER BUILDS CHURCH CLOCK.

CURIOUS TIMEKEEPER FOR ELDERSFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

The Bishop of Worcester dedicated on Saturday a curious clock which has been installed in the tower of Eldersfield Parish Church, near Tewkesbury. The clock is the work of Mr. John Carter, a blacksmith, of Tirley, who is also a well-known ringer in the Severn Valley between Tewkesbury and Gloucester.

The clock has taken Mr. Carter some 15 years to build. The frame is made of pieces of English oak that were once a gate post; wheels have been constructed out of winnowing machines, bicycles and a lawn mower; and other parts of the clock from little pieces of harness, ironwork from the tail board of a cart, part of an old steel poker, spring from a gramophone, an old door-knocker from an ancient inn at the Haw, Tirley, The Fox and Goose, which ceased to exist as a public-house 113 years ago; skittle balls that came from a Worcester alley, scrap iron and an old and well-worn penny. The clock has a pendulum.

For some years there has been a strong desire and some hope that Eldersfield Church should possess a clock; and the clock Mr. Carter has made has been acquired by the Parochial Church Council to mark the accession to the throne of King Edward VIII.

Last March a meeting of parishioners unanimously endorsed a decision to this effect and pledged itself to support the raising of funds necessary for the clock's installation in the tower.

Mr. Carter, who made a similarly ingenious clock for his Parish Church at Tirley a few years ago, is now 71 years of age.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STOKE POGES AND SLOUGH.

Stoke Poges, in Buckinghamshire, not far from Windsor, famous for its association with the poet Thomas Gray and its link with the Penn family, one of whose sons was the founder of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., is the mecca of thousands of visitors every year. On Saturday it was the scene of a gathering of members of the Ladies' Guild, supplemented, of course, by a number of gentlemen, the occasion being a meeting of the Central District.

The ringing visitors were naturally interested in the historic associations of the place, and particularly the beautiful little church dating from 1330, when it was rebuilt; the Hastings Chapel erected in 1558; the giant yew tree near the south door, beneath which Gray is said to have written his 'Elegy in a country churchyard,' 'perhaps the best known poem in the English language'; the poet's burial place; and the ancient tower, which contains a ring of six bells, an early 18th century peal recast and rehung in 1912, and awaiting augmentation to eight as soon as funds are available.



STOKE POGES CHURCH.

Originally the bells were rung from the floor of the tower, which stands on the north side of the church. In 1800 the Lord of the Manor, John Penn, made this space into a Manor House pew and constructed a gallery immediately above it. Since 1924 the ringing chamber has been in a storey higher up, where apparently the bells formerly hung, for there are still decayed timbers round the walls. Access to the ringing chamber is gained by an outside iron stairway carried up in three tiers on the west side of the tower to a landing leading to the door on the south side. It is an unusual as well as a fairly steep ascent to a belfry.

There was once a spire surmounting the tower. It was erected in 1702, rebuilt in 1831, and taken down in 1924 to prevent collapse.

The bells are a tuneful ring of handy weight, and the large company fully enjoyed ringing on them. The methods were many and varied, and included a course of 'Ba Ba' (or was it 'Ba La'?), which appears to be Stedman slow work cut up into small joints and made to go round the six bells by dishing it up back and front. It went very well, seeing that some of the ringers knew it and others didn't. One lady rang it from 'music,' and it took two to get the tenor through the method—a gentleman to ring the bell and a lady to tell him what to do with it. No one ventured to call a bob.

Soon after five o'clock the whole party made their way by bus and car to Slough, where, at Williamson's Cafe, 44 sat down to tea. Afterwards the ladies stole away to a place of secret meeting. The following official bulletin was issued later in the evening:—

'Mrs. R. F. Deal (vice-president) presided, and, in the absence of the district secretary (Mrs. M. R. Cross), Miss K. M. Bradford, assistant secretary, undertook the secretarial duties. Twenty members of the Guild were present.

'One of the principal things discussed was the place of the next meeting. It was decided to hold it at Canterbury to revive the interest of the members in Kent. The meeting will be held on the first Saturday in November.

'Seven new ringing members were elected, viz.: Miss S. Bowyer, Ipswich; Miss Maddison, Johannesburg (now visiting England); Miss Puttock, Edmonton; Mrs. Shelton, Reigate; Miss M. Gutteridge and Miss G. Thetford, Iyer; and Mrs. Donald Boreham, High Wycombe.

'Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (general secretary) announced that Corporate Communion for members of the Guild would be celebrated at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, on Sunday, October 25th, at 9.15 a.m.

Arrangements would be made for breakfast after the service and ringing for Matins. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of ladies, and the presence of gentlemen will be welcomed.

'A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. A. D. Barker for having made the arrangements for the meeting, and to the incumbents of Stoke Poges and St. Mary's, Slough, for the use of the bells at these churches.

'There was a great demand for Guild badges, the new supply of which was on sale for the first time.'

From seven o'clock onward for a couple of hours ringing of all sorts was enjoyed at St. Mary's Church. Eight ladies set out to ring a couple of courses of Bob Major, and they rang very nicely, but unfortunately for the success of the touch—(whisper it softly)—the conductor, lost in oblivion, forgot to call the last bob! 'Dreaming' is the title of the song she proposes to sing when the ladies hold their silver jubilee dinner and concert. The gentlemen were afterwards graciously invited to ring a course of London unaltered, and just managed to uphold their reputation. For the rest, the ringing was by mixed bands, and, as usual at meetings, with mixed success. Mrs. Deal acted as Ringing Master (or should it be mistress?) and most efficiently discharged the duties, everybody, whatever their ability, having ample opportunity to ring. Despite a wet afternoon, the meeting was most enjoyable and the attendance encouraging.

HAPPY GATHERING OF NORTHERN BRANCH.

On Saturday, September 5th, a meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at North Muskham, Notts.

The ancient church, dedicated to St. Wilfrid, has been perfectly restored and is most beautiful. It has a fine peal of six bells, five of which have recently been recast and tenor added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., largely through the work and enthusiasm of the ringers themselves.

The Vicar, Canon Williams, conducted the Guild office and spoke a few words of welcome and encouragement. This was followed by a splendid tea at the Bungalow Cafe, to which four kind friends conveyed some of the ladies in their cars.

After tea a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Williams, Miss Ballachey and the local ringers for all they had done in arranging for the comfort of the visitors. The members were sorry to hear that their vice-president, Miss Bowling, of Leeds, who intended to be present, was prevented from attending through illness at home, and sincerely hope this has now passed.

Reference was made to Mr. Joe Mayer, who was killed recently in a motor accident. He had attended meetings of the Guild on several occasions, and as a token of remembrance and sympathy with his family and the Lincoln ringers in their sad loss the company stood for a few moments in silence.

The motor procession was then re-formed, and the party returned to the tower, where more ringers awaited them. Ringing from Plain Bob to London Surprise continued for some time—the 'home' position being reached all too soon.

It is pleasing to be able to report a very successful meeting. There were twelve lady ringers present and many more gentlemen, and all concerned are thanked for a very happy time.

BELLS RESTORED AT EASTHAMPSTEAD.

WORK DEDICATED AT OXFORD GUILD MEETING

After a silence of several months, the six bells of Easthampstead Church, Berks, were heard again on Saturday, following rehanging by Mr. R. White, of Appleton. The timber frame has been strengthened, new stocks and fittings supplied, complete with ball bearings. The 'go' of the bells now leaves nothing to be desired. The bells are a ring of six, tenor about 8 cwt. Members of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a meeting to mark the occasion of the restoration and to try the bells. Service at 5 p.m. was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. Stubbs. Two ringers' hymns and Psalm 150 were sung, and the Rector recited appropriate dedicatory prayers.

Refreshments were partaken of at the Institute, kindly prepared by ladies of the parish, and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Paice) thanked them for their labours. He also thanked the Rector for the service, the organist and others who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The secretary went on to congratulate the parishioners of Easthampstead on having their bells restored, and apologised for the absence of Canon Coleridge and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, whom he had hoped would have been present to say a few words, but both had another important engagement of Guild work. Mr. Paice concluded by urging the ringers of Easthampstead to value the work which had been carried out in the tower and do all in their power to maintain a band, so that the bells could be rung regularly for the Sunday services, which was their primary object.

The Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) and the Rev. A. G. Thurlow arrived later at the tower, and helped to ring a variety of methods, which during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Hereward, etc. Thus ended an enjoyable and successful meeting, made all the more pleasant by good going bells, and the verdict by all on the work done was 'A very fine job.'

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

BY W. H. FUSSELL.

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HISTORIC CHESTER-LE-STREET CHURCH.

'Tis wondrous strange that to this time,
No tinkling poet tells,
How much men's lives (Heaven help the Chimes)
Associate with bells.

W. Jerdan.

The two towers for Thursday were near at hand, per car mileage. With good going bells and a short journey, an easy round was enjoyed. Chester-le-Street, a town of 16,000 inhabitants, has now become Chester-le-By-Pass, and the old straggling High Street to the North is relieved thereby. 'Go, London,' sounded from the belfry at 10 o'clock, the towerkeeper making himself scarce, after locking the padlock of the staircase door and leaving the team for 'better or for worse.' At three leads from home we listeners thought the bells were 'quarrelling,' but it turned out to be a little 'argument' between three Georges, and, safely settled, the bells came home in 3 hours 16½ minutes.

We were received at the church by Mr. Patterson, Mr. Sheraton, of Houghton, Mr. Brown and the Rev. S. J. Glenn, and shown over the historic building. Dedicated to SS. Mary and Cuthbert, it consists of chancel, nave and western tower in line, north and south aisles, and possesses a remarkable collection of Saxon and Norman stonework discovered and built into the walls and covered with plaster, when the building was restored in 1862. The steeple is very artistic, square to the nave roof (about 1250), octagonal for the next two floors and surmounted by a lofty spire, the whole 169ft. high, built in 1409. In the recess north of the tower and west of the aisle is an uncommon feature, a stone cell of two floors with a curious 'squint' to the chancel used by the first anchorite, Robert Blenkinsop, who petitioned the Bishop of Durham (A.D. 1400) to be allowed to take up residence here. There were four successors in occupation of the cell in due course. It is supposed to be one of the best preserved in England. It had been the source of much trouble in 1626 when the churchwardens wished to end the occupation by poor widows. I spent a couple of restful hours in it in front of the old stone fireplace (empty) seated in an armchair, with a table, reading the book of records relating to these bells, the ringers and their ringing. Many of the entries would greatly interest readers of 'The Ringing World.'

A 500-YEAR-OLD BELL

Local history tells us that Symeon, of Durham, wrote in the 11th century how the wooden Saxon church of 883 was decayed when Bishop Egelric ordered a new church of stone to be built in 1043, occupying the site of a Roman camp. The church is hallowed by its association with St. Cuthbert. The body of the saint, with the head of the brave young martyr King Oswald, rested here enshrined for 113 years, during which period the church was the seat of the Bishops of the North. Here was written the earliest known Anglo-Saxon version of the Gospels by Aldred—now preserved in the British Museum. The bells were restored by Taylor, of Loughborough, and dedicated in 1883 by the Bishop of Durham, but one of the old bells, dated 1409, was preserved, and is now carefully used every Sunday for services for a few blows.

It is appropriate that attention to the bells should be given just 1,000 years from the foundation of the first Saxon church, erected in 883 by Earwulf, who founded the See of Chester and became its first Bishop. It is on record that Guthred was a Danish King of this part of England and a liberal benefactor to the church.

The passing of the centuries may be traced in the stone masonry of the exterior, deeply honeycombed and pitted in varying patterns by wind and weather that have left the hard veins standing out to resist erosion.

After the peal we dined at the Lambton Arms Hotel and left an hour later for the next tower on our list. This inn takes its title from the family of that name, the Lords of Durham of Lambton Castle, a handsome seat a mile from the church, which we passed on our way to Houghton-le-Spring.

This church is dedicated to SS. Mary and All Saints, and here a ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) was installed by Mears and Stainbank in 1830. They were increased to eight by Gillett and Johnston in 1928. Several willing friends were waiting to usher the team into a spacious ringing room well fitted and kept, with an 'abundance' of sound from the bells when ringing. Starting for Bristol at 3.30 p.m., it lasted 25 minutes only, due to one of the back bells refusing to be struck by 'lightning.' A brief rest led to our mental transposition from Bristol to Cambridge in the next attempt, and this came 'home' in 3 hours and 5 minutes. During the time we rang there was no call or sign of a 'hob' made; in the ordinary sense it was non-conducted, but decidedly not a 'silent' performance.

The usual adjournment followed with Mr. J. W. Parker, from Sunderland, Mr. Sheraton and other local ringers, for a half-hour's conversation and rest at the Red Lion. Our drive back to Newcastle ended joyously after a day of fine weather, with a double success, easy going bells and comfortable cars—no wonder octogenarians can go out peal 'grabbing' like two-year-olds! In each parish the foreman of the tower was personally requested to convey the thanks of the team to the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly allowing them the use of the tower. In this connection I regret to add that I have never

heard of a collecting box being filled to overflowing after such visits. Supper and bed at the Queen's was an hour later, and the friendly 'inquiry' answered in the affirmative, with a little doubt if it related to the peals or the supper? And so to contented sleep still 100 per cent. up.

The most picturesque journey of the week was taken on Friday, the two towers having been selected, like the Allendale ride, on purpose. It meant a distance all round of over 100 miles. Early we rose and crossed the Tyne Bridge at Newcastle before nine o'clock, six men in two cars and the rest by rail. George Martin and I, having travelled A1 at sea, now proceeded by car A1 on the North Road, via Morpeth, as far as Heddon Bridge.

The party then followed the River Coquet; at times our conveyances were hemmed in by woodland along its bank, and at other times we were looking down hundreds of feet upon its turbulent passage over rocky boulders sparkling in the sunshine. Rothbury is a quiet homely market town in the wilds of Northumberland, has an air of peace and quietness beloved by artists, poets and fishermen. The ring of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F) was installed in the tower by Mears and Stainbank in 1893, and a tablet records, 'In loving memory of William Dawson, this peal of bells was given by his sister, Mary Dawson, to All Saints' Church.'

A peal of Bob Triples was rung here at Whitsun, 1903, by the local society that had already mastered peals of Bob Minor, conducted by T. Murray. The captain met us 'on duty' in the absence of the Vicar, and the Newcastle Inn supplied our lunch at 1.30, which—like that of the Lambton—no gourmet could quibble about.

Rothbury belfry is a large apartment with two small windows difficult to open, usually lit by a gas bracket behind the tenor man, but not used by us.

Our journey onward was started at 3 p.m. with a splendid drive to Alnwick, over nearly ten miles of undulating moorland, coloured by masses of purple heather. Fifteen miles to the left the Cheviot Hills rose clear on the sky line. One very straight and long stretch concealed many deep depressions resembling the switchback. You could see nothing ahead at one time, then rising to the next hill a car would suddenly appear as if raised from the grave by a mighty magician.

BAMBURGH.

Here in the stillness of thy memories,
O grey, sequestered House of God, I find
A peace of heart and shelter from mankind.
Thy very stones on which I bend my knees
Link me with souls of vanished centuries.

Bamburgh was reached via Seahouses (we turned too soon off the Berwick Road) soon after 4 o'clock, when the faithful steeplekeeper with the keys, and Mr. Routledge, on holiday here, received us.

Dedicated to St. Aidan, this church has a venerable weather-beaten appearance. Its stout square tower, with battlements, seems to defy the stormy elements of the north-east coast of England. From the summit a grand view of that famous stronghold, Bamburgh Castle, standing on a rugged rocky eminence, can be seen. Beyond are the Farne Islands and below the tower the graceful tomb erected to the memory of Grace Darling, the local sea heroine.

The bells, by Mears and Stainbank, were installed in 1909, but no peal was rung upon them until 1920—put it down to the war—when the Newcastle men achieved a peal of Steadman Triples.

With plain bearings, short draught and good going, the Double Norwich went with a swing, and there was never much doubt of double peals being scored for five days in succession. Our conductor was again in trouble—troubles never come alone. This time it was the rope end that came untucked. Mr. Routledge, our friend in need, started us home with a farewell glass and a 50-mile drive to Newcastle, and somewhere about 10.30 we reported 'All's well' at headquarters.

We were 'at home' on Saturday, visiting the towers by tram-car, and giving our own cars and the engines a rest and a 'look over' for the long journey on Sunday. Gosforth, within the city, is in the county of Northumberland, and All Saints', of very handsome modern design in stone, now mellowed, is surrounded by tall trees and evergreen. The land and the buildings were given to the parish by William Cochrane of Middlesbrough, and the original ring of eight bells by his son. The trebles were added by Gillett and Johnston in 1923. 'Go' was called by the Doctor at 10 a.m., and our peal here made up a Royal century for Mr. G. R. Pye. We received the usual courtesy from local men and the Ringing Master, Mr. Adam Deas, and, on leaving the tower, an introduction to Churchwarden Lamour, a real churchworker.

The motor-car not only saves time by door to door progress, but also prevents straggling by the team. After leaving Gosforth, 'go as you please' men turned up to lunch in twos and threes, much to the cook's annoyance. This I attribute to the 'half-way' door. An apology is due to the fine team of young ringers at St. Stephen's Church, Elswick, for our late arrival. Here is a heavy peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.), relung by Gillett and Johnston in 1930. The bells are in three tiers on ball bearings in a rocking steeple. The lower part of the steeple forms a baptistry, and here is recorded on stone: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of their parents, George and Margaret Cruddas, the peal of bells was placed in this tower by their sons, George and Charles, 1880.' And another tablet records: 'To the memory of Margaret Cruddas, who died aged 1878, aged 88 years. This tower and spire was erected by her husband, George Cruddas.'

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WELCOME AT HEMINGBROUGH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, and was attended by 43 ringers from Beverley Minster, Eastington, Gooles, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Hessle, Market Weighton, Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Shepton, Silsden and Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire. A welcome visitor was Mr. H. C. Bond, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

The district secretary and two ringing friends were held up one and a half hours at Selby through a keel on the River Ouse colliding with the old Toll Bridge at Selby, but 'all's well that ends well,' and they arrived after some inconvenience just in time for the service. The organist of Hemingbrough Church was held up through the same cause, but he, thinking it impossible to get across the river, went home and rang up the Vicar, telling him of the incident, and asking him to find a deputy. A very capable one was found in Mr. A. H. Fox, organist and captain of the ringers at Kirk Ella Church. Mr. Dan Meadley, a popular ringer from the same church, acted as organ-blower, and both were heartily thanked for stepping into the breach.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Craig) conducted the service and gave an interesting but informal address, in the course of which he paid a glowing tribute to the enthusiasm of Mr. Fred Terry, the local tower captain, and also to Mr. Jack Tune and all his ringers. He said it was the old families of the village life which he liked best, as they were heart and soul in their work for the church and had the love of the dear old church in their bones. They were, he added, the salt of the earth.

Two new members were elected at the meeting, viz.: Messrs. Leonard Rigg and Frank Kneeshaw, both of Market Weighton.

An invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting at Gooles in December was accepted.

Mr. Cryer proposed and Mr. Vigor seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells. In reply, the Vicar welcomed everyone present, and said he hoped they would not wait 13 years to be invited again. He asked them to come as often as they wished and stay as late as possible, as the good people of Hemingbrough loved to hear their bells rung. They were all pleased when they heard the meeting was to be held there.

Mr. H. S. Morley proposed and Mr. Dan Meadley seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Fred Terry for all the arrangements, and to the ladies who very kindly provided such an excellent tea.—Mr. Terry responded, thanking the association for their visit, and inviting them again in the near future.

Further ringing on the tower bells till nine o'clock and on the handbells till 9.45 p.m. concluded a very happy and successful meeting.

The methods rung included Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Spliced Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the tower bells, and Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Major on handbells.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SERVICE TO BE HELD AT NEXT MEETING.**

Market Drayton again proved a popular choice when the Shropshire Association met there on September 5th. Early arrivals were greeted by a party from the Potteries, who were on an afternoon tour. After a course of London Minor they departed to find the 'Shropshire' six-bell tower of Hammer, actually in Flintshire.

Up to tea time some good striking in standard eight-bell methods was heard, and, upon adjournment, the 30 members present were entertained to tea by the Market Drayton band, a gesture for which appreciation was expressed.

Mr. Clark responded, and said that a hearty welcome was extended. He had hoped for a short service to be held.

Canon Bell, who was in the chair for the business meeting, accepted this as a proposition. Having received support from Mr. W. Saunders and others, the secretary undertook to arrange a short service at Condover for the November meeting. The Rev. Haseler, who was present from Condover, said that he would be pleased to hold the service if required.

During the evening a few courses of Cambridge Major completed a very successful meeting.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR

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Our effort for Stedman Triples lasted 40 minutes when someone called 'Stand,' and the ringing week was finished. No one was particularly disappointed, because there were times when a bell dodging 4-5 down was found in the slow, and it depended on the building if your bell would respond to your pull.

The final evening at the Queen's was decidedly mixed until the final handshake with Newcastle men. Squaring hotel accounts, handbell touches, talks of past tours and 'Come again' were seen and heard till 11 p.m.

All the men were safely home again by Sunday night, and their little travelling cases filled with new toys, valued by bellringing collectors, such as new towers, new methods, new counties, to which I would add—and new friends. The motor-cars were reported nearing home about 5 p.m., that I travelled with registering 824 miles since the start of what proved to be a very remarkable tour.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**FIRST VISIT TO TINGEWICK.**

A very well-attended quarterly meeting was held at Tingewick on Saturday, September 5th, this being the first of its kind in the village. The bells, a peal of five, have been recently done up by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and a good job has been made of them. There were in all about 25 members present, which was a good attendance considering that Tingewick lays somewhat wide of the activities of the branch.

A very hearty welcome was extended to Mr. G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow, who specially visited his native village to attend the first ringing meeting held, and the opportunity was taken to enrol him a life member of the Guild. Mr. J. H. Shepherd was there for a general inspection of the tenor, and another unexpected visitor was Supt. Williams, of the Manchester Police Force and president of the National Police Guild.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. D. Rice (Vicar of Tingewick), and tea was held in the Village Hall.

The secretary, Mr. W. Sear, stated that there was no important business to transact, but proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Tingewick for extending such a kindly welcome to the branch and for making all the arrangements for the meeting. This was suitably responded to and further ringing took place, both at Tingewick and Buckingham, which concluded a very pleasant meeting.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Richmond on Saturday. In spite of the unfavourable weather, ringers attended from Middlesbrough, Darlington (Holy Trinity), Ormesby, Guisborough, Chester and the local band, and a very pleasant meeting was the result. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. and continued until 8 o'clock except for a short interval for tea, which was held at the Bishop Blaize Hotel, and presided over by the president, Mr. J. C. Pollard.

The ringing was very good, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich were successfully brought round.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, September 8th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Neville A. Metcalfe to Miss Stelle Hale, both of Southwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. H. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, H. F. Clulow 3, J. F. Milner 4, F. Pickard 5, G. E. Foster 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, W. D. Shortrose 8.

On Sunday, September 6th, at Southwell Cathedral, for parish evensong, 1,260 Silchester Triples: H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, E. H. Clulow 3, G. E. Foster 4, J. F. Milner (conductor) 5, F. G. Hooper 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, E. Foster 8.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Jean Marcel to Marceline Ralimanana, which took place on Saturday, September 5th, at St. Paul's College, Ambatoharanana, Madagascar; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

At All Saints' Church, Ripley, Derbyshire, for the wedding of Miss M. Pilcher and Mr. Bert Rowe, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. George 1, J. Turner 2, K. Sheldon 3, W. H. T. King 4, F. F. Hill 5, F. W. Hill 6, A. Hutchison (conductor) 7, A. C. Watts (first quarter-peal) 8. The bride's father has been a ringer at this church for a number of years.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on September 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. Special service at 7 o'clock to which ringers and friends are cordially invited. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Amport on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Codshall on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Spinney. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports are ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Escrick, nr. York, on Sat., September 19th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held at the Village Institute at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at the Black Bull Inn at 5 p.m. The general meeting will be held at the Village Institute immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, nr. Rotherham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5.15. All ringers welcome. Buses from Bridport every hour.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—There will be a general meeting at Hinderclay on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also Redgrave, Rickinghall (Supr.) and Hopton (6), as well as Wattisfield, Hepworth, Market Weston, and Thelnetham (5). Tea at the school at 4 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, September 19th, instead of Adlington. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SKILLINGTON, NEAR GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Saturday, September 19th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone, King's Norton, 1542.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Buses from Belgrave Gate.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 548, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday afternoon, September 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kintbury on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Jubilee Hall. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting at Woodford on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Meat tea nearby at 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors welcome. A half-day excursion into Essex is being arranged for Saturday, October 3rd. Start from London 2 p.m. Inclusive charge 6s. 6d. per head. Will would-be participants please notify the secretary by this meeting at the latest?—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tydd St. Giles' on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Lincolnshire Guild friends invited.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ulverston Parish Church on September 19th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Elsham on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the school at 5 p.m. at 1s. 3d. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Special notice. Meeting at Stoke Golding on Saturday, September 19th. Usual arrangements.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GLOUCESTER.—The ring of 10 (tenor 20 cwts.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated on Sunday, September 20th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Dedication of St. Michael's bells, Gloucester, will take place on Sunday, September 20th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The usual monthly practice will be held at Shoreditch on Thursday, September 24th, at 6.30, and ringing for divine service on Sunday, September 27th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 26th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. and again in the evening. Service at 5 o'clock followed by tea and a short business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by September 22nd, to the Rev. R. P. Rowan, Kingsclere Vicarage, Newbury.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, the Drewe Arms Hotel, 5. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, September 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Attractive musical programme. All Saints' (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. per head) obtainable until Tuesday, September 22nd, from any member of the Dinner Committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3.45. Tea 4.45 in Parish Room. Tea (1s. head) can only be prepared for those notifying Mr. E. W. Beadsmore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, not later than September 24th. Others must arrange their own. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford District meeting, originally fixed to be held at Ockham on September 12th, has been postponed and will be held at Ockham on September 26th. Bells (5) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by September 21st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The contest for the Crawford Cup will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, September 26th, commencing at 2.45. Ringing as usual after tea. Please send me a card if you intend to be present.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 4, followed by tea at 4.30. Cheriton bells also available. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield (8 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, the 23rd, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret (8) on Saturday September 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Beachampton on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (5) available from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton Fitzwarren on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow at the club. Those wanting tea please notify by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at East Hendred on Saturday, September 26th. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on September 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Institute, 1s. per head. Ringers requiring tea should write Mr. H. Homer, 37, Temple Avenue, Rothwell, by September 24th. Business meeting immediately after tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting to be held at Marshfield on September 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea, members being guests of the Rector. Practice meeting at Westerleigh on September 22nd.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wendover (6 bells), on Saturday, September 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than September 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Festival service in Cathedral at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Dinner at 6 o'clock at Crown Hotel. New rules will be proposed for adoption at annual meeting which follows. Will those who intend to be present notify me as soon as possible.—Geo. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 9d. per head provided for all who notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, nr. Rotherham, by Wednesday, September 23rd. Will all who can please make a special effort to attend and make this the most successful meeting of the year?—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Matlock, Saturday, September 26th. All members intending being present are requested to write Mr. V. Taylor, 45, Lynholmes, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, September 23rd, so that suitable arrangements can be made.—H. L. Warburton.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, September 26th, by permission of the Vicar, Rev. Dr. W. Irwin. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Stone, Maynard, Derby Road, Duffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Templecombe on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

PAULERSPURY, NEAR TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 27th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been rehung in a new framework by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, September 30th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Welcome Hall, High Street. Notification for tea to be sent to Mr. Taylor, 31, Nelson Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec.; E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/6 per head, are available from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Applications (with remittance) should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than 26th inst. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting is on Saturday, October 3rd, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me by September 30th for tea; 1s. will be charged. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting is to be held at Ashford on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. sharp. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after. All ringers will be welcome, and it is particularly requested that the Ashford district be well represented. It is essential to notify me by Thursday, October 1st.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in

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the Saracen's Head, adjacent to the church. Short business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 30th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

UFFORD, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be inaugurated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m. Will ringers intending to be present please apply to the Rector, the Rev. H. Drake, for a 6d. ticket for tea?

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Chair will be taken by the president, Canon Marshall, at 6 p.m. Application for tickets, 4s. each, to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 6th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and SS. Philip and James', Clifton (6 bells).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—A meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, November 21st. Fuller details later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., Canterbury District, K.C.A., is now 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

MARRIAGE.

ELLIOTT—RICHARDSON.—On Thursday, September 10th, at St. Andrew's Church, Yardley Hastings, Northants, Sidney James Elliott, of Yardley Hastings, and Ellen Richardson, of Castle Ashby.

DEATH.

PHILLIPS.—On Saturday, September 5th, at Sunnyside, Sawtry, Huntingdonshire, John, the dearly-loved husband of Ethel Mary Phillips, aged 60 years. 'At rest.'

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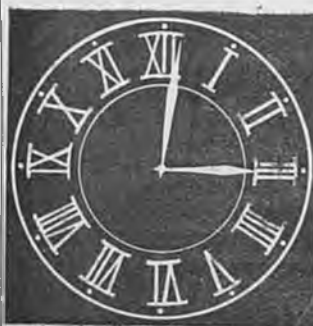
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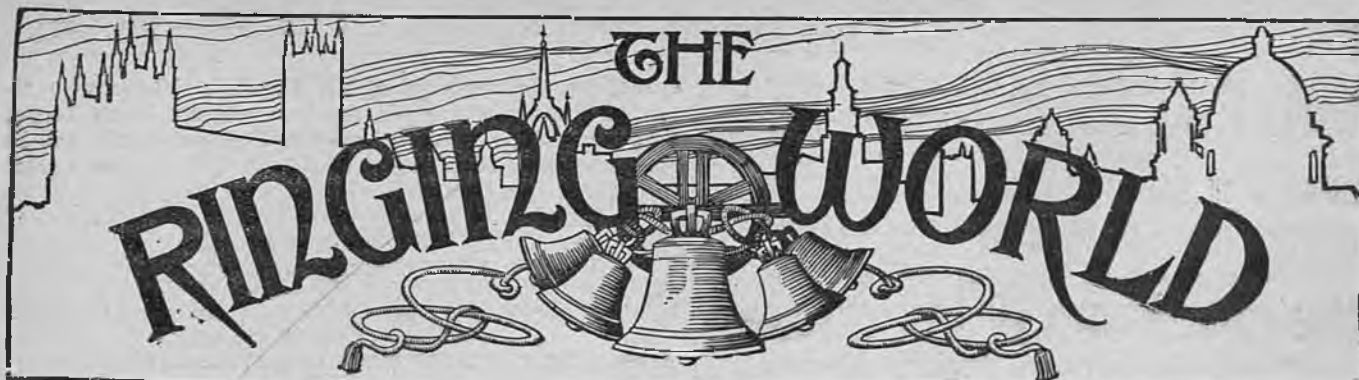
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Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	† WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	JOHN HOYLE 7
ARTHUR H. SMITH 3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALAN R. PINK 9
* WILLIAM SIMMONDS 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

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* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung in
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this church the same afternoon.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	WALTER LAGO 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	ALAN JONES 7
JOSEPH L. STAINER 3	* B. LESLIE JONES 8
GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5	† ARTHUR H. GARRETT Tenor

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* First peal on ten 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Caters.
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On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	BIRLEY WALSHAW 6
JOSEPH HALL 2	* HUGH REYNOLDS 7
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THOMAS JONES 5	JOSEPH WILSON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

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* First peal of Caters. Rung as a compliment to ex-P.C. James
Turner and Mrs. Turner, who both celebrated their birthday on the
above date. Also as a farewell peal to the Rev. J. L. Southern, who
leaves Birch for Denton this week.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 5
KEITH HART 2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 6
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Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Fussell.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
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On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*JAMES ROSE Treble	*GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
†KEITH W. WHITTLE 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 6
ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise at first attempt. Mr. W. Fernley has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ERIC B. ALLMAN Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
JOHN BRASSINGTON 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to E. B. Allman.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
DEREK M. SHARP 2	HARRY HOSKINS 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	ERNEST H. OXENHAM Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	SAM LONGBOTTOM 5
EDGAR WHITELEY 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
KENNETH SIMPSON 3	HAROLD PEARCE 7
MISS MARY WHITE 4	ROBERT H. VIGOR Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.
First peal as conductor in the method.

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS 5
CHARLES W. CLARK 2	HARRY PETTIT 6
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MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	CHARLES RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... Treble	REGINALD H. JARVIS ... 5
HERBERT IMPREY 2	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 6
DANIEL COOMBS 3	JAMES H. JARVIS 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	LEONARD CLIFTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. ETHELDREDA AND MARY,

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Tenor 25 cwt. in C sharp.

EDGAR HUMFREY Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	HARRY KILBY 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

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Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY JARMAN Treble	ARTHUR DAY	5
THOMAS J. HULL	2	ROLAND NEWSON	6
GILBERT E. DEBENEAM ...	3	BEN JARMAN	7
STANLEY A. CARTER	4	GEORGE W. DEBENEAM ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENEAM.

First peal of Little Bob Major by all except the 4th and tenor men and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells and first peal of Little Bob as conductor.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 24½ cwt.

*JOHN D. MORRIS ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM POSTON	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	GEORGE L. CORNWELL ...	6
†ALFRED WHEELWRIGHT ...	3	ALFRED T. POULTON	7
JOHN J. WEBB	4	HARVEY H. WINNEY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal on eight—both at first attempt. Arranged as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. Beattie, M.A., M.C., who is leaving Ross-on-Wye for Madley, Herefordshire.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOB C. MELLOR ... ..	... Treble	*ALBERT WHITELEY	5
FRANK POPPLEWELL	2	HENRY H. SMITH	6
JACK FISHER	3	WILLIAM E. HOLROYD ...	7
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	4	FRANK RHODES	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOB C. MELLOR.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

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On Tuesday, September 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE JOHN ... ..	... Treble	*WILLIAM POWELL	4
JOHN W. JONES	2	LESLIE BAINHAM	5
*REV. I. RICHARDS	3	ROBERT SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for Mr. W. Powell.

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On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ...	... Treble	*FRANK VERNON	4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	2	*JAMES W. RAITHBY	5
*CLIFFORD VESSEY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Sunday evening, August 30th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Skinner 1, H. Hayman 2, D. Deem 3, J. Deem 4, O. Gatter 5, J. West 6, T. E. Collins (conductor) 7, C. Deem 8. The conductor is from Croydon, Surrey. The rest belong to the local band.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN MOORE ... ..	... Treble	MOSES BILLINGS	4
†JOHN F. PEARSON	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	5
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	3	JOHN WALDEN	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' A wedding peal for Mr. George Ernest Smith and Miss Gladys Taylor, who were married at the above church the same afternoon; also a birthday peal for the ringer of the second.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BLACKPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At 58, EAST TOPPING STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

*BERNARD H. HALL	1-2	*JOHN H. FOSTER	3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES	5-6		

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

* First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells as conductor. First peal on handbells ever rung in the Fylde.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE.

The annual district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held in Cambridge on Saturday, September 19th.

Ringling commenced at St. Bene't's Church at about 3 p.m., followed by service at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, who gave an address appreciated by all.

At the meeting which followed apologies for absence were read from Miss K. Willers (general secretary of the association), who is away on holiday, and from the Vicar of St. Bene't's (the Rev. N. Davey), who said he was particularly sorry to be absent, as he wished to show his interest in ringing and his pride in being Vicar of a church with such a unique connection with change ringing.

All the officers of the district were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. T. Hurst, of Little Shelford, on the committee.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars of St. Bene't's and Great St. Mary's for the use of the bells, to the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, and to Mr. H. J. Hazell for presiding at the organ.

Further ringing at Great St. Mary's and St. Bene't's was carried on until about 8.30 p.m.

ST. BENE'T'S, CAMBRIDGE.

RINGERS WANTED FOR STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—May I appeal once again for help in keeping some sort of ringing going at St. Bene't's, Cambridge? For the past year or two a few of us have met to ring for morning service on alternate Sundays, but we find it increasingly difficult to get a band. I can assure all who do come that the Vicar is very anxious for us to keep the ringing going, and has promised to look out for any likely recruits for us who are directly connected with the parish.

On Sunday, October 4th, the harvest thanksgiving services are being held, and ringers are invited to turn up at 10.25 a.m. to ring the bells that Stedman rang.

C. W. COOK, District Secretary,
Ely Diocesan Association.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 19th. Forty-one members and friends were present from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Breaston, Cheshire, Derby, Draycott, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Overseale, Stoke-on-Trent and Uttoxeter.

A service was held, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Charlton), in his sermon, gave a brief description of the story of 'The Nine Tailors,' which was interesting, even to those who had read the novel.

After tea the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells. Mr. A. G. K. Davies, churchwarden, was elected an honorary member.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Doubles for the beginners, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Leek Major were rung.

THE IRISH TOUR.**ELEVEN PEALS IN TWELVE ATTEMPTS.**

The ringing tour which took place in Ireland from September 12th-19th was very successful. Twelve peals were arranged, and ten of these were rung. A peal of Cambridge Major was lost at Hillsborough after nearly two hours' ringing, whilst the other attempt could not take place owing to the death of the Archbishop of Drogheda. Instead a handbell peal was rung, making a total of eleven. Ten members of the party shared in the conducting, nine of them being successful. Some notes of the tour will be given in our next issue.

DUBLIN.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At Christ Church Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	...Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... ..	6
FRANK BENNETT	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
CHARLES T. COLES	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	4	ROBERT RICHARDSON	9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

First peal on the bells since their restoration in 1931. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. B. Kendall, of Shipley, Yorks, on his 70th birthday.

ENNISKILLEN, COUNTY FERMANAGH.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, September 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At St. Macartan's Cathedral,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	...Treble	ROBERT RICHARDSON	6
CHARLES T. COLES	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
JAMES BENNETT	3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	8
GEORGE R. PYE	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	9
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5	GABRIEL LINDOFF	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal rung on the bells, and first of Cambridge Royal rung in Ireland.

LONDONDERRY.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, September 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At St. Columba's Cathedral,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	7
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES BENNETT	8
FRANK BENNETT	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	9
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	5	ROBERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Royal on the bells. First Surprise peal in the county.

COLERAINE, COUNTY DERRY.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, September 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	...Treble	JAMES BENNETT	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	7
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	Tenor

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and first peal of Surprise Major in the county.

BALLYMENA, COUNTY ANTRIM.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, September 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

ROBERT RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	JAMES BENNETT	Tenor

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

Mr. Frank Bennett's 50th peal in the method.

CARRICKFERGUS, COUNTY ANTRIM.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, September 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ROBERT RICHARDSON	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Bristol Surprise in the county, and first Surprise peal on the bells.

HOLYWOOD, COUNTY DOWN.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, September 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
*CHARLES T. COLES	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First peal in the method rung in Ireland.

BANGOR, COUNTY DOWN.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, September 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Comgall,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	...Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	4	ROBERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DUBLIN.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, September 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At George's Hotel, Great George's Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...1-2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON	3-4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON

Umpire—E. C. S. Turner.

First handbell peal of Bob Major rung in Ireland.

DUBLIN.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the National Cathedral of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
CHARLES T. COLES	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ROBERT RICHARDSON	9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	4	GABRIEL LINDOFF	10
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5	JAMES BENNETT	11
FRANK BENNETT	6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells.

DUBLIN.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	ROBERT RICHARDSON	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BARNSELY RING OF EIGHT RESTORED.**STRESSES ON THE TOWER REMOVED.**

The eight bells at Barnsley Parish Church have been restored, and a joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association with the Barnsley and Sheffield Societies was held on September 12th to synchronise with the rededication of the peal.

The bells had been silent for a year on the advice of the architect and the bellfounders, for not only were the frame and fittings in a bad way, but there was excessive movement of the tower. The fabric has been attended to and the bells have been tuned skilfully and rehung entirely with modern fittings in a massive cast iron frame on a reinforced concrete foundation.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on the result, for the bells go like tops and the movement of the tower has been reduced to a remarkable degree.

The back six bells, the tenor of which weighs 14 cwt., were erected in 1769, and two trebles were added in 1772. There was evidently a peal in existence previously, for the tower, the most ancient part of the church, dates from about 1410.

Upwards of 50 members were present at the meeting, and the towers represented were Rotherham, Doncaster, Bolsover, Adwick-le-Street, Arksey, Wath, Bolsterstone, Darfield, Felkirk, Holmfirth, Friesland, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Ranmoor, Hoylandswaine, Eastwood, Anston and the local company.

The service of rededication, which was of simple character, was performed by the Bishop of Wakefield, assisted by the Rector of Barnsley (Canon Hone) and other clergy from neighbouring parishes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. C. D. POTTER.

Tea in the Parish Room was very much appreciated, and the ladies who undertook the catering had a very busy time. The business meeting followed tea, and was presided over by the Rector, who thanked the ringers for attending in such large numbers, and said that he hoped they would all be satisfied with the work which had been done to the bells.

A vote of condolence and sympathy with the relatives and dependants of those who had passed away in the recent mining disaster at Wharncliffe Moor Colliery was moved, and also to the relatives of Mr. William Turton, of Ecclesfield, a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1884, who had been buried that day. His passing will be very much felt by his old Sheffield associates.

Two new members, Messrs. L. W. Garbutt, of Barnsley, and T. A. Lamb, of Sandal, were elected, and, no invitation being forthcoming for the next meeting in December, it was left to the secretary to arrange.

The Secretary made an appeal to all tower secretaries in the Southern area to let him have any change of address which members may have made, so that they could be included in the next report and so keep it up to date.

The hearty congratulations of all present were extended to Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who had just celebrated his 78th birthday, and who has done so much for the ringing art in the Barnsley area. He founded the Barnsley and District Society many years ago and for several years was its secretary. The number of ringers who have enjoyed his hospitality at various times must run into hundreds. Saturday's ceremony saw the fulfilment of one of his dearest wishes, and he said he was the happiest man in Barnsley that day. It is to be hoped he will have the privilege of enjoying the bells, for which he has done so much, for many years to come.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens, and to the ladies for their services at tea, was moved by Mr. John R. Brearley, of Deepcar, who referred also to the excellence of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work in the tower, and the satisfaction with the ringers experienced that day with Barnsley's rehung bells.

Mr. G. Lewis, of Ecclesfield, seconded the motion, which included acknowledgment of the local company's welcome. The Rector and Mrs. Hone, in reply, both gave the association a cordial invitation to visit Barnsley again in the near future.

RINGERS' JUG REAPPEARS.

After ringing had ceased all visitors were invited to be the guests of Mr. Potter, his son, Councillor H. Potter, and Councillor J. Rideal, at the Royal Hotel, when they were supported by the Rector and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon. To make them 'feel at home,' both councillors were elected honorary members of the association. A very pleasant evening was spent. Handbell ringing, piano solos by Mr. H. Chant and some very interesting stories of ringers and would-be ringers were very much appreciated, as were also Mr. Johnston's account of adventures in foreign lands, and some mathematical problems relating to bells and bellringing which he asked the company to consider.

A very interesting piece of pottery (to ringers) was on view (and used). This was an old ringers' jug, capacity about one gallon, which has been missing for many years. Now it has reappeared there are good grounds for hoping that it will find its way back to its proper home, the Parish Church, and the Rector promised to take every care of it if its transfer could be arranged, and he thought it could.

The inscription on the jug reads as follows:—

Dec. 26th 1879. 8 Members of the Barnsley and Sheffield Societies rang at St. Mary's Barnsley a Peal of 6,080 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours 50 minutes. The ringers were:—

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FOUR CUDDINGTON RINGERS.**OVER 50 YEARS TOGETHER IN ONE TOWER.**

The Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a quarterly meeting at Dinton on Saturday, September 12th, which was well attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Drury), and an interesting address was given by the branch chairman (the Rev. G. Dixon). Tea was served in the Cricket Pavilion, and during the business meeting which followed Messrs. A. Webb, A. Frost, R. Ward and G. Orchard, all of Cuddington, and four ringers from Dinton tower, were elected members of the Guild.

The Vicar, in replying to a vote of thanks, said it was interesting to note that the four ringers of Cuddington tower who had just been elected are all over 70 years of age and have been regular Sunday service ringers since the bells were restored 52 years ago. Mr. A. Webb and Mr. A. Frost have also served in the choir for over 50 years. It must surely be almost if not quite unique for four ringers to serve at the same tower together for over 50 years.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT FARNBOROUGH.**

An enjoyable meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Farnborough on Saturday, when between 30 and 40 members and friends attended. Punctually at 3 o'clock the light peal of six (tenor 7 cwt.) was set going to Doubles and Minor methods, and, although at times the striking left much to be desired, partly due to the very fine 'set' of one or two of the front bells (which even caused several experts great anxiety) and the excessive noise from the bells immediately overhead, good practice was had by all before the service. The Rector of Farnborough (Canon W. A. Challacombe) conducted the service and gave an exceedingly interesting address on the comradeship of ringers and 'the pull of the unseen.' The bells, although not seen, were, he said, heard by many, reminding them of something which perhaps they had forgotten or even wilfully neglected. He wished the Guild greater success in its objects and prayed God to bless the ringers in their work.

Mr. T. A. Stroud (Frensham) at the organ accompanied the singing. Tea was served in the Jubilee Hall, following which a short business meeting was held. The Rector presided, supported by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) and the Guild Treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett). One new ringing member was elected, Mr. W. Roys (Farnborough).

Attention was called to the leading article in 'The Ringing World,' asking for renewed efforts at towers where practice had ceased during summer months. Several towers in the district were affected by this, and members present were asked to bring the article to the notice of fellow-members.

The Master proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, local tower captain (Mr. Gasson) and the caterers. A hearty welcome was extended to several ringers who had cycled from Uxbridge to attend the meeting, and also congratulations and good wishes offered to Mr. and Mrs. P. Eldridge on their recent marriage.

The treasurer acknowledged a donation of 10s. from the Rector towards the Benevolent Fund, and a retiring collection for the fund realised 7s. 6d.

Further ringing took place in the evening, the usual methods being rung. The bells were lowered in peal at 8 p.m.

Towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnborough, Farnham, Frensham, Godalming, Hillingdon, Sandhurst, Seale, Sunbury-on-Thames, Uxbridge and Wokingham.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HARROW WEALD.—On Sunday, September 6th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Wilcox 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. K. Hartle 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 6, H. D. Butler 7, W. Horrod 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—At St. Lawrence's Church on Sunday, August 30th, for evensong, 1,269 Grandsire Caters: G. Holfield (composer) 1, C. J. White 2, Miss S. Davis 3, W. Hibbert 4, F. Messenger 5, H. A. White 6, R. T. Hibbert 7, G. Holfield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

(Continued from previous column.)

Treble.—C. H. Hattersley.

2nd.—W. Richardson.

3rd.—G. Tyas.

4th.—W. Whittaker.

5th.—R. Sharks.

6th.—A. Brearley.

7th.—T. Hattersley.

Tenor.—R. H. Pease. Tenor 15 cwt.

Mr. G. Lewis, vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked their hosts for the evening's enjoyment and their hospitality, a privilege he had enjoyed on many previous occasions. This was replied to by the gentlemen concerned in a very happy manner. 'Time, please,' came all too soon, and thus ended a very enjoyable and happy gathering.

ANOTHER FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have just been informed by Mr. Arthur Knights that peal No. 415 of his Collection of Treble Bob Major is false, rows repeating in the 7th and last courses. This peal was rung for the Yorkshire Association (to Oxford) on Saturday, September 3rd, 1933, at Drighlington, and conducted by me. It appears under peal No. 3,718 of the association's performances.

I wish to convey to the band who took part in the peal the sincere apologies of the composer and myself. Included in the peal were four first peals in the method, and as Mr. Knights has forwarded me another composition to take its place, I shall be only too pleased to try and arrange another attempt at some future date.

WILLIAM AMBLER.

Queensbury, Bradford.

RINGING RECTOR'S RINGING DAUGHTERS.

The three young daughters of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford, who is hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and well known for his work on the Central Council, have achieved considerable proficiency in handbell ringing.

At St. Nicholas' Rectory, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on September 8th by Monica Richardson (aged 12) 1-2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 3-4, Brenda Richardson (aged 14) 5-6. The above band has rung eight differently called 720's of Bob Minor, each of the children having rung several 720's on every pair of bells. Dorothy Richardson (aged 10) has rung two 720's of Bob Minor on 1-2 and on 5-6, and the combined band has rung 672 Bob Major.

DEATH OF A FORMER RECTOR OF BEACONSFIELD.**MEMORIAL RINGING.**

Much regret was felt in Beaconsfield at the news of the death of the Rev. A. S. Commeline, M.A., who was Rector of Beaconsfield from 1900 until his retirement in 1926.

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church, Oxford, at 12 noon on Monday, September 7th, and simultaneously a memorial service was held in Beaconsfield Parish Church. Here, during the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rector by the following, all of whom are Sunday service ringers: W. H. Fletcher 1, F. J. Smith (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 2, D. R. Fletcher 3, K. E. Fletcher 4, R. Smith (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 5, H. Wingrove 6, J. Harrison (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Emmanus 8.

VISIT TO BUCKFAST ABBEY.**EXETER RINGERS' EXCURSION.**

On Saturday, September 12th, the St. Thomas', Exeter, band of ringers and other ringing friends had their annual outing. The weather, after the heavy rain in the morning, turned out very pleasant. Leaving St. Thomas' Church at 1.35 p.m., the first stop was Highwick (Newton Abbot), where the party were met by the Vicar of Highwick and some of the local ringers, also Messrs. Lilley, sen. and jun., and Mr. Walker. Touches of Grandsire Triples, also rounds for the beginners, were rung. A move was then made for Buckfastleigh, where Mr. Bennett, of the local ringers, and a visitor from London met the company. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major as well as rounds were rung. Buckfast Abbey, which was of special interest, was next visited. Here the party were awaited by some of the Abbey ringers and were escorted to the tower. On the way to the ringing chamber they paused at the balcony where the ringing hitherto had been done, and where some of the party had rung, possibly with some misgiving. Better a floor to look at than an open space of about 70ft. drop. Anyway, the spacious ringing chamber (where the bells hitherto had hung) was reached in safety, and the middle eight of the twelve bells was got up and touches of Grandsire and Stedman rung. The remaining four were then raised and rounds rung on this glorious twelve, it being, for some, their first pull on twelve bells. A well-struck touch of Stedman was then rung on the back eight, which all enjoyed. Next a great effort was made, in turn, by nearly all present to turn over the great 'Hoshanna' bell weighing $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons, but without success. Actually this bell is hung and can be rung up to about half-way. The clapper weighs one ton, the headstock two tons. The whole is a wonderful piece of work. A great deal of 'see-sawing' was done to and fro from the ringing chamber, for all wanted to see (and hear) the bells in motion. Eventually all the bells were lowered (the middle eight in peal), and with great reluctance the visitors departed and retraced their steps to the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided. A vote of thanks was passed to those responsible for the outing, etc.

The party then went on to Brixham, where Mr. Taylor was waiting for them. A stiff climb to the well-kept ringing chamber and more ringing was indulged in before leaving for Paignton, where a short stay was made and refreshments partaken of. Home was safely reached at 11.30 p.m. Special thanks are accorded to all those responsible at the various churches for such an enjoyable day, also to Mr. Bennett for his kindness in 'fixing up' at Buckfastleigh and the Abbey.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret that we have to hold over several reports of outings and a letter on False Rows in Minor Methods from Mr. George Baker. What was probably the last peal on the bells at Llanfrechfa, Monmouthshire, before they are augmented to eight, was rung on September 15th. Two trebles are to be added to the existing ring of six. Mr. Wm. Powell, one of the local ringers, has been chiefly instrumental in securing the augmentation, which is to be completed in time for the Coronation. The peal of Bob Minor last week, in which he took part, was a birthday compliment to him.

Mr. W. J. Whiting, one of the Leatherhead, Surrey, band, about two and a half years ago acted as best man to a belfry colleague, Mr. A. H. Smith, hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The chief bridesmaid at that ceremony was Miss M. I. Quinney, and best man and bridesmaid met for the first time. On Saturday they were married at Isleworth, Middlesex.

A Guildford Guild ringer, invited to ring for the wedding, journeyed to Isleworth for the purpose. There he asked the way and was directed to the church, where he duly arrived, a few minutes after the appointed time, and found the wedding ceremony in progress, but no signs of the other ringers. He tried the door leading to the belfry, but found it locked. Then he discovered he had come to the wrong church and the wrong wedding!

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have completed the work of recasting the ring of six bells at Shalford, near Guildford, into a ring of eight, with a tenor of about 14 cwt. The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Wednesday evening, November 4th.

The work on the bells at Manchester Town Hall, which are to be recast into a peal of twelve, is now well in hand. The bells have been removed to Loughborough Foundry.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are also taking out the bells at Birch-in-Rusholme, which are to be rehung and put on ball bearings. It is hoped to have both peals ready in good time for the Coronation.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques unfortunately failed at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, after 3 hours and 30 minutes, by the sixes becoming reversed. The occasion was the 85th birthday of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who was ringing the 5th. Mr. John Holman, of Sheffield, was also among the band.

Ufford bells are to be dedicated on October 7th at 3 p.m. Since the notice was printed last week, Mrs. Drake has arranged to give tea to all ringers and their friends who ask for a free invitation before September 30th. She hopes, in this way, to hear from all interested.

The bells of St. Michael's, Gloucester, restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were reopened on Sunday afternoon.

The 299th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths has been fixed for November 14th.

In the footnote to the report of the peal rung at Bobbing, Kent, on September 5th, it was stated that the rehanging of the bells was done by A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank, the founders of the bells.

DEATH OF THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

We very deeply regret to announce the death on Tuesday of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Cambridge, at the age of 87 years. He was president of the Cambridge University Guild from its foundation over 50 years ago, and was a past president of the Central Council.

STUDENTS FORM A RINGING SOCIETY. OUTCOME OF LECTURE AT SALISBURY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

This term at Salisbury Theological College has seen the foundation of a ringing society. Interest in the subject of ringing was started as the result of an enlightening lecture by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna, Dorset, and hon. secretary of Salisbury Diocesan Guild. He pointed out to his listeners how advisable it was for those who are going to take Holy Orders to know something of the nature of church bells, which play so important a part in Church worship. He made his lecture the more interesting by bringing with him a model bell hung in a frame, and also a set of eight handbells.

The new society has been started by Mr. R. S. Jones, a student of the college, who was Master of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers during the year 1935-36. The Vice-Principal of the college has been elected president.

Thanks are due to Mr. Romain, captain of the ringers at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, for the loan of handbells to the college and for giving ample opportunity for learning to ring in the tower. Practices have now begun both on handbells and in the tower, and already the membership totals from twelve to fifteen.

KING EDWARD VIII'S NAME ON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As stated in last Friday's 'Ringing World,' the recast tenor at Anstey, Leicestershire (where the bells were rededicated on September 12th), bears the inscription:—

'Recast in the year of the accession of King Edward VIII. . . .'
It would be interesting to know if this is the first bell to be rung bearing King Edward VIII's name. Perhaps someone will enlighten us.

ALBAN DISNEY.

RINGERS' SERVICE IN LONDON.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' INNOVATION AT CORNHILL.

A STRIKING SERMON.

An innovation by the Ancient Society of College Youths brought together a large gathering of ringers in London on Sunday evening. The society officially attended service at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, and College Youths and members of other ringing societies were present from over a wide area, despite an unfortunately wet evening.

Ringers began to assemble at six o'clock, and for an hour the twelve bells were kept going in touches of Stedman Cinques. When the service began at seven o'clock the church was well filled, many members of St. Michael's regular congregation being mingled with the visitors. The specially arranged service was an inspiring one, the stirring hymns and anthem and the beautiful singing of the choir adding greatly to the impressiveness of the occasion.



THE STEEPLE OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

Designed by Wren and completed in 1721, it was one of the earliest towers to contain a ring of twelve bells. Richard Phelps installed a peal of ten in 1728, and two trebles, by Lester, were added in 1746.

Our picture is from a photo by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

At the outset the Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield), who wore the new badge of office, and the stewards (Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. L. Porter) walked in procession with the choir and clergy to their seats, the mace, carried by the senior steward, being afterwards placed on a small table in front of the Master's pew.

The Rector, the Rev. Prebendary J. H. Ellison, M.V.O. (who is a Chaplain in Ordinary to H.M. the King), conducted the service, which he opened by announcing the purpose of the assembly in the following terms: 'Brethren, we are come together to thank God for the sound of church bells, to dedicate anew to Him the joyous work of the ringers, particularly of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and to pray that we and all others who hear their music may live not unworthily of the summons.'

Then was sung the hymn, 'Immortal, Invisible God.' The Master read the lesson from Romans xii., which was followed by Psalm xv. and special prayers for those called by the sound of the bells to enter the House of Prayer, for those who are hindered from assembling together for worship, for those who, in their daily calling, hear the sound of the bells, and for those who ring.

After the Lord's Prayer the choir rendered parts of Handel's Chandos Anthem, Mr. Harold E. Darke, director of music, being at the organ.

CLOSELY ALLIED TASKS.

The address was given by the Rev. James Wall, assistant priest, whose first words were a warm welcome to those bellringers and their friends who were present. 'We owe you,' he said, 'a great debt, yet, in a way, it would be presumptuous for us to acknowledge that debt, because in our several duties, yours and mine, we are fellow-workers in the same cause. It is not only that you ring people into church for us of the clergy to preach to. Our tasks are more closely and more intimately allied than that. Rather is it that in our different ways we proclaim to the world the same message, the message of the eternal values of God and of the human soul.'

'Of all beautiful sounds,' he continued, 'the sound of church bells is the most swift in its effect. The symphony may, as it progresses, carry us in spirit to some concert hall in Germany or Austria, perhaps, where we once heard it ideally performed; the quartet may take us in memory to the country house where we sat in the dull gleam of a peat fire and listened to a recording of it many years ago. But church bells are at once more swift in their action, more inordinately sure and much more potent. As soon as they strike the ear, we are uplifted; time and space melt into nothingness; we find ourselves in the presence of the eternal. As we hear their sound floating above the feverish crowds and traffic of our city streets, we are borne over hills and vales to those fields of youth where their soft, buoyant music used to speak to us or to our parents; for even in this city we are all countrymen by ancestry and at heart. Their music used to speak to us of the place of God in an ordered life and of the peace that that brings. Life then had a rhythm; it had a true perspective; it had a proper stillness. The week, ever lived under God's guidance and in His service, was punctuated by worship. Even if we stayed away from church on Sunday, hearing the bells, we were prevented from forgetting the privileges of our kinship with the eternal. The same bells pealed or tolled at irregular times reminded us how, in our steady progress through time, we find our greatest happiness in a life of sharing, which at the close is rounded with sleep. For the townsman life ever tends to become a disorderly hustle interspersed with sudden, inexplicable catastrophes. If life then had the stateliness of a lovely minuet, it seems now to be set to the drunken stagger of jazz. There is the temptation to under-estimate the existence and, therefore, the value of the historic past. To-day in our sudden vast accession of knowledge, amid the hectic production of our machines, we may be inclined to underrate the values of such things as leisure, of honest intelligent handwork, or chivalry and honour, of the dignity of all human life and lowly service. Yet these things were ever present to the mediæval world, certainly in aspiration and in great measure in fulfilment.'

The preacher recalled the words of Froude, who, writing of the gulf which lay between his times and those of old England, said only among the aisles of the cathedral, only as we gazed upon the silent figures sleeping on their tombs, did some faint conception come before them of what those men were alive, and perhaps in the sound of the church bells, 'that peculiar creation of the mediæval age, which falls upon the ear like the echo of a vanished world.'

GREATEST OF ALL MEMORIES.

The preacher went on to refer to his own experience during the eight years he lived in a Cathedral Close, beneath the shadow of the great square tower which contained, he was told, the highest peal of bells in England. Many and valued, he said, were the thoughts of those days that crowded through the gates of memory: Heavenly music, long processions splendid with colour, aisles packed with Bank Holiday crowds, moonlight playing through the painted glass on the Norman columns, amidst the darkness of the nave, but perhaps the most memorable of all were those of the scene when at the last midnight of the year, after, as it seemed, ages of waiting, the rushing waterfall of joyous clanging sound was loosed from the belfry over the city, sleeping beneath the crisp northern air. Here and there in the College and Close a beam of light would shine out as a door was opened to welcome some dark stranger, the first friendly hand in the new year, while the world went spinning on through space and time. Year after year the bells never failed to bring their message, a message of regret for the past, of hope and high resolve for the future; saying goodbye to the prejudices and disappointments, the pettiness and the wasted opportunities of yesterday, to make way for friendliness, for more persistence in well-doing, for wiser stewardship in the steadily decreasing number of years that remain.

The preacher concluded his eloquent address by reciting the lines from Tennyson's poem 'In Memoriam':—

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

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REDEDICATION OF BELLS AT CANTERBURY. IMPROVEMENTS AT ST. DUNSTON'S CHURCH.

The rededication of the bells of St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, took place on Saturday, September 19th. A large congregation, which included many ringers, was present at the service, which was conducted by Bishop Bidwell, the other clergy present being the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Miller, the Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar of Littlebourne), with the Rural Dean, the Rev. S. E. Griggs. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, and during the singing of the next hymn the clergy proceeded to the baptistry, which is immediately under the tower, for the dedicatory prayers. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bells were set going for a few minutes in rounds.

After the service the many ringers present had the opportunity to try the bells, and ringing was carried on until eight o'clock in the evening.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were represented at the service by Mr. A. A. Hughes. A clean sweep has been made of the old frame, and a new oak frame installed. The bells have been quarter-turned and tuned, and now hang in two tiers. They have also been placed lower in the tower, thus making the bells sound more pleasantly to the people in the houses in the vicinity. All the ringers were pleased with the tone and go of the bells, the only complaint being that at present the bells are a bit on the loud side in the ringing chamber, a fault which is to be rectified shortly. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on the completion of a successful rehanging.

A new band has been formed and it is hoped that soon the bells will be heard ringing for Sunday service regularly, after a lapse of 20 years.

RINGERS SERVICE IN LONDON

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Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor;
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man, and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

A hymn specially written for the service by the Rev. James Wall, who was Precentor of Durham Cathedral, was then sung. It comprised four verses, set to an old and familiar melody, and forms a striking addition to the collection of ringers' hymns. The first two verses are as follow:—

Ye who delight to ring the bells,
Praise Him Whose love their sound forth tells,
Alleluya, Alleluya.
Grateful for health of arm and brain,
For keenness, lift the glad refrain,
Alleluya.
Ye who in hours of toil or rest,
Hear their melodious behest,
Sing His praises, Alleluya.
Ye who on sick beds hear their call,
Praise Him for hope, whate'er befall,
Alleluya.

During the singing of the hymn a collection was taken for the King George Memorial Fund, four members of the College Youths acting as sidesmen, Messrs. E. A. Young, C. Burden, J. E. L. Cockey and F. C. Shorter.

The delightful service concluded with the Blessing, pronounced by the Rector.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This is *not* a complaint, but a suggestion.

On Sunday I had the pleasure of being present at the bellringers' service, held at St. Michael's, Cornhill. I saw a goodly gathering of the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and many others—a really fine attendance, in spite of the rain. The service was admirable, and the last hymn, composed specially for the occasion by the Rev. James Wall, M.A., was in itself a tribute to the Exercise. But I think that if the service had been held on any other day than Sunday, or at a different time from that chosen, more ringers would have had the opportunity of being present. Perhaps the service would have been better in the Sunday afternoon, as that would not have interfered with our ordinary duties at our respective churches.

Again, I remind you that this is a suggestion and not a grouse.

Deptford Park, S.E.

JAMES FIRWOOD.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

APPEAL FOR BEST RINGING IN BROADCASTS.

A glorious September afternoon favoured the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association for their meeting at Hanbury last Saturday. The meeting should have taken place earlier, but was unavoidably delayed.

Hanbury Church, situated in delightful country, is somewhat difficult of access, but there were quite a good number present, about 45 members with visitors, including the Misses Amy and Kathleen Johnson, who had cycled 18 miles from Hinton-on-the-Green, Mr. Roger Daniels, of Leckhampton, and Mr. Edward Large, of Birmingham.

The peal of eight bells, tenor 16 cwt. and of moderate tone, were made good use of in a variety of methods.

A short, appropriate service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. V. Blois), who later very kindly provided tea at the Rectory and presided over the business meeting which followed, supported by the secretary (Mr. G. E. Large), Ringing Master (Mr. C. Camm), Central Council representative (Mr. S. T. Holt) and Central Committee representative (Mr. W. Ranford).

Mr. S. T. Holt gave a brief resumé of the Central Council meeting held in London, in particular mentioning the Council's desire to see better support of 'The Ringing World,' and improved ringing for broadcasting. Regarding the latter, Mr. Holt said that if any band in the branch was asked to broadcast, he hoped they would only attempt to do that which they were capable of doing best, and that good rounds and call changes would be preferred to bad or indifferent change ringing.

Mr. C. E. Lindo, 80 years of age and an expert signwriter and pavement artist, who was present from Worcester in the role of spectator, offered to write peal boards for any important peal rung by the branch free of charge if they provided him with the boards, an announcement which was warmly appreciated by all present.

After the vote of thanks to the Rector, members again visited the tower until about 8.30. It was dark when the last came out of the belfry, and the red lights on the masts of the Droitwich transmitter some two miles or so to the north-west indicated that another company was actively engaged.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH MEETING AT BUNBURY.

A very successful meeting of ringers was held at Bunbury on September 12th, but owing presumably to the early downpour of rain, the number attending was small.

Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock and tea was served at the Dysart Arms. A short business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. G. Biddulph, Ringing Master (in the absence of branch officials).

Mr. George Crawley, of Crewe, congratulated the Ringing Master on his good example to other ringers by attending all the meetings and helping the less fortunate in the art of ringing.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and to those responsible for the tea were accorded.

A tour of this beautiful church and a study of its ancient relics is quite an education, even to the man who tried to lift a 7ft. x 3ft. 4in. thick stone coffin and won a 'Woodbine.'

Further ringing in various methods, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, were enjoyed by all, and those who stayed away are informed that the weather was lovely, and there was not a drop of rain.

D. R. W.

WHERE BELLS ARE APPRECIATED.

AN AUGMENTATION IN KENT.

The dedication of the new treble bell at St. Margaret's Church, Chelsfield, Kent (augmenting the peal to six), took place on Sunday, September 13th, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Parsons). Rounds were rung during the service by members of the Kent County Association from SS. Peter and Paul's and St. Luke's Churches, Bromley.

After the service the first touch of Bob Major was conducted by Mr. I. Emery from the treble, followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first Surprise on the bells: F. E. Pitman 1, M. Oakshett 2, Miss Oakshett 3, J. Lyddiard 4, P. Spice 5, A. Blackett 6.

The first 720 on the bells was an extent of Kent Treble Bob: P. Spice 1, Miss Oakshett 2, M. Oakshett 3, F. E. Pitman 4, J. Lyddiard 5, A. Blackett (conductor) 6.

Good striking was maintained throughout, which the Vicar and members of the congregation who remained thoroughly appreciated. It is to be hoped the local band will make good use of the extension, as bells are appreciated in this locality.

The new treble has been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

PRESENTATION AT FENHAM.

On Sunday, September 13th, a presentation of a silver inscribed cigarette case was made to Mr. A. Dodds, who is leaving SS. James and Basil's belfry, Fenham, for Glasgow. Regrets at his departure were expressed by all, and the sincere best wishes of the Guild were given to him in his new sphere. Mr. Dodds suitably responded.

Following the ceremony a farewell quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') was rung by D. Reay 1, A. Dodds 2, T. W. Crowe 3, A. S. Walker 4, N. Fairman 5, K. Arthur (conductor) 6, P. Wishart 7, R. Crosby 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM PLAIN TO REVERSE AND DOUBLE BOB.

There must be numerous towers about the country where Plain Bob, even after many years, is still the order of the day. We constantly see peals of Minor rung in which the method has been Plain Bob in all the seven 720's. There is legitimate excuse for the young band whose first peal attempts consist of nothing but Plain Bob, but there are many ringers who ought to get out of this rut, and learn to ring something else. The returning winter evenings are the time to make the effort.

The first steps can be easy ones, and in order to get some idea of the work which you may find in other methods, we suggest that you should try the Bob method in other ways than the one you have been in the habit of ringing. Yes, there are other ways. There is Reverse Bob and there is Double Bob.

When you ring Plain Bob you make 2nd's place or dodge when the treble is leading, and very possibly you have learnt where to dodge by the position in which you pass the treble as you hunt up and the treble hunts down.

Reverse Bob, as its name implies, is the opposite of Plain Bob. Instead of 2nd's place or dodging when the treble leads, 5th's place is made and the dodging takes place when the treble is behind, and you learn where to dodge by the position in which you pass the treble as you hunt down and the treble hunts up.

Double Bob incorporates both Plain and Reverse Bob; that is you make both 2nd's when the treble leads and 5th's when it lies its whole pull behind. Consequently there is dodging on both occasions.

You can learn where to dodge by the position in which you pass the treble both as you hunt up and as you hunt down. Some people do not take the trouble to do this, but we think that for those beginning to launch out into the boundless sea of methods it is just as well to start this way.

Let us first compare Reverse Bob with Plain Bob and see how little difference there really is in the actual work. You want to try to count your way from the back, as you do from the front. For instance, in Plain Bob, if you meet the treble first from the front you make 2nd's and lead again. In Reverse Bob if you meet the treble first from the back (that is after you have had your whole pull behind), you make 5th's and lie a whole pull behind again.

In Plain Bob, if you meet the treble second from the front you dodge in 3-4 (up); in Reverse Bob, if you meet the treble second from the back, you dodge in 4-3 (down), and so on. Put in another way you can compare them thus:—

PLAIN.		REVERSE.	
Pass Treble		Pass Treble	
5-6	dodge 4-3 down	2-1	dodge 3-4 up
4-5	dodge 6-5 down	3-2	dodge 1-2 up
3-4	dodge 5-6 up	4-3	dodge 2-1 down
2-3	dodge 3-4 up	5-4	dodge 4-3 down
1-2	make 2nd's	6-5	make 5th's

Dodging in 1-2 in Reverse takes the place of dodging in 5-6 in Plain—everything, in fact, is reversed. If you want to see what it looks like on paper, write out a plain course of Bob Minor, draw a continuous line through the figures representing one bell—then turn it upside down, and you have Reverse Bob.

If you want to ring Double Bob you just put the two things together. There is nothing else to learn as far as ringing the method is concerned. If you know exactly what to do when you have passed the treble, either in hunting up or down, in the Plain and Reverse; you will know what to do in the Double method. Of course the dodging and place-making do not come in the same sequence, but, when you have passed the treble, your next dodge will be in accordance with the tables given above, whichever way you are going.

There is another way of ringing it which may help you. May we put it in rather unorthodox style and say 'You do something and miss something alternately'? The 'something' may be a place or a dodge, and we put it in this form to save a confusion of terms.

Think of the method in terms of 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 6-5, 4-3, 2-1. If you dodge in 3-4, you do nothing in 5-6; then dodge in 6-5, do nothing in 4-3; dodge in 2-1, do nothing in 1-2; dodge in 3-4, do nothing in 5-6. Then you find you pass the treble; therefore, make 5th's and lie a whole pull, which is equivalent to doing nothing in 6-5, dodge in 4-3, do nothing in 2-1, dodge in 1-2, do nothing in 3-4, dodge in 5-6, do nothing in 6-5, dodge in 3-4, do nothing in 2-1. Then you will pass the treble in 1-2 and have to make 2nd's and lead. Whether, after doing nothing in 2-1 or in 5-6, you have to dodge or make a place (2nd's or 5th's) will be decided by whether or not you immediately pass the treble.

We have not given the figures of the methods. You can work them out for yourselves.

The conductor can call his bobs in the Reverse method, when the treble is behind. That causes the bell passing the treble in 5-4 to make 3rd's and hunt up, the bell that would have made 5th's to hunt straight down, and the bell that would have dodged in 3-4 up to run straight up and turn the treble from behind. If this is done the ordinary calling for 720's can be applied.

In Double Bob the bobs are called when the treble is in front, exactly as in Bob Minor. There are certain differences in some of the

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BURNHAM SOCIETY'S ANNUAL OUTING.

YOUNGSTERS INTRODUCED TO HEAVIER METAL.

As the 12, 13 and 14 year olds of two years ago are maturing, it was decided this year that the weight of metal should grow with them when the Burnham ringers had their annual outing. Therefore, on Saturday, September 12th, the society (less one lady member who was touring Wales) departed from their headquarters (Five Bells) at 1.30 p.m. by motor-coach over the Chilterns to Great Missenden (tenor 26 cwt.), where they soon had this delightful six going to Treble Bob and Plain Minor. Mr. E. G. Higgin, who met the band at the tower, extended a warm welcome. Back across these hillocks via Great Hampden and Princes Risborough, Watlington was reached at 4.15. Mr. W. Alexander was on the spot to greet the party. This eight (tenor 24 cwt.) were raised and touches of Triples and Major were rung and enjoyed. On again to Abingdon, where Mr. A. E. Lock kindly met the visitors. Following tea at Messrs. Palmer's Restaurant, the society had their second annual practice on ten bells at St. Helen's Church (tenor 20 cwt.), where a couple of courses of Grandsire Caters and one of (look out for brickbats!) Plain Bob Caters were rung. Nettlebed was reached at 8.15 p.m., and at this tower Mr. J. (Gunboat) Smith was ready and waiting, so touches in various Minor methods were rung, including 'laminated,' on this handy little six. This completed the ringing portion of the programme, and the younger members are to be congratulated on the way in which they handled the heavy end. The only fly in the ointment was the weather, for the route taken passes through some fine scenery, which was absolutely blotted out by incessant downpours, but even that could not discourage these young bloods, as, with an expert accordion player (one of the society) aboard, a continuous concert was carried on from time of departure till the hour of return. The coach, as on previous occasions, was lined with fruit, crisps, biscuits, 'pop' and 'grown-up pop,' and a word of thanks should be given to the captain (Mr. G. W. Limner) for the way he sees the wants (which are many) of everyone supplied. Headquarters was reached about 10.15 p.m., everyone having been safely deposited at their own door. Thanks are extended to all steeplekeepers for meeting the society and to all incumbents for so readily granting the necessary permission to use the bells. G. G.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held on Saturday in the north-western part of the county, the bells at the following towers being available for ringing: Hinderclay, Redgrave, Hopton, Rickingham, Thelmetham and Hepworth. Tea was provided in the school at Hinderclay, by the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. Shaw), and about 20 members attended.

A short business meeting followed. The Rector, who presided, was given a hearty vote of thanks for the bounteous repast.

On the motion of the secretary, a collection was taken in aid of Hinderclay Bells Fund, and the sum of 14s. was handed to the Rector.

The Secretary announced that the dedication of the restored ring at Ufford would take place on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m., and a meeting of the Guild would be held there on October 17th.

A fair amount of ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, mainly at Hinderclay, Thelmetham and Hopton, although at Thelmetham an ominous lumbering overhead caused some alarm to those below. These bells evidently require the attention of a bell-hanger.

THE SOMERSET TOUR.

LOST PEALS.

Mr. Wilfred Williams writes to correct a wrong impression given about the Somerset tour. There was no peal fixed up for the first Saturday, the Sunday attempt was at Clevedon and 'stand' had to be called there after ringing an hour and a half owing to one of the band being unable to continue. There were two attempts on each of the following days, except the last Saturday, when there was only one. Three of these efforts were abandoned, after about an hour in each case, owing to some of the bells requiring a lot of hard work. Glastonbury was another tower at which ringing took place, and there was plenty of spare time to visit, in addition to the places already mentioned. Downside Abbey, Wells Cathedral, Cheddar Gorge and caves and Wookey Hole.

SILVER WEDDING COMPLIMENT.

At St. Andrew's Church, Heckington, Lincolnshire, for evening service, on August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Connell on the occasion of their silver wedding: H. Connell 1, N. Brown 2, N. Asher 3, F. Brown 4, W. Asher 5, A. Dixon 6, W. Woods (conductor) 7, F. Warrington 8.

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compositions that are needed, but as long as the conductor sticks to the 'old' 720's he will be all right. By the 'old' 720's we mean those with the tenor called Wrong, Right and Wrong; or In, In and 4th's; and the 5th called 4th's, Out, Out; or Right, Wrong and Right, each, of course, being five times repeated with a single half-way and end.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**SILENCERS TO BE USED IN NOISY TOWERS.**

There was a gathering of about 50 at the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Motcombe on Saturday, September 12th. Besides representatives from ten local parishes there were visitors from Bath, Bristol, Chilcompton, Chewton Mendip, Cucklington, Doultling, Frome, London, Melksham, Poole, Publow, Reading, Stoke Trister, Stoke Wake and Westbury, also from Horsington and Templecombe during the evening.

The Guild office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. J. Watkins-Jones), the address being given by the Rev. W. Uphill, of Stour Provost, and the singing led by the Rev. F. L. Edwards at the organ.

An excellent tea was served by Mrs. S. F. Burden in the Memorial Hall, followed by a short business meeting, at which the Rev. F. L. Edwards presided and extended a hearty welcome to the many visitors.

Mr. W. C. Shute mentioned that there had been some complaint at the noise of the bells at a combined meeting held in May. After discussion it was decided to purchase a set of Davis silencers for use at meetings or other occasions where lengthy periods of ringing might be a source of annoyance or inconvenience to nearby residents.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the Rev. W. Uphill for his very helpful and uplifting address, and to the ladies for the delightful tea provided.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked the members for coming to his parish. It was, he said, his first experience of a Guild meeting, and he hoped they would soon honour him by another visit.

The bells of St. Peter's and Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury, and St. Leonard's, Semley, were available during the evening, and excellent practice was obtained, ranging from rounds to various Surprise Minor methods.

LEATHERHEAD RINGER'S WEDDING.**GUILDFORD GUILD FRIENDS RING PEAL IN MIDDLESEX.**

A member of the Leatherhead, Surrey, band, Mr. William John Whiting, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Whiting, of Devises, was married on Saturday at All Saints' Parish Church, Isleworth, Middlesex, the bride being Miss Marjorie Irene Quilley, only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Quilley, of Isleworth. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, and the service was choral. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attired in a dress of white satin. She also wore a pearl necklace, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of dark red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Molly Whiting and Miss Amy Whiting (sisters of the bridegroom) and Miss Peggy Atkinson and Miss Daphne Passey (cousins of the bride). Miss Molly Whiting wore a dress of pink crepe suede, and the other bridesmaids wore dresses of similar material in blue. They all wore diamante pendants, the gifts of the bridegroom, whose best man was his brother, Mr. H. Whiting.

By the kindness of the local ringers and a band of the Middlesex Association, who had obtained the bells at All Saints' Church for a peal on the afternoon of the wedding, the bells were placed at the disposal of Mr. Whiting's Guildford Guild colleagues, who rang the bridal pair from church with a touch of Grandsire Caters, and afterwards scored a well-struck peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Afterwards the ringers joined the wedding party at the Church Hall, and joined in the good wishes extended to the happy pair.

Mr. Whiting is an assistant sanitary inspector at Leatherhead, where he and his wife will reside.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT'S ENJOYABLE MEETING AT WOODFORD.**

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Mary's, Woodford, on Saturday. This meeting at Woodford always seems to be popular and Saturday was no exception, there being some thirty or so members present. Ringing began at 3.30 p.m. and the bells were almost continuously in use until 5.30 p.m.

Regular visitors missed the usual tea in the Church Hall. This year tea was served at a nearby cafe and was much enjoyed, with touches of Henry Hall breaking through at odd moments.

The usual lightning business meeting took place in the belfry. The hon. secretary being absent (how those plus fours were missed!), Mr. F. C. Shorter was asked to fill the role.

Further ringing took place after the business meeting until 9 p.m. Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. A little better striking would have finished a good meeting.

During the afternoon, the name Woodford Bridge was frequently heard, and one wonders whether there are any bells there or—what? The remaining noticeable feature was the absence of the Chief Knut of the N.U.T.S.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 6th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, 720 Ipswich Surprise (E. Stich, conductor), 360 Oxford Treble Bob (A. Bradley, conductor). The following local ringers took part: A. Bradley, E. Stich, C. Harrington, H. Wright, G. Camp, L. Camp.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 26th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. and again in the evening. Service at 5 o'clock followed by tea and a short business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stillwell, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, September 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Attractive musical programme. All Saints' (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 3 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford District meeting, originally fixed to be held at Ockham on September 12th, has been postponed and will be held at Ockham on September 26th. Bells (5) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3.45. Tea 4.45 in Parish Room. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The contest for the Crawford Cup will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, September 26th, commencing at 2.45. Ringing as usual after tea. Please send me a card if you intend to be present.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield (8 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. All ringers welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at East Hendred on Saturday, September 26th. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Festival service in Cathedral at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Dinner at 6 o'clock at Crown Hotel. New rules will be proposed for adoption at annual meeting which follows. Will those who intend to be present notify me as soon as possible.—Geo. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton Fitzwarren on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow at the club.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wendover (6 bells), on Saturday, September 26th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 9d. per head. Will all who can please make a special effort to attend and make this the most successful meeting of the year?—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Templecombe on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Bells 2.30, also Cheriton. Everybody welcome.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

PAULERS PURY, NEAR TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 27th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been rehung in a new framework by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on September 29th, St. Magnus' on October 1st, 15th and 29th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th, St. Andrew's on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on November 14th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, September 30th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Welcome Hall, High Street. Notification for tea to be sent to Mr. Taylor, 31, Nelson Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec.; E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

CAUNTON, NEWARK.—The ring of three (tenor 9 cwt.), which has been rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Thursday, October 1st, at 7 p.m.

BRIDESTOWE, DEVON.—At 3 p.m., on Thursday, October 1st, the Bishop of Crediton will rededicate the ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/6 per head, are available from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Applications (with remittance) should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than 26th inst. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting is on Saturday, October 3rd, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me by September 30th for tea; 1s. will be charged. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting is to be held at Ashford on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. sharp. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after. All ringers will be welcome, and it is particularly requested that the Ashford district be well represented. It is essential to notify me by Thursday, October 1st.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in the Saracen's Head, adjacent to the church. Short business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 30th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Acton on October 3rd. Ringing (6 bells) from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, September 30th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Westbury on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on October 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dodleston on Saturday, October 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Those who hope to be present at tea are asked to notify me not later than the Thursday previous.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Sculthorpe on Saturday, October 3rd.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six-bell prize contest at Brighouse, Saturday, October 3rd. Entrance fee 7s. 6d. Tea 1s.—F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Glaston on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. All are welcome.—S. H. Towell, 17, King's Road, Oakham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilford Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Thornby (5 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Meeting at Brize Norton on Saturday, October 3rd. Visitors kindly let me know by Thursday, October 1st, by first post.—W. Evetts, Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Bus service from Sleaford. Hearty welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on October 3rd, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock, address by the new Vicar. Tea and business after. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester (8 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Ambrosden (8) and Launton (6) also available. If requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR, Saturday, October 3rd.—St. Mary's (10 bells) open 3 to 6; St. Peter's (10 bells) open 6 to 8. Visitors heartily welcomed at both towers.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, October 1st.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Deanery.—A branch meeting will be held at Ashchurch on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells 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.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—The ring of eight bells at St. Peter's Church, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Felwyn Bean on Sunday, October 4th, at 3 p.m.

UFFORD, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be inaugurated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m. Will ringers intending to be present please apply to the Rector, the Rev. H. Drake, before September 30th?

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Chair will be taken by the president, Canon Marshall, at 6 p.m. Application for tickets, 4s. each, to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 6th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and SS. Philip and James', Clifton (6 bells).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Unveiling of tablet recording first peal on the bells at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meat tea (1s. 3d. per head) reserved only for applicants notifying Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, October 6th. Important business, election of officers, etc. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—October 10th, a meeting at Clifton Reynes at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Conversation afterwards about future meetings. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks, by Monday, October 5th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 10th. Duty to your association and brother ringers should prompt you to ascertain that your tower will be represented at this meeting. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and very important business meeting. Will members who do not notify me of their intention to come to tea by Wednesday, October 7th, kindly let the others take their seats first. The tea will be free.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.15. Subscriptions are due for the current year.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A joint meeting with the LADIES' GUILD and the OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 10th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. St. John's (10), 3.15-4.45 p.m., 6.15-7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Social evening in St. John's Hall from 7.30, to which all ringers and friends are cordially invited. Names for tea to me by October 5th, if you please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—G. Dent, District Master, Potten Street, Harlow, Essex.

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Grantham on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Great Yarmouth on September 5th. Ringing started at 3.30 p.m. After tea, which was served at Johnson's Rooms, Northgate Street, a business meeting was held. The election of several members was ratified and a meeting was arranged for the last Saturday in November at Halvergate.

The Rev. R. Aubrey Aitken, Vicar of Yarmouth, presided, supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary of the association), Mr. J. Harwood (branch secretary) and Mr. W. Lee (branch chairman). Twenty-four members attended the tea and meeting and others were present for ringing. The members were from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Wymondham, Wroxham, Redenhall, Halvergate, Reedham and Acle. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, London, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich Major.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A highly delightful meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Burstow on Saturday. About 30 ringers attended, with visitors from Capel, Beddington and Worth. The bells, raised at 3 o'clock, were kept going, with an interval for service and tea, until 9 p.m. All the standard methods for six bells were rung and some good practice put in for the less advanced members.

The Rector (the Rev. A. Hackblock) conducted the service and gave a brief address on 'Home Life,' the need of harmony and toleration therein and how very necessary it was that this kind of feeling should be found in the tower. The lesson was read by Alderman Newell.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Room by the kindness of the Rector, who gave a very cordial welcome to the members and threw open his beautiful garden to the visitors, which was much appreciated.

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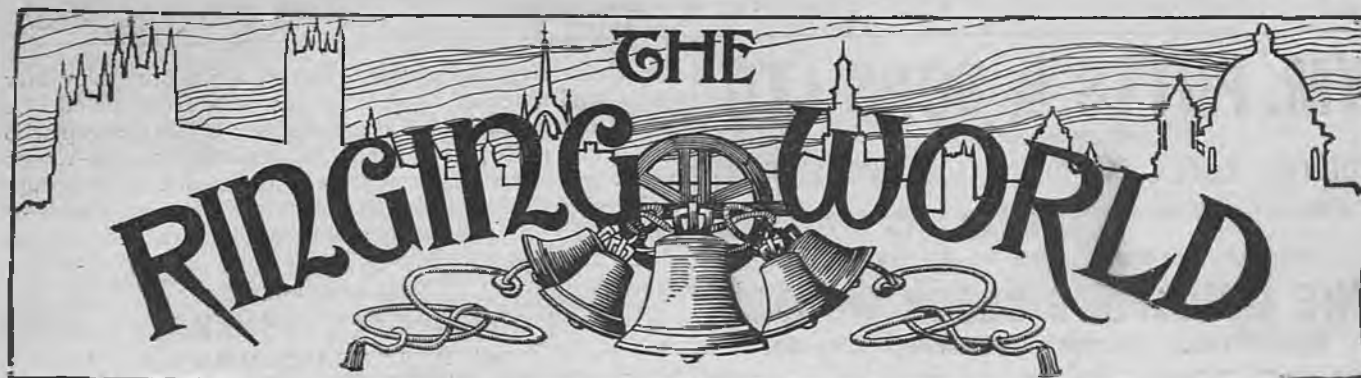
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The passing of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, president of Cambridge University Guild, has taken from our midst one who has done, in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, incalculable service to the Exercise. Except during the three years that he occupied the distinguished position of president of the Central Council, to which he succeeded after the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. Boughey was seldom a conspicuous figure in the Exercise, but his influence has spread to almost every corner of it. His work was mostly done in the seclusion of his own rooms at Trinity College, Cambridge, where year after year he interested young undergraduates in the art of ringing, instructed and encouraged them in their practice. Afterwards these young men went out to become leaders in the Exercise and to hold responsible office in many of the principal ringing organisations.

Cambridge University Guild, of which he was the president from its first year, owed its very existence at times to his steadfast and persistent work, for the conditions of University life make the maintenance of the Guild no easy matter. There is, however, no organisation which has indirectly contributed so much to the advance and benefit of the Exercise and the promotion of the art. The extensive influence of the Guild is shown by the fact that it has provided three of the four presidents of the Central Council, all three librarians, and the presidents, masters or secretaries of a dozen or more associations. Many who subsequently have joined the ranks of the clergy graduated in ringing through the Guild, while others, going out from Cambridge to other spheres of life, have been among the keenest promoters of the art. All of these have come under the influence of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and many of them he taught, guided and inspired.

Of Mr. Boughey's scholarly attainments, his many-sided interests in the life of the University it is not for us here to speak, but many ringers, apart from members of the University Guild who held him in affectionate regard, have enjoyed contact with his sunny personality and genial nature. He triumphed over physical infirmity. He could capture friendship with his smile. Age had laid him aside from recent participation in the pursuit he loved so well, but it failed to dim his interest. He has passed from us, full of years, but his great contribution to ringing will go down through the generations. His opportunities were, perhaps, unique, but in face of many disappointments, one less enthusiastic and determined than he might have been tempted at times to give up in despair. He has been the centre round which

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the University Guild has revolved for more than fifty years, and much of its success has come from his efforts. It will not be easy to find a successor to fill the gap who can bring to bear his practical attainments as a ringer or his gifts in inspiring interest in the art. Cambridge University Guild has lost a great and beloved president, and the Exercise a member to whom its indebtedness can never be fully known.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HARRY GRUNDY Treble	†FRANK VARTY 6
EDWIN BREEZE 2	ERNEST F. BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 8
*GEORGE LEDSHAM 4	LESTER L. GRAY 9
†CHARLES BLACKBURN 5	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon F. Child), who is leaving to be Vicar of Tonbridge, Kent. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells in their present tower.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5049 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 8
EPHRAIM W. RANDE 4	FREDERICK J. MILNER 9
RICHARD F. ROE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. in B.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	HERBERT J. AUDSLEY 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	JOSEPH MARKS 8
HARRY HOVERD 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5	JACK A. WAUGH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5151 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT W. T. MAYNARD Treble	HENRY RUMENS 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	HENRY J. MAYNARD 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 8
*HENRY STREET 4	FRED. C. MAYNARD 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD 5	†FREDERICK C. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by R. W. T. MAYNARD.

* First peal of Stedman Cater. † First peal. Composition No. 1 on Carter's Broadsheet. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Robert J. Maynard, which occurred on September 23rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS A. DOICK Treble	GEORGE W. BARTON 5
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD ... 2	ERNEST R. WARNER 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
*GEORGE T. ROGERS 4	FREDERICK W. STENF Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

* First peal 'inside.'

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED J. BELL 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method (Carter's No. 22). The name is given to it as a compliment to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in recognition of his services to the Art and the Exercise.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
R. GORDON CROSS 3	FREDERICK W. BRINELLOW ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

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

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF BROOK'S.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	DANIEL J. WILLIAMS 5
*GILBERT HOWELL 2	EDWARD PHILLIPS 6
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
WALLACE DOBBINS 4	*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Twenty-fifth peal of Stedman Triples for the ringer of the treble, who has now 'completed the circle' in this tower. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

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On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 7 lb. in F. sharp.

*GEORGE MALYAN Treble	*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 5
*MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THORLOW 6
JOHN H. BOTHAM 3	R. GORDON CROSS 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Mr. G. Malyan, the local towerkeeper, has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH Treble	CLAUDE WOODWARD 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 2	GEORGE FARNISH 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
KEITH WHITTELL 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 21 lb.

*FRANK JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 100th anniversary of the renaming of the village from Bullock's Smithy to Hazel Grove.

TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
HENRY E. COX 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 6
JACK BRAY 3	WALTER GODDARD 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ROBERT WAITS Treble	ALBERT NORTH 5
GORDON BACON 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
NORMAN TOWNSEND 3	FRANK LUFKIN 7
WALTER TAYLOR 4	ERNEST FORBANK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major as conductor.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

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

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
FREDERICK SEAGER 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON Tenor

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SIX BELL PEALS.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER J. POOLE Treble	GILBERT W. RENDALL 4
EDWARD T. BARRINGTON 2	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 5
TREVOR E. MARKS 3	PERCY N. G. RAINEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

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

ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER LEE Treble	*FREDERICK C. REEVE 4
FREDERICK J. REEVE 2	HARRY C. JONES 5
HORACE L. WAITE 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL Tenor

Conducted by W. J. RANDALL.

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

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC R. WEBB Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
G. JAMES R. PRICE 2	ALBERT E. JONES 5
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a welcome home to the District Ringing Master, who was recently married at the above church. After the peal the ringers were invited to tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. R. Price.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, Capel, London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Kent and Killamarsh. Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS NICHOLLS Treble	WILLIE GREEN 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	DANIEL SMITH 5
ARTHUR GILL 3	ARTHUR PANTHER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal and first attempt.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. MICHAEL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, comprising 720 each of Hereward Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Cecil W. Bailey Treble	Miss Marie R. Cross 4
William J. Paice 2	R. Gordon Cross 5
Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 3	Rev. C. Elliot Wigg... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal in eight methods on the bells and first on the bells since their restoration by R. White, of Appleton. First peal in eight methods by the 'spectacle band.' Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his silver wedding.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-two 120's and five 240's by Pitman and Morris. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS Treble	ERIC R. WEBB 4
FREDERICK SMITH 2	*ARTHUR INSEAL 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	*W. Ivor Prosser Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble and two of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JOSEPH PAPWORTH Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON 4
*VICTOR MORLEY 2	AMBROSE MASON 5
†ERNEST MINGAY 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE MASON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Paulinus' Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*DEREK M. SHARPE 1-2	†GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	HARRY HOVERD 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal in the method 'in hand' away from the tenors. The greater part of the peal was heard by Edwin Barnett.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At COTSWOLD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3-4	*EDWIN JENNINGS... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.' 200th peal as conductor.

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A CORNISH TOUR.

The following six peals, kindly arranged by Messrs. Lanxon and Roberts, to whom the thanks of the party are due, were rung during a short tour of Cornwall under the auspices of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

REDRUTH.

On Monday, September 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. UNY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'
First peal of Major on the bells. J. Bennett has now rung a peal in every county in England.

LANIVET.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NYVET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

ROCHE.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GONANDUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
*HARRY HOSKINS ... 4	CYRIL E. LANXON ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

KENWYN.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COBY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Treble	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 5
C. EDWIN LANKESTER ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	*CYRIL E. LANXON ... 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.
E. A. Barnett's 200th peal.

PHILLACK.

On Thursday, September 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
CYRIL E. LANXON ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

J. W. Jones' 400th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HELSTON.

On Friday, September 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE TRIPLES.

While the Bob Minor ringers are making up their minds to depart from the rut into which they have got, and are studying the other ways of ringing the same method, that is by reversing or doubling it, as we described last week, let us turn to something fresh for the ringers of Grandsire Triples. Not that we have not already given in this column sufficient material for those, who desire to launch out, to ring something fresh. In May and June, for instance, we explained Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Court Bob Triples, and those articles are still available.

All these methods have another bell in the hunt with the treble and, being pure Triples methods, have place-making only in 3rd's or 5th's.

For instance, Oxford Bob, in addition to the 3rd's place which makes the Grandsire method, has 5th's place made twice in each lead, one immediately before the treble leads and the other immediately after the bell in the hunt has led. These two places are joined by a single dodge in 4-5.

Now this method can be rung in a double form, and the name is Double Oxford Bob. In addition to the places made in the single version when the treble is in front, similar places, in relation to the back, are made when the treble is behind.

Thus, after the treble has laid its whole pull behind 5th's is made (3rd's place from the back corresponding with 3rd's from the front). Further, immediately before the treble lays its whole pull behind, and immediately after the bell in the hunt has laid its whole pull behind, 3rd's place is made (5th's places from the back, corresponding with the 5th's places from the front).

A method very similar in construction is Hereward Bob. It is the same as Double Oxford, but with the omission of the 5th's place made after the treble has laid its whole pull behind.

Double Oxford.

Hereward.

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You will probably find it easier to go from Oxford Bob, if you have learnt it, to Hereward, than to Double Oxford, because in this latter the place-making when the treble is behind compels dodging in 3-4 and 1-2, as well as in 4-5 and 6-7 when the treble is in front. We will, therefore, leave Double Oxford for the moment to those ringers who would care to make a study of it for themselves, the real purpose of introducing it here being for constructive illustration.

Let us turn to Hereward. A table of the method constructed from passing the treble may be set out in the following order:—

Pass treble

1-2	make 3rd's and lead.
4-5	three-pull dodge in 6-7 (up), lie a whole pull, make 3rd's.
3-4	make 5th's, dodge 5-4 (down), dodge 2-1 (down) and 1-2 (up).
2-3	dodge 4-5 (up), make 5th's and 3rd's.
5-6	three pull dodge in 7-6 (down), dodge 2-1 (down).

You will probably see the method better if you will write out the full course of five leads and make a diagram by drawing a line from top to bottom through the path of one of the working bells.

A bob in Hereward is made as in Grandsire, by the bell in the hunt double dodging in 5-4 (down), while the bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 3rd's and goes into the hunt. The bell making 3rd's, after passing treble in 1-2, and the two bells dodging behind are unaffected. The bell that passes the treble in 3-4 double dodges in 4-5 up before making 5th's and 3rd's and passing the treble in 5-6.

A touch of 168 can be got by calling Middle, Before, Right (or at the 1st, 3rd and 4th leads of the course) three times. A longer touch of 378 is produced by calling M. B. R. R., three times.

MUFFLED BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret, Castle Bromwich, on Tuesday, August 25th, muffled as a token of respect for the Dowager Countess of Bradford, who passed away on August 22nd, and was interred at Weston-on-the-Lizard earlier in the day: J. R. Greaves (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Cox 2, J. L. Stokes 3, J. Wilkinson 4, W. H. Rhodes (conductor) 5, C. Bolton 6. The band are all Sunday service ringers.

BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, GLOUCESTER

CURFEW RUNG FOR NEARLY A THOUSAND YEARS.

In the tower of a Gloucester church, from which for nearly 1,000 years the curfew has been sounded and many important historical events have been proclaimed, the bells rang out joyously once more after a long silence on Sunday, September 20th.

The harmonious sounds signalled an event in the history of St. Michael's Church—the rededication, following their restoration, of the fine peal of ten bells in the embattled tower by the Archdeacon of Gloucester (Ven. A. J. Hodson). Some of the bells are over 250 years old, and most of them bear inscriptions indicative of the loyal sentiments of the citizens and of local patriotism.

For a long time it was realised that the bells needed attention, and recently the advice of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, was obtained, following which it was decided to undertake their restoration. The ten bells, the tenor of which weighs a ton, were thoroughly overhauled and the upper tier of the framework was entirely rebuilt, thus materially reducing the strain that was formerly imposed upon the ancient tower when the full peal was being swung.

The bells are of varying ages. The two oldest, Nos. 5 and 6, were cast in 1667. Next come Nos. 1, 7 and 9, cast by the famous Gloucester bellfounder, Abel Rudhall, in 1703 and 1705. No. 8 is another Rudhall product, cast in 1770. Then come the more modern bells—the tenor, 1872; Nos. 3 and 4, the Jubilee bells of 1887; and No. 2, the gift of Mayor Estcourt of Gloucester in 1898. On No. 1 is inscribed, 'Prosperity to the City of Gloucester.' No. 7 says, 'God save Queen Ann.' No. 8 wishes 'Prosperity to Gloucester and all our benefactors.'

Many parishioners and others interested attended the rededication service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Prichard). Following the singing of the hymn, 'Thy hand, O God, has guided,' prayers and the chanting of the psalm, 'O praise the Lord of Heaven,' the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Rector, curate and choir, proceeded to the belfry, where the first named, laying his hands upon one of the bell ropes, rededicated the bells to the glory of God. Prayers for the ringers and others followed, after which a short 'peal' was rung on the bells.

An address was given by the Archdeacon, who observed that Gloucester and Gloucestershire people above all others ought, in his view, to love bells and bellringing, because the city at one time supplied most of the bells which hung in the steeples of the churches in England. Most of them were familiar with the names of Purdew and Rudhall, whose bells were famed throughout the country and whose bell foundries were in the city. He believed there were something like 4,000 and 5,000 Rudhall bells hanging in different steeples in England, while it was the steeples and bells dotted all over the countryside of that county which surely gave rise to the old saying, 'As sure as God's in Gloucestershire.'

AN UNSPOILT ART.

Bellringing, proceeded the Archdeacon, was a great art as well as a great mystery. 'Indeed, it is one of the few natural arts of the countryside which still survive to-day,' he observed. 'The old country games, sports, drama, music and dancing have gone. Sentimentalists and antiquarians, I know, try to revive them and call them folk dancing and folk music—whatever that may mean—but bellringing is an art which has been handed on unaltered and unspoilt by generations of bellringers.'

Change ringing on bells was, of course, quite peculiar to the English people, for in foreign countries they were content to ring their bells by mechanical means, carillons and the like. They rejoiced to-day to think how the interest in bellringing was reviving. At St. Michael's they had one of the best peals in Gloucestershire, and the bells sent out their message for all to hear from the very heart of the city.

He had learnt from the Rector that there were originally six bells in the peal which certainly went back to the time of Edward the Confessor, but had since been recast. Three others were added as private gifts, and the tenth bell was formerly the fire bell at the old Tolsey. The bells had been rung to mark many important historical events, and the church records showed that they were sounded to mark the marriage of Philip of Spain and Queen Mary in 1554, the defeat of the Armada in 1588, the restoration of the Monarchy at the time of Charles II. in 1660, and, curiously enough, they were also rung at the Proclamation, only seven years before, of Cromwell as Protector. Another interesting fact was that the curfew had been rung from the church tower for nearly 1,000 years.

'We may learn a lot of history from the bells up and down the country,' concluded the Archdeacon, 'but it is their message I want you to think about. They call you to worship; they ring out the good news of the Gospels at the great festivals; they ring for the wedded and carry a message to the sick, while the passing bell bids us pray for the dying, at the same time assuring us of the life beyond the grave. Yes, above all the noise of the world—and it is noisy in these days—we want to keep the music of our bells.'

The service concluded with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' and the Blessing, pronounced by the Rector.

A big gathering of ringers attended the service and took part in ringing for the remainder of the afternoon; those present including the Rev. E. Banks James (who with his family were formerly identified with Gloucester), Messrs. S. Romans (Master of the

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BIRMINGHAM'S OLDEST RINGER DEAD.

TAUGHT BY WILLIAM CHATTELL SIXTY YEARS AGO.

We regret to record the death of the oldest ringer in Birmingham. After a long illness, Mr. Robert James Hunt passed away at his home in Lea Bank Road, Edgbaston, on September 18th, at the age of 84 years.

Bob Hunt, as he was always familiarly called, was taught to ring 60 years ago at St. Philip's Church, now the Cathedral, by the late William Chattell. After Chattell's death he succeeded to the leadership of the company. He was an excellent ringer and conductor and had rung many peals in the four standard methods both on tower and handbells.

He rang a pair of bells to the then longest length of Stedman Caters in hand, 8,888, rung at Aston, conducted by Bernard Witchell. He was also in the first performance on handbells of Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples. Previously in 1880 he rang in a peal of 8,720 of Major double-handed.

A REMINISCENCE.

Mr. Tom Miller, another of Birmingham's veterans, who knew Bob Hunt all his ringing life, tells us an amusing incident of their early ringing days together. In 1878 the then Chief Constable of Birmingham married a daughter of Canon Balby, of St. Philip's Church. The bells were rung for the occasion, and, of course, it was 'a paid job.'

'I was one of the ringers,' says Mr. Miller, 'and we went for Holt's ten-part peal. After over an hour's ringing there was a stop. The same thing happened again, but we started once more and rang the peal in 3 hours and 16 minutes.'

'Afterwards we went to the usual meeting house, and in came John Banister. Jim Hinton, who was also in the ringing, asked Banister what he thought of the hard-earned peal. The reply from Banister was that there had been no peal rung, to which Hinton made a rough reply.'

'The matter dropped for a quarter of an hour or so, and then Hinton brought it up again, so Banister asked, "Who called the peal?" 'Bob Hunt answered, "I did." Then Banister told him that he called the bell in the seventh part of the peal only three instead of four times, before. So, after all, there was no peal got.'

The funeral service took place at the Edgbaston Old Church. Canon Blofeld conducted the service, and there was a representative gathering, including many employees, the deceased having been in business as an ironfounder (R. J. Hunt and Son, Ltd., ironfounders, Lifford Foundry). The St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. E. T. Allaway, G. E. Fearn, Tom Miller, H. Withers and A. Walker. At the end of the service a course of Triples was rung in the church on handbells, and the cortege then proceeded to Perry Barr Crematorium.

DEATH OF MR. E. COTTON.

On Monday evening, September 21st, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a mark of esteem and respect for the late Mr. Ernest Cotton, who for many years held the position of Ringing Master at Market Harborough Parish Church. The following members took part: C. A. Manning (conductor) 1, L. E. Rudd 2, W. Wallington 3, W. Hector 4, J. Chester 5, R. March 6, F. Wallington 7, W. Kilsby 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Stratton St. Margaret on Saturday, September 26th, with a rather poor attendance. The bells were kept going afternoon and evening with a break for tea and the usual business meeting, at which five new members were elected.

The places of the next three meetings were provisionally fixed as Rodbourne Cheney, Lydiard Millicent and Christ Church, Swindon.

Good practice was obtained in the standard methods.

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, R. Daniels (Cheltenham), J. Austin (Gloucester), W. P. Pullin (Upton-on-Severn), J. Jagger (Birmingham), F. Price (Lyne Regis), who was a ringer in Gloucester when the trebles were added in 1898, and a large number of members in Gloucester and the surrounding districts.

The ringing chamber is, owing to the circumstances of the tower, on the ground floor, and the draft of rope is exceedingly long. All those who were privileged to try the bells, however, were entirely satisfied with the 'go' of the peal and the results of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work.

When St. Michael's bells were augmented to eight, the brothers H. Law James and E. Banks James, whose father was Rector, formed a band of young ringers, and St. Michael's Juniors (Gloucester) was founded on September 6th, 1867. Their first peal at St. Michael's was Grandsire Triples on September 15th, 1883, conducted by S. E. Romans. The society made great progress, especially after the advent of Mr. J. Austin, who came from Burton, and among their performances were the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London in the county, and the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters and Gloucester Surprise Major ever rung. The London and Gloucester Surprise were rung in St. Michael's tower.

DEATH OF A WOKINGHAM RINGER.

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Wokingham, on August 29th, of Mr. George Green, one of the local ringers. He had been a ringer at All Saints' for many years. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow took the service, which was preceded by touches with the bells fully muffled (tenor open at backstroke). A 504 Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening, with the bells half-muffled.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Kintbury on September 18th, when 25 members attended from Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, Compton, Chieveley, East Halsey, Newbury, Peasmore, Thatcham and Kintbury, and one visitor from Bramley. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Kintbury (the Rev. H. L. G. Alison), who gave an inspiring address. Miss Moorby was at the organ.

Tea was served in the Coronation Hall by Mrs. Barnett, 25 sitting down to an excellent meal. The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided at the business meeting.

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 21st.

The Rev. H. L. G. Alison and Mrs. W. Grimshaw were elected honorary members of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were accorded with applause to the Rev. H. L. G. Alison for his address and welcome; to Miss Moorby for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Barnett for providing the tea, on the motion of the chairman.

The tower was again visited. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ROTHERHAM.—At St. Stephen's, Eastwood, on Sunday, September 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Casswell 1, K. Makin 2, L. Parkin 3, S. Briggs 4, L. Parkin 5, N. Chaddock (conductor) 6, P. Maugham 7.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, September 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, H. Mance 2, E. L. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, L. G. Franks 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, E. Wright 8.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—At the Parish Church of St. John, on Hospital Sunday, August 23rd, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Brookers (age 15, first 720) 1, A. R. Paul 2, Ernest Wakeling 3, L. Skeggs 4, C. Goodyear 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

A DISTRICT SECRETARY'S THREAT.**ROD IN PICKLE FOR GUILDFORD MEMBERS.**

The meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Ockham afforded ample proof that a meeting at a five-bell tower can, when enterprise is the driving force, be made a very interesting and enjoyable event.

The Parish Church at Ockham, where hangs a light peal of five recently restored and rehung on ball bearings, was awarded its first district meeting on Saturday.

Unfortunately, the district members chose the very curious method of stopping away as a means of marking their interest in this 'red letter day.' Only six were present and only one tower (Holy Trinity) was really represented, as the other district members consisted of the Master, an unattached life member and the district secretary.

The situation was, however, saved and the proceedings very much enlivened by the attendance of youth and beauty, age and experience from Cobham, Hillingdon, Uxbridge and Aldershot.

The Rector (the Rev. W. Lorimer W. Kitching) conducted the usual service, and, after tea in the Parish Room, the Master presided at the business meeting.

One new member was elected, and it was decided to rearrange the date of the next district meeting, as the one originally fixed, namely, November 14th, clashed with the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

In the tower the well-known stock methods of Grandsire and Stedman were placed on the shelf, and among other efforts the party explored the mysteries of St. Simon's and New Doubles, Stedman's Slow Course, Bob Singles for the two local men present (who rang it from boards and did not recognise the method by name or the path of their bells by the time-honoured expressions), Treble Bob Singles, in which every course end was as false as the plain course itself; Stedman Singles, which has rather too many blows behind ever to find its way into even the most enlightened methods committee's collection of methods, and one very special arrangement believed to have been composed by Edna specially for the meeting and rejoicing in the name of Bedford Treble Bob Surprise Doubles.

The composer is confident that after careful research the full extent of this musical masterpiece will be produced and the practical ringing should not prove difficult to a band sufficiently expert to switch them over if rounds look like coming up in the middle.

The district secretary promises that on the presentation of his annual report he will give the district members the treat of listening to a further reference to this district meeting, and although by that time the sun will have gone down upon his wrath several times, there are not likely to be many bouquets handed out to them in respect of it.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. James Bennett, who recently succeeded in ringing a peal on every date in the year, has now completed the counties of England, having rung a peal in every one, his last being Cornwall, which he visited with other ringing friends last week.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been selected, in international competition, to supply a large clock and bells, with an hour bell weighing 5½ tons, for the University at Giza, near Cairo, to the order of the Egyptian Government.

The ring of five at Walgrave Church, Northants, is to be rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

His many friends will regret to learn of a serious accident to Mr. G. Popnell, of Bedwellty, Mon. While returning home across the mountain after dark, he fell and broke a leg. It was fortunate there were others with him, or he might have been on the mountain all night. He was conveyed to a farm, where a doctor set the broken limb, and he was then taken to Tredegar Cottage Hospital, which was reached about 4 a.m. We are glad to say Mr. Popnell is progressing satisfactorily and his friends will wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

A hand met 'short' for Maximus at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday, and had to fall back on Stedman Caters.

One frequently hears of an exchange of hats after a visit to a belfry, but at a recent Lincolnshire meeting there was an exchange of coats, which was not discovered by the 'culprit' until he was in the train on his way to Grimsby, where he was staying. He made the discovery when feeling in the pockets for his tobacco! Horror of horrors! His tobacco was not there. Neither was his wallet and money!

He dared not tell his wife, who was with him—strange that woman's eyes did not detect the strange coat—but the cat was out of the bag when he 'borrowed' a pipeful of tobacco from his host and the lady wanted to know whether he had smoked an ounce of tobacco since morning!

Three ringers missed the service ringing next day. One had no coat, one travelled from Grimsby to Bigby to restore the 'stolen' article (whose owner had been identified); the owner travelled from Bigby to Grimsby to do likewise with the garment that had been left in exchange. What a Ladd!

Mr. William H. Fussell was 75 on September 16th, and on Saturday week took part in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Haddenham, Bucks, in celebration of the event. One of the 'old brigade,' Mr. Fussell is more active than a lot of men many years his junior and he keeps steadily piling up his peals—for his health's sake. He will tell you that a peal or two a week at his age is as good as a 'daily dozen' of physical jerks to the younger generation. His 'holidays' this year have included the tour in the North and one in Cornwall last week. More power to your elbow, Bill!

The story of the successful Irish Tour is held over until next week, and we regret we have had again to postpone the appearance of Mr. G. Baker's letter on false rows in Minor methods.

TWO WONDERFUL JOBS.

BELL FOUNDERS' SUCCESSFUL WORK.

A few months ago the Lichfield Cathedral ringers were invited by the Vicar of St. Chad's, Lichfield (the Rev. Cousmaker) to ring and report on the 'go' of the four bells which had recently been rehanging in the very old frame in that tower. The ringers, who previous to the rehanging had thought it almost impossible to rehang the bells in such an ancient frame, had to report that the 'go' left nothing to be desired, and, after examining the rehanging, they declared the job little short of wonderful.

It had been found impossible to raise sufficient money to have a new frame installed, and the bells had been unringable for some time, until it was finally decided to entrust the rehanging in the old frame to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and hope for the best as to sufficient funds being raised.

The result was so satisfactory that the Rev. Bigott, Vicar of Longdon, a village some three miles from Lichfield, where the peal of five bells was in a worse condition than St. Chad's, and where the church suffered in a like manner from lack of funds, was persuaded by Mr. F. Cope, captain of the Cathedral ringers, to entrust the job of rehanging to the same firm, and also to 'hope for the best' with regard to the money being raised.

The result was an invitation on September 10th to Messrs. F. Cope, A. Bowler, sen. and jun., W. Cope and F. Sedgwick, of the Cathedral band, to the reopening ceremony at Longdon, which was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson, of Lichfield.

After the ringing and inspection of the bells, the ringers declared that again a wonderful job had been made of the rehanging, and the 'go' left nothing to be desired.

The Vicar invited the ringers to partake of refreshments, and at the gathering in The Swan the ringers were thanked by the Vicar for their assistance. He stated he was pleased to announce that the money for the restoration had all been raised.

The ringers then invited a few youngsters to visit Lichfield, and arrangements were made to instal a band of ringers and teach them the art of change ringing.

W. J. C.

THE LATE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS PRESIDENT OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, president of Cambridge University Guild, died at his home in Cambridge on Tuesday, September 22nd, at the advanced age of 87 years. By his death the Exercise has lost one of its most valued members, for his services to the art are incalculable. Many of the leading figures in the past and present generation owe the first inception of their enthusiasm for ringing to the spirit which he fostered and the instruction which he gave.

Anchitel Harry Fletcher Boughey, born on August 14th, 1849, was the third son of Lt.-Col. G. F. F. Boughey, of the 59th Regiment, who died 81 years ago. He went up in 1868 to Trinity College, Cambridge, from the once famous Kensington School, where he was the favourite pupil of two successive headmasters, W. Haig Brown and Joseph Mayor. He came out as ninth wrangler and ninth classic in 1872. A Fellowship of Trinity followed in 1874, and soon after the posts of lecturer in classics and in theology, the latter of which he retained till 1903. He was ordained in 1877 to the curacy of St. Michael's, Cambridge, under his friend and contemporary, A. J. Mason, whom he succeeded as Vicar from 1878 to 1884. He was Junior Dean of Trinity from 1884 to 1886, Tutor (in succession to J. Prior) from 1886 to 1896, and Senior Dean from 1897 to 1908. The College then presented him to the living of Great St. Mary's with St. Michael's, and there he remained till 1913. He was Rural Dean of Cambridge for four years, and examining chaplain to Dr. Handley Moule, Bishop of Durham, from 1904 till the Bishop's death.

In 1883 he married Miss K. A. Lovell; she died in 1935. Their elder son, C. L. F. Boughey, headmaster of Sherborne School from 1927 to 1933, died in 1934, and their younger son, a lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade, was lost at sea by enemy action in October, 1918. There are two daughters, Mrs. A. P. Scott and Mrs. R. M. P. Druce.

HIS WORK FOR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

Mr. Boughey was a great antiquarian and an expert herald and genealogist, but readers of this journal know him best for his association with ringing; and by the members of the Cambridge University Guild he was held in deep affection. He became the first president of the Guild; his rooms on the ground floor of the Great Court of Trinity College became the members' meeting place, and there scores of undergraduates were taught change ringing.

Cambridge University Guild was formed out of the society, founded in 1879 by W. C. Pearson (now Vicar of Henley, Suffolk), known as the Clare Society. This was established on February 4th, but on February 10th its title was changed to the University Guild, and on May 31st Mr. Boughey was elected president, an office he held until his death, a period of 57 years.

For years Mr. Boughey encouraged the art among the young men who went up to the university, and, despite frequent setbacks from the constant change of residents, he continued to 'turn out' ringers who, in after years, have succeeded to many of the leading positions in the Exercise.

He set an example in handbell ringing and many notable performances have been rung by Mr. Boughey's pupils. Progress at first was slow, but on April 28th, 1890, Mr. Boughey, with the brothers E. B. and H. L. James and C. F. Wedemeyer, rang the first peal for the Guild, a peal of Bob Triples on handbells, conducted by H. Law James. It was Mr. Boughey's first peal. Less than a year later, however, with C. A. Clements on the tenors, Mr. Boughey and the brothers James scored the 'first ever' of Double Norwich on handbells. As the years progressed Mr. Boughey, of course, took part in many other performances both in and outside the University Guild, but he was more at home on handbells than church bells, for a physical infirmity made tower bell ringing a somewhat exacting ordeal for him. He was never prouder of a performance than he was of a peal of Stedman Cinques, which he rang on the bells of his own church, when Rector of Great St. Mary's, and in which his curate, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, also took part—the first occasion on which rector and curate had ever rung a peal of Cinques together in their own church.

For three years he was president of the Central Council, from 1918 to 1921, following upon the death of Sir Arthur Heywood.

When the jubilee of the Cambridge University Guild was celebrated in 1929, the members presented Mr. Boughey with a handsome silver rose bowl in token of their appreciation and regard. Advancing years and ill-health had prevented Mr. Boughey from taking an active part in ringing for a considerable period, but his interest in the art and particularly in the Guild never waned to the last.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, the first part of the service being held in Trinity College Chapel. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Dr. H. F. Stewart, the Rev. B. Dennis-Jones and the Rev. P. F. Boughey (nephew). The Master of Trinity (Sir Joseph Thomson) read the lesson.

The University and the organisations connected with were represented by a distinguished company, including the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. G. H. A. Wilson, Master of Clare College), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president).

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REVISED RULES ADOPTED.

The annual festival of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Newcastle on Saturday. The festival service, with an address by the Rev. R. T. Hesilton, of St. Paul's, Newcastle, was held in the Cathedral, and concluded with a short service at the Ringers' War Memorial, during which five of the ringers rang a short 'touch' on handbells to the memory of their fallen comrades. There was a large attendance and the service was a very impressive one.

After an excellent dinner at the Crown Hotel, the annual meeting was held, Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead, the president, being in the chair.

A very satisfactory report of the year's work was submitted by the hon. secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, of Sunderland, and the accounts, presented by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, showed a very satisfactory balance of £75 3s. 1d. in hand.

The rules of the association had been carefully revised by a sub-committee, and these, with one or two alterations, were unanimously adopted.

The certificates for the greatest number of points gained for Sunday service ringing were awarded to St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, and St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and the certificates for six-bell towers to Holy Trinity, Darlington, and St. Cuthbert's, Binsfieldside.

Association meetings are to be held next year at Chester-le-Street, Hexham and Wylam; the annual meeting to be held at Durham.

Councillor Arthur Payne was re-elected president, the vice-president for the Northern District being Mr. Murray Oubridge, of Newcastle; the Southern District, Mr. S. Bryant, of Shildon; the Eastern District, Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland; the Western District, Mr. F. Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street; and the Wednesday Guild, Mr. J. E. Scott, of North Shields.

Mr. Roland Park, of Darlington, was elected secretary, and Mr. W. N. Park, also of Darlington, treasurer. The editorial secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, and the auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird, of Newcastle, were also re-elected.

It was decided, as an experiment, to hold a meeting on a Bank Holiday, and this will probably be held on August Bank Holiday, at Sunderland.

The number of peals rung during the year was 23, 14 of which were rung by Mr. F. Bennett's touring band on their recent eight days' visit to the North—a very remarkable performance.

A vote of thanks to the Rules Revision Committee for their valuable services brought a very successful meeting to a close.

AFTER NEARLY 200 YEARS.

At Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berkshire, on Saturday, September 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. R. Cross 1, H. A. Edwards 2, R. G. Cross 3, F. F. Taylor (conductor) 4, the Rev. C. E. Wigg 5, A. P. Cannon 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Minor on the bells, cast by Henry Bagley, 1738. The tenor is about 18 cwt. and the bells are a 'rough old lot.'

WORSLEY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 8th, the ringers of Worsley Parish Church, with their wives and friends, 30 in all, set out to tour the Wirral by motor coach. A delightful run in equally delightful weather took them via Warrington and Chester along the Dee to West Kirby. Here a halt was made, while the ringers visited the Parish Church, where the bells were set going to Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Others of the party visited the sea front. The journey was then continued to Hoylake, where an excellent tea was served. Afterwards some played bowls and others visited the seashore with the children. The return was made via the Birkenhead Road and the notable Mersey tunnel. After getting safely through and well on the way home, a halt was made while the party attended to the wants of the inner man, then off again until we had practically dropped all the party. It was getting near midnight when another enjoyable outing had come to a close.

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dent) represented the Central Council, and, as senior steward, the Ancient Society of College Youths; the Rev. A. G. Blyth, Dean of Selwyn and vice-president of the Guild, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton represented the Cambridge University Guild; the Rev. R. Copeman the Ely Diocesan Association; and Mr. T. R. Dennis Cambridge Youths.

Parry's anthem, 'Crossing the Bar' (Tennyson), was sung by the choir, and the hymn was 'O God, our help.' Then as the funeral procession left the college precincts for Trumpington, where the interment took place, 'Nunc Dimittis' was sung at the Great Gate.

Members of the University Guild, with members of the Cambridge Youths, afterwards rang the bells at Great St. Mary's fully muffled, ceasing in the impressive Cambridge way, by stopping one bell at a time, beginning with the treble, until the ringing ceases with the solemn tolling of the tenor. In the evening half-muffled ringing took place by Cambridge ringers.

WALTHAMSTOW RINGER'S 80th BIRTHDAY

SEVENTY YEARS' CONNECTION WITH THE BELFRY.

The name of Maynard is well known in Walthamstow, especially amongst Walthamstow ringers, and it was not surprising that the ringers at the Parish Church desired to honour the 80th birthday of Robert J. Maynard, which occurred on the 23rd September. The Saturday after this day was selected for a peal, and ten members of the St. Mary's Society, including 'Old Bob' himself, met for a peal of Stedman Caters. If Bob had felt as young as he did only



MR. ROBERT J. MAYNARD.

four or five years ago, he would have mounted the tenor box to 'bang the drum,' at which particular job he had few equals, and none to excel him, as the late William Pyc often testified. As it was, however, he was content to ring the fifth, and he rang it well. Indeed, one of the band, a ringer with over 900 peals to his credit, said to him afterwards, 'Well done, Bob. If I live to be 80 I hope I shall ring as well as you did today.' But we anticipate.

Before starting, there were one or two preliminaries. Fred Maynard, the local captain, suggested that the peal should be rung for the Middlesex Association, as a compliment to Mr. C. T. Coles, the hon. secretary, who was a valued member of the band. This was agreed to, and Henry J. Maynard and Fred Taylor were there.

upon provisionally elected members of that association. 'Young Bob' was the conductor, and in a few minutes under 3½ hours a good peal of Stedman Caters was rung. The veteran received the congratulations of the band, some of whom afterwards drank his health. We presume the others had appointments at home which could not wait, but Bob had their good wishes just the same. Fred Taylor, the baby of the band (aged 38!) rang his first peal, and no doubt went home quickly to spread the good news.

Robert Maynard, who was born on September 23rd, 1856, started to ring at St. Mary's Church when in his tenth year. He has thus been connected with ringing in Walthamstow for almost 71 years! He became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1877; of the Essex Association at its foundation; and was a member of the Middlesex Association even before the present County Association was formed. He rang his first peal in 1880, which was conducted by his brother, Thomas Maynard, and although he has not kept a complete record of his peals, he estimates that he has rung about 200, nearly all of them at St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

On his birthday he was the recipient of many messages of congratulation, including letters from Mr. W. T. Cockerill, on behalf of the Ancient Society; Messrs. C. F. Winney, C. S. Burden, A. A. Hughes and W. D. Smith, the latter three of whom have at some time or other been members of the St. Mary's Society. Indeed, we strongly suspect that some of Bill Smith's happiest ringing days were when, with the late Fred Rumens, Bill Manning, George Grimwade, etc., he rang many a 500 Stedman Caters for morning services. Well, here's to Old Bob, and may he be spared to ring many more peals!

NEW RING OF SIX FOR HANTS.

TREBLE ADDED TO LONGPARISH BELLS.

The bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Longparish, Hants, were opened on Thursday, September 3rd, by the Bishop of Winchester after being relunged and a new treble added.

During the service a few rounds were rung by a band arranged by the Rev. F. H. S. Marle and Mr. F. J. Knapp, of the Andover Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

An address was given by the Bishop, who stressed the point that bells were a national as well as a spiritual emblem of Great Britain, and no other country had bells that were rung in quite the same way as in this country.

During the service a collection was made on behalf of the bell fund, as a small amount is still needed to pay off the bill, but great credit is due to the Rector (the Rev. T. Marsden) and parishioners, who have raised the whole of the money necessary for the purpose.

After the service 360 of Bob Minor was rung by J. Marlow 1, H. Wooding 2, E. Austin 3, W. Hunt 4, F. J. Knapp (conductor) 5, J. Chesterman 6. Other touches were rung by numerous ringers from the surrounding district, including the local band, who hope to make great strides in the near future.

The work of retuning the old bells and casting the treble bell was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have provided Longparish with a very good 'six.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. NOLAN GOLDEN.

A large gathering of members representing all four branches of the Norwich Diocesan Association met at Salle on Saturday, September 19th, when ringers from Aylsham, Buxton, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Norwich, North Walsham, Reedham, Reepham, Saxlingham, Wiveton, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yarmouth rang short touches on the bells during the afternoon and evening. Welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, and Miss Kitty Willers, of Trumpington, Cambs.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, Canon W. L. E. Parsons.

A business meeting followed tea at the White Horse, with the Rev. H. W. Benson in the chair, supported by Mr. N. Golden (honorary branch secretary), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. G. Bailey, H. F. Carter, W. Clover, W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers, members of the committee, and representatives from the towers aforesaid.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wroxham on December 12th.

The belfry election of Charles W. Cooke, of Newton, Cambs, was ratified.

Then followed what was described by the chairman as 'most serious business.' It concerned Mr. Nolan Golden, who was recently married to Miss Iris Daly, of Checkendon, Oxon. Apparently, said the Chairman, Mr. Golden had led a wild life till 1924, when he decided to become a ringer, but he had behaved well since, having taken part in about 300 peals for the association, and having been honorary secretary of the South Norfolk Branch since 1929, and of both the North and South Norfolk Branches since 1934. There were many other things, continued the Chairman, on the dossier with which Mr. Coleman had provided him, but he would not prejudice Mr. Golden's modesty by reading them out. Indeed, the only thing they were concerned with was his marriage. Accordingly the members had subscribed for two armchairs and an album, bound in red leather and containing the names of 168 subscribers, prefaced by an illuminated address as follows:—

'From the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers to Mr. Nolan Golden, on the occasion of his marriage, August 5th, 1936. This album contains the names of members subscribing to the cost of the two armchairs presented with the subscribers' best wishes for his future happiness, as a mark of appreciation of his services to change ringing in the diocese.'

Mr. Golden, in reply, thanked the members for their tokens of goodwill. He was grateful for their generous appreciation of his association with ringing in the diocese and for the expression of good wishes he had received from them on his marriage.

Mr. William L. Duffield, chairman of the South Norfolk Branch, spoke of the excellent work Mr. Golden had done for the branch, and conveyed the best wishes of the branch to Mr. and Mrs. Golden for their future happiness.

Mr. John G. W. Harwood, hon. secretary of the East Norfolk Branch, expressed his appreciation of the help Mr. Golden had given to young ringers in his branch, and stressed Mr. Golden's willingness to do anything for change ringing.

Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer, welcomed Mrs. Golden to the gathering. Mr. Coleman added that he was indebted to Mr. Golden for very great help, not only in the routine work of organising and conducting the business of the association, but also for bringing about a revival of interest in change ringing in the diocese.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. H. W. Benson, Vicar of Buxton, for conducting the meeting, brought the business to a close.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday week, when 24 ringers were present and spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. The following 11 towers were represented: Halstead, Earls Colne, Bocking, Gestingthorpe, Pebmarsh, Great Bardfield, Sible Hedingham, Wickham St. Paul's, Sudbury, Colne Engaine and Great Tey. Owing to the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Greening), there was no service at the church, but the bells were kept going from 3 p.m. until nearly 9 o'clock with the exception of a break for tea. This was prepared at the Lion Inn by the landlord, Mr. F. Jealous, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for the excellent way it was served.

The District Secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) apologised for the absence of the District Master, who was engaged elsewhere, and Mr. O. Snowden was invited to take the chair.

The next meeting, which would be the annual gathering for the district, was arranged to be held at Braintree on November 14th.

The Secretary said he had received a letter from their old friend, Mr. W. Keeble, who had lately been indisposed; he was pleased to say he was much better and looking forward to meeting them again.—The secretary was asked to convey the best wishes from that meeting to Mr. Keeble.

The following methods were rung during the day: Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

INVERARY BELLS RUNG.

PAISLEY RINGERS TRY HIGHLAND PEAL.

For some time past there has been a peal of ten bells hung in the new tower at Inverary Church, Scotland, on the estate of the Duke of Argyll, but they have not yet been consecrated. The ringers of St. James' Church, Paisley, recently paid a visit to Inverary with the object of inspecting the tower and bells. They enjoyed a fine coach ride by lakeside and mountain.

The Duke of Argyll, who happened to be at home, heard of the visit and came to greet the ringers. He expressed a wish to have the bells rung for evening service. The ropes were, therefore, adjusted, the front eight bells raised, and 120 Grandsire Doubles rung, with 6-7-8 covering, by P. R. Forrester 1, J. Porteous 2, A. Sunter 3, A. E. Wrecks (conductor) 4, A. J. Rodger 5, J. Colville 6, A. Forrester 7, J. McGregor 8. The tenor (41½ cwt.) was afterwards pulled up to enable the Duke to hear it.

The Duke thanked the ringers for what they had done and said how pleased he was to have heard the bells rung. He stated, however, that the bells would not be dedicated until all the necessary work was completed, and that about £1,500 was still required for that purpose.

The ringers then bade adieu and thanked him for the privilege of ringing the bells, instead of having them chimed.

The return journey was then undertaken and home reached without incident, except a stoppage on the summit of 'Rest and be Thankful,' where several of the party got out to admire the valley from the top. As one of the party remarked: It is awful, yet it is grand.

THE 32 SURPRISE METHOD PEAL.

AMENDMENT OF PUBLISHED FIGURES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World,' August 2nd, 1935, you published the figures of the peal of Surprise Minor in 32 methods, rung at Lamberhurst on March 2nd, 1935. I have just had it pointed out to me that the figures of the second 720 are false as printed there.

Either a misprint has occurred or I made a mistake in sending the figures to you. The course beginning 64235 should read:—

— 64235 Wearmouth
35426 Lightfoot
26543 Wearmouth
43652 Lightfoot
52364 Lightfoot
— 26435 Netherseale

I ought to have checked the figures as soon as they appeared, and I must apologise to any who may have used the figures as printed. Lamberhurst.

A. RELFE.

[In the figures as printed the instruction to ring Lightfoot in courses 43652 and 52364 was omitted.—Editor, 'Ringing World.']

WELCOME AND FAREWELL.

On Sunday evening, September 6th, prior to service at St. George's Church, Mossley, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Southworth, formerly curate at St. George's, Bolton, who commenced his new duties on that day: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, H. Jackson 3, F. Wellham 4, J. Radcliffe 5, R. Walker 6, H. Pickles 7, J. Clayton 8.

At the Parish Church, Watford, Herts, on Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. H. Earnshaw Smith, M.A.), who has been appointed to the living of All Souls', Langham Place, London. The ringers were R. Carr 1, A. W. Dix 2, F. Bullock 3, S. H. Hoare 4, W. Norris 5, E. G. Cashmore 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, F. H. Crook 8.

DOWAGER LADY LOCH'S BIRTHDAY.

The ringers of Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk, met on Tuesday, September 15th, to celebrate the 95th birthday of the Dowager Lady Loch. Among other touches on the recently rehung peal of six, they rang five different 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, each conducted by a different ringer: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, J. C. Brown, W. J. Bensley, C. J. Pledger, A. Orbell and J. Mears.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CODSALL.

A most representative quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Codsall on Saturday, September 19th, when more than 80 members and friends assembled from Bilston, Bradley, Brewood, Cannock, Coseley, Darlaston, Rushall, Stafford, Tettenhall, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wombourne and a good muster of the local band. Welcome visitors arrived from Coventry (representing the Warwickshire Guild), Horsehay (Shropshire Association) and Stoke (North Staffordshire Association). The bells, a new and handy ring of eight, were set going at 3 o'clock and continued till 4.45, when shortened evensong was taken by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., clerical secretary and treasurer of the society, and an inspiring address delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Spinney. Prior to his address, the Vicar gave the members a warm welcome, and added that he hoped they would come again. A move was then made to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea was much enjoyed. The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of a variety of methods to suit all comers.

This was the first time the society had paid a visit to this picturesque village, situated about five miles from Wolverhampton—hence the large number in attendance.

The old six bells have been recast and two trebles added (the latter being the gift of the Misses Moreton, in memory of their father, who had been a ringer at Codsall for 50 years), the whole being hung in a new iron frame, with all the latest fittings. The conditions for ringing, too, have been greatly improved. A new band has been formed, and progress in the art of change ringing has already made its appearance, under the leadership of Mr. A. G. Richards.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Tipton on January 23rd.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Lindfield on Saturday, September 26th, 35 members being present from Arundel, Balcombe, Burgess Hill, Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Lower Beeding, Shoreham, Slaughterham, Turners Hill, West Grinstead, Warnham and the local band.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a service at 4.30 was conducted by the Rev. Canon Wilson, late Vicar of Cuckfield. Tea and meeting at the Bent Hotel followed, the business being of the usual routine nature. The tea was provided by the generosity of Mr. G. W. Huddart, secretary of the local band. The usual votes of thanks were accorded.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered, methods ranging from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

FINAL LIST OF DONATIONS.

Amounts already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Mr. Sydney Taylor	208	4	0
Mr. H. Dawkins		5	0
Mr. W. Perkins		2	6
The Irish Association	1	1	0
Mr. F. E. Collins		5	0
Mr. C. T. Cotes, jun.		5	0
Mr. R. G. King		2	6
Mr. W. H. Shaker		2	6
Mr. G. H. Cross		2	6
Mr. W. A. Pye		3	6
Mr. Albert Pye	1	1	0
Mr. W. J. Rawlings		5	0
The Devonshire Guild	1	1	0
Major J. H. B. Hesse		10	0
Mr. E. Alex. Young		5	0
Mr. G. Pullinger		2	6
Anon.		2	6
Mr. Arthur Mason		10	0
Dr. E. Leonard Taylor	2	2	0
Christ Church, New Zealand, Society	10	0	0
The Oxford Diocesan Guild	5	5	0

Total donations received £222 10 0

The total expenditure on the bells, memorial tablet, faculty, printing, etc., amounts to £214 10s., leaving a balance in hand of £8. The committee will meet at an early date to consider how best to dispose of this amount, after which the balance sheet will be issued.

With sincere thanks to all subscribers.

W. H. HOLLIER, Hon. Treasurer.

E. J. BUTLER,

C. T. COLES, Hon. Secretaries.

THE BELLS OF VICTORIA CATHEDRAL.

ANOTHER VISIT OF VANCOUVER RINGERS.

Vancouver ringers paid another visit to Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on Sunday, September 6th. The party consisted of Messrs. G. W. Foster, A. B. Lomas, W. Sampson, T. Greenaway and A. C. Limpus. They were met in the tower by Messrs. R. J. Carrier, A. Trotman and E. W. Izard. Several touches of Grandsire were rung for both morning and evening services and afterwards a 504.

Writing to us of this visit, Mr. Limpus says: These bells are surely the finest which ever came to this Continent. It is certainly a pleasure to ring on them and travel that 85 miles over the water and return to do so. Now that the ropes have about done their stretching, they are much easier to handle. We find the bells cannot be rushed and sound much better rung somewhat wide, about the pace of those at Westminster Abbey, which I heard through the radio at the late King's funeral.

Our visit ended at Mr. Izard's residence with handbells and refreshments bringing a most enjoyable day to a close. Mrs. Izard informed us the bells were clearly heard at their house, which is five miles distant from the Cathedral.

What a pity, he adds, there are so few ringers in Victoria, but we are in hopes that those that are there, after a little more practice, will soon be able to come to Vancouver for a return visit. All of them, with the exception of Messrs. Carrier and Trotman, have not touched a rope for some 20 years or more. Mr. A. C. Melhuish, who is now staying two weeks in Vancouver, did very well on the 5th in our tower (the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary) last Wednesday, when we rang a 336 Grandsire Triples. He was not a little proud of the fact, it being his first touch for 31 years. We shall be able to give him some good practice whilst he is here.

AN EXCURSION IN SOMERSET AND DEVON.

LYME REGIS RINGERS' OUTING.

The Lyme Regis ringers explored a portion of Somerset and Devon for their annual outing on Saturday, September 5th. Starting at 7.30 a.m., the road was taken over Hembury Port to Cullompton and thence to Wiveliscombe, which was the first halt for ringing. Something in the nature of a cloudburst on the Cullompton road was an early disappointment, but it could not submerge the high spirits of the party, and for the rest of the day nothing but intermittent showers were experienced, allowing the glorious scenery of Exmoor and the Exe Valley to be thoroughly enjoyed.

At Wiveliscombe they were met by the Vicar, and a very nice 'eight,' with a 20 cwt. tenor, were soon set going to Triples. This proved to be the right place for a cup of tea and a bun. A 'proper' cup which would make three of any Lyme production and Chelsea buns which stayed coiled to the last! Thus fortified, the party rolled along to Dunster. Here a meet of the staghounds was in progress, its attraction being rather lost by not having the surroundings of the picturesque old street. For the first time in history, it was said, the meet had been transferred to the show enclosure adjoining the polo ground. Mr. Tudball piloted the ringers to the belfry and joined in some good ringing of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. A short ride afterwards brought them to Minehead in time for luncheon. Those who know Minehead will appreciate that the climb to the church immediately after lunch is a test of any ringer's enthusiasm. As a consequence the time table for the day suffered considerably. The first arrivals in the tower contented themselves with a course of Cambridge on the front six; later the back four were raised, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung and a few rounds on the ten to give the two juniors their first pull on ten bells. Mr. Thorne had everything ready here, and the visitors rejoiced in the well-furnished ringing chamber and the beautiful ringing order of the bells.

From here the run to Tiverton was leisurely, for Cutcombe hill had to be climbed, and a very winding road prohibited any speeding. After a splendid Devonshire tea, the fine toned eight (tenor 25 cwt.) at St. Peter's was heard to advantage in Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Bramford Speke, the last tower of the day, was reached about 7 p.m. Here the Rev. E. V. Cox had hoped to meet the tourists in his own tower, but a change of plans kept him away, and he was represented by Mr. Rowe. The light six (tenor 5½ cwt.) were soon rattling along in Stedman and Plain Bob, finishing up with a course of London, which, however, was a little foggy in the last half-lead. But the bells, being strangers to London, will probably like it better next time. One hour was left for shopping (at Woolworths, of course) in Exeter, and home was reached safely about 10.20 p.m.

The thanks of the party are conveyed to all the incumbents who so readily gave permission for ringing, also to those ringers who assisted with the arrangements at the various towers and gave, in every instance, such a warm welcome.

C. C. C.

MARGATE.—On Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church: A. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, F. J. Reeve, sen. (Tring) 3, E. Spickett 4, J. Waghorn 5, F. C. Reeve, jun. (Tring) 6, C. J. Badrick (Tring) 7, R. Whybrow 8.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/6 per head, are available from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting is on Saturday, October 3rd, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting is to be held at Ashford on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. sharp. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after. All ringers will be welcome, and it is particularly requested that the Ashford district be well represented.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in the Saracen's Head, adjacent to the church. Short business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on October 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on October 3rd, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock, address by the new Vicar. Tea and business after. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Westbury on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Sculthorpe on Saturday, October 3rd.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Meeting at Brize Norton on Saturday, October 3rd.—W. Evetts, Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Bus service from Sleaford. Hearty welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester (8 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Ambrosden (8) and Launton (6) also available. If requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR, Saturday, October 3rd. St. Mary's (10 bells) open 3 to 6; St. Peter's (10 bells) open 6 to 8. Visitors heartily welcomed at both towers.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth (8 bells) tomorrow, Saturday, October 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, 9. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Late Notice. A quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, October 3rd. Musical service with handbells. Usual arrangements.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—The ring of eight bells at St. Peter's Church, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Felwyn Bean on Sunday, October 4th, at 3 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sunday service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, October 4th, at 10 a.m. Practice, St. Clement Danes, October 12th, at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., and October 26th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, October 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on October 15th and 29th, St. Michael's, Corn-

hill, on the 6th, St. Andrew's, on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on November 14th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

UFFORD, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be inaugurated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Chair will be taken by the president, Canon Marshall, at 6 p.m. Application for tickets, 4s. each, to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 6th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and SS. Philip and James', Clifton (6 bells).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Unveiling of tablet recording first peal on the bells at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meat tea (1s. 3d. per head) reserved only for applicants notifying Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, October 6th. Important business, election of officers, etc. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, October 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please let me know by October 7th how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Radstock on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., Timsbury Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 10th. Duty to your association and brother ringers should prompt you to ascertain that your tower will be represented at this meeting. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and very important business meeting. Will members who do not notify me of their intention to come to tea by Wednesday, October 7th, kindly let the others take their seats first. The tea will be free.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A joint meeting with the LADIES' GUILD and the OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 10th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. St. John's (10), 3.15-4.45 p.m., 6.15-7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Social evening in St. John's Hall from 7.30, to which all ringers and friends are cordially invited. Names for tea to me by October 5th, if you please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—October 10th, a meeting at Clifton Reynes at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Conversation afterwards about future meetings. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks, by Monday, October 5th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Will all members not clear on the books please make an effort to pay their subscriptions at this meeting?—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held on October 10th at the Parish Church, Middleton. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all. Ringers please take the advantage of having a ring on these ancient bells, and come in crowds, and thus show that the Rochdale Branch is alive.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5 bells) on Saturday, October 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Davenport, Northants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Old Palace will be provided by the association. Important business meeting afterwards. A neighbouring six-bell tower will be available in the evening (by arrangement). All ringers welcome. Please send me a postcard for tea before Wednesday, October 7th, so that there may be no difficulty in making provision.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come. Good bus and train service. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the association will be held in St. John's Episcopal Church, Alloa, on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow will come under the new rule of 9d. per head. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Worth (6 bells) on Saturday, October 10th (Cowden bells not available). Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—If it is a nice light peal of five bells you like to ring, come to Stanwick on Saturday, October 10th, to our quarterly meeting. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please let me know you are coming and require tea.—A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.15. Subscriptions are due for the current year.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Wragby on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea, please try to notify Mr. J. Brewin, Foulby, Wakefield, by Wednesday, the 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—G. Dent, District Master, Potten Street, Harlow, Essex.

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Grantham on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7 p.m.

EAST BUCKLAND, BARNSTAPLE, DEVON.—On Thursday, October 15th, at 7.30 p.m., special service to mark the reopening of the ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Elisabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, October 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8), newly hung and tuned by John Taylor and Co., available at 2.30. Also Woodbridge (8), Wickham Market and Pettistree (6). Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4 for all sending word by October 14th. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 17th. The following towers will be available from 3 p.m.: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), and St. Dunstan's (6). The Cathedral bells (12) will be available after the business meeting only. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Please help to make arrange-

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ments by sending names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, October 14th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. (Please note new address.)

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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MR. E. WEATHERBY'S CONNECTION WITH SHROPSHIRE.

As recorded in the peal columns last week, a peal of Grandsire Caters at Coalbrookdale was rung in honour of and to celebrate Mr. Ernest Weatherby's 65th birthday. Those who read with interest the dedication and opening of the new peal of eight bells for Victoria Cathedral, British Columbia, on Sunday, July 12th, will know that Mr. Weatherby travelled 2,000 miles to take part in the celebration. Born at Market Drayton under the shadow of the church, he soon became attached to the local ringers. The ringing chamber there resembles the Old Curiosity Shop, mainly due to Mr. Ernest Weatherby and his brother William. Ernest was one of the pioneers of the old Salop Guild, established on June 8th, 1883. The first meeting was held at Lilleshall. The Guild was reconstructed in 1889, when a special meeting was held in St. Mary's belfry, Shrewsbury. Mr. Weatherby and the Market Drayton ringers were present at that meeting, and were the first to receive instruction from Mr. Gibson, of Whitechurch, who was appointed instructor of the Guild.

During the whole period Mr. Weatherby was connected with the Market Drayton ringers and the county he was most energetic and popular. One of his outstanding undertakings was to organise the peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at High Exall, Shropshire, and conducted by William Shoot on October 22nd, 1910. Mr. Weatherby left nothing to chance. Owing to a long rope draught with a ground floor pull, he paid several visits previous to the peal and fixed a rope guide. No peal had been rung at High Exall since the year 1812, when the famous Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, and his band rang two peals there.

It is interesting to note that old Shropshire ringing records state that a peal of Bob Minor, 720 changes, was rung on Atcham bells, Shropshire, on May 23rd, 1787. Three of Mr. Weatherby's relatives rang in this 720, which was considered a very good performance for those days. Arrangements are being made for six county ringers to visit Atcham on May 23rd, 1937, the 150th anniversary, to ring another 720 of Bob Minor, providing the bells are ringable. Mr. Weatherby has already made arrangements to give the band a ham and egg tea after the 720.

At Coalbrookdale on Saturday last he had ordered a hot supper of roast chicken, apple tart, etc., for the birthday band, and Mr. Hugh D. Gold, a very old friend of his, as a guest. The supper and social hour took place at the Coalbrookdale ringers' 'den,' well known to visiting ringers as the W.E.F. headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bailey catered for the party in their usual wholehearted way. After supper the handbells were brought into action. Engraved on one of these is 'Music is medicine to the mind. E.W., 1936.' This and several other chromatic bells were a gift from Mr. Weatherby to the writer. The old Shropshire toast, 'All friends round the Wrekin,' was very loyally honoured, together with 'Health and prosperity to Mr. Weatherby.' A few arguments between the 5-6 and 7-8 handbell experts helped to pass a pleasant evening, and 'Time, gentlemen, please,' brought a very happy event to a close, with the usual explanation about the key to the most music in Grandsire Triples, over the prolonged handshake and 'good night.'

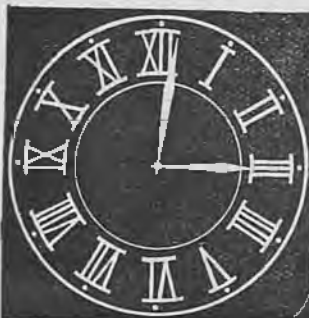
Mr. Weatherby, who, after leaving Market Drayton, resided in Guildford, has now been, for some years, in Los Angeles, California.

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PREPARING FOR THE CORONATION.

The coronation of King Edward VIII. next year will provide a great opportunity for the use of the church bells of the land to play a part in the national rejoicing which will surround the occasion. Speaking at the annual dinner of the Surrey Association on Saturday, the President of the Central Council made this the subject of a double appeal to ringers. He urged them to seize the opportunity to get back into towers where peal ringing is at present banned for various reasons, and stressed the importance of paying special attention to the performance of good ringing. In these two things the president should be warmly backed up by all the ringing associations. His words of advice will be read in the ranks of every ringing organisation, but ought not to be left at that. Mr. Lewis speaks not merely in a private capacity, but with the authority of the holder of the principal office in the Exercise, and particularly on matters relating to ringing for national occasions his utterances have special weight. There is ample time between now and next May for ringing to be thoroughly organised for the Coronation, and it should be the duty of the various organisations to see that plans are properly laid. Unless there is a local band in active occupation of a tower, there should be no hesitation on the part of associations to make every effort to get the bells rung. Steps of this kind would probably lead in many instances to a reopening of a ring of bells.

It is, however, equally important, if this end is to be secured that such ringing as is done, shall be of a quality above reproach. Most of the objections to ringing arise from too noisy bells or bad striking. There are various means by which the former can be obviated—and should be obviated not only for the Coronation but for all time—but the latter rests upon the ringers themselves. Indifferent strikers have all the winter before them in which to improve their capabilities, while bands can make themselves more efficient as a 'team.' There is more need for team cohesion in ringing than, perhaps, in any other pursuit, and only assiduous practice will make a band as perfect in their ringing as human failings will allow. There is special reason, therefore, why activities in the belfry this winter should be conducted towards a definite end, and it is an incentive which should help to raise the quality of ringing generally. Good ringing is demanded at all times, but when our towns and villages are to be drenched with the sound of bells ringers should ensure that their performance is of the highest standard possible. There may be some who think that on an occasion of national rejoicing the more the bells are

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clashed and banged about the better, but nothing could be farther from the truth. Some good 'firing' may be appropriate, but it should be concerted 'firing' and not done individually, promiscuously and involuntarily, in the middle—or any other part—of what should be a well-struck touch. We hope that all Mr. Lewis had to say on this subject at Croydon will be carefully thought over and acted upon in every department of the Exercise.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, THE STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	WILLIE ROUGHTON 6
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	HENRY G. MILES 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ERNEST BRETT 8
ROBERT W. GREEN 5	ALFRED B. PECK 9
THOMAS LANGDON 6	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., Rector.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST J. KING 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
*WILLIAM F. ELLINGHAM 4	†ROBERT C. HEAZEL 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 5	ERNEST FURBANK 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 6	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

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

* First peal on ten bells and first peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER 4	†SIDNEY F. PALMER 8
RICHARD F. ROE 5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER 6	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 250th peal. Rung on the eve of the dedication festival.

NORTH STONEHAM, EASTLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, 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.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	*HAROLD P. REED 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 7
*ANDREW I. CORRIGAN 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 8
CHARLES J. FRAY 5	GEORGE WILLIAMS 9
*REGINALD A. REED 6	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of the town of Eastleigh becoming a borough. The Royal Charter of Incorporation was presented on behalf of His Majesty the King by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Lord Mount Temple of Lee, P.C., to the Charter Mayor, Councillor E. J. Bradshaw.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

CECIL KAYSER Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
ARTHUR W. DIX 3	RICHARD G. BELL 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
The peal consisted of 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each Cambridge and Superlative. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. A. St. J. Thorpe to this living and also the induction of the Rev. H. Earnshaw-Smith, late Vicar of Watford, to the living of All Souls', Langham Place. Both ceremonies took place on this day.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 64.

Tenor 15½ (approx.).

ALFRED BACON Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 5
WALLACE COUSINS 2	FRED WIGMORE 6
*ALBERT HOUGHTON 3	LESLIE HOUGHTON 7
*HORACE TUTTLE 4	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.
* First peal of Major.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

STANLEY BRITTON Treble	GEORGE BROMLEY 5
WILLIAM CLARK 2	ERNEST B. BETTS 6
WILFRED BRITTON 3	FRED HODGSON 7
EDWARD CRABTREE 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by F. HODGSON.
Specially arranged as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. William Clark, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
JAMES MORGAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
Rung on the occasion of Sandbach 'Wakes,' also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Crawley.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by G. WHITING.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	ALFRED KING 5
THOMAS W. CHAFMAN ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
†JAMES DRAYCOTT 3	ERNEST STONE 7
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... Tenor

Conducted by D. H. ARGVIE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung by an entirely resident band.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	HORACE FOX 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	HARRY NEWTON 6
FRED NEWTON 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
WILLIAM PEARSON 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

RONALD V. J. CATTLE ... Treble	JOHN R. HARRIS 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	FRANCIS E. MAY 6
ARTHUR HAWES 3	GEORGE HORWOOD 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	*CHARLES EUSTACE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal for the Rector, the Rev. C. M. Gough, who is shortly leaving the parish.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES WILKINS Treble	C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	REGINALD BLASY 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
Rung immediately after the induction of and to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Miller; also as a birthday compliment to Miss D. R. Fletcher.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD T. BAILEY Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 5
CHARLES H. PERRY 2	D. REES JAMES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
HARRY BOYCE 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. Specially arranged for R. H. Dove, of Leeds. The conductor's 151st peal. J. W. Jones' 450th peal.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 5
KEITH HART ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 1, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5
LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 6
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	*JOHN W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

REV. R. P. FARROW ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 2	*CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 6
*HENRY G. KEBLEY ... 3	*FRANK PRICE ... 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 4	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

BLANDFORD, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 2	*E. T. PAUL FIELD ... 6
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 7
H. JIM RALPH ... 4	*WALTER J. GOSNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Triples. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. This peal was arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. G. L. Coward, Assistant Ringing Master of the North Dorset Branch, and Miss Elsie Harcourt, which was solemnised at Bourton Church on the above date. Also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Guy. Mr. Guy is captain of the local band.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALWYN TAYLOR ... Treble	JOSEPH HALL ... 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... 2	JAMES H. BASTOW ... 6
OGDEN MOORES ... 3	STEPHEN PARRY ... 7
JOHN MEADOWCROFT ... 4	*IVAN KAY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method. W. Berry's 50th peal as conductor.

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On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MRS. J. CRAMPION ... Treble	JAMES CHALE ... 5
WILLIAM BUTLER ... 2	J. CRAMPION ... 6
MISS WALDOCK ... 3	ERNEST BRIGHT ... 7
WILLIAM MELLIN ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. BRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted on the previous Tuesday. The ringers of treble, fifth and sixth are from Wanstead, third and tenor from Maldon; the remainder are of the local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, September 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings).

*JOHN H. D. RATCLIFFE ... Treble	HAROLD SMITH ... 4
†HARRY V. FARDOW ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ALBERT J. HUBELE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in two methods 'inside.' Arranged for the treble ringer, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. William Gill and Miss Edith Fallon, who were married at Rushall on Saturday, September 26th.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Plain Bob, eight of Old and 36 of Grandsire, with 22 different callings.

*CHARLES ROUSE ... Treble	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 4
RAYMOND W. RHYMER ... 2	EDWIN H. NASH ... 5
RONALD G. BECK ... 3	*ALEX YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by R. W. RHYMER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MEPPERSHALL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HENRY LAWRENCE ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 3
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
HERBERT SHERMAN ... 3	HERBERT SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First attempt for a peal and a local ringer.

BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND MARTIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER ... Treble	*JOHN GROVE ... 4
MRS. DORICE KELLY ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells. Rung with the clappers half-muffled in memory of Robert Stockdale, the esteemed late secretary of the North Notts Association, who met with a fatal road accident whilst returning from the dedication ceremony of these bells on October 1st, exactly a year ago.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*PERCY SMITH Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
STANLEY MURPHY 2	DUDLEY PAUL 5
ARTHUR ABRAMS... .. 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal with Treble Bob method.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 St. Clement's, two 720's Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob, called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	EDWIN CRACKNELL 4
FRANK RAPER 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5
JACK STEED 3	ARTHUR RAY WOODARD Tenor

Conducted by SHELFORD SPARROW.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN B. WARD Treble	*RONALD RUSSELL 4
*ALBERT L. WARD 2	*JOHN H. BLUFF 5
*J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in six methods 'inside.' First in six methods on the bells.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Cambridge Surprise, Sandal, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL Treble	JOSEPH THACKRAY 4
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5
FRANK ELLIS... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

The band are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BLACKPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1936 in Two Hours and Two Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

BERNARD H. HALL 1-2	JOHN H. FOSTER 3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES 5-6	

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

Umpire, S. Lawrenson, of Poulton, who checked off every lead end. Rung with the correct open handstroke lead.

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On Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes.

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.

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

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	HAROLD JACKSON 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 3-4	PETER LARLIN 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.
Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Washbrook and Miss Winifred B. Ladin.

FOR BEGINNERS.

GETTING THE TENORMAN INSIDE.

In trying to make a forward move this winter among all the members in the tower, there is one who must not be forgotten, although we are afraid he has, in the past, often been 'given up as a bad job.' We mean the ringer whose limitations have confined his efforts to ringing the tenor behind. A good tenorman is a valuable possession, for nothing makes for poor striking more than a tenor ringer who cannot keep a beat. But it does not follow that even a good tenorman should never ring any other bell or acquire the skill to ring changes.

Sometimes his failure to get away from the tenor is due to an obstinate belief in his own incapacity to learn change ringing. He says he cannot learn, and because he believes it, he won't try. Eventually his colleagues give up their efforts of persuasion, and the tenorman remains content with his job of 'blowing the drum.'

Where there are such cases, may we suggest another attempt to get the tenorman to take up change ringing by explaining to him that in 'covering' he has already learnt something about it? Unless he is purely a blind machine, he has learnt that he has to pull over different bells as they come up behind. If he 'covers' to Grandsire he has observed, if he has any eyes at all, that he rings a whole pull after first one bell and then another, and, unconsciously perhaps, he has learned to look for the bell he has next to follow. Then he has doubtless noticed that at intervals—when the dodges are made—he has only half-pulls alternately over two bells.

This knowledge should stand him in good stead in learning to ring one of the other bells. In striking over the bells as they come up behind, he is taking them in coursing order, exactly as if he were ringing one of the working bells, the difference being that he has two blows, instead of only one, over each.

If this is explained by the aid of figures on paper, many ringers will see how similar in ropesight change ringing is to covering in a method like Grandsire.

But assuming that at first the problem is not clear, the others in the band might go a step further to help their colleague up the ladder by ringing, say a plain course by whole pulls. Then their pupil will be doing exactly what he has done in covering. He will take each bell in the same coursing order and strike a whole pull over each, exactly as he had done when ringing behind, except that he has to pull down, or hold up a little, as he moves. A beginning could be made with Original, which would not involve place-making or dodging, and when the learner has grasped the idea there should not be much difficulty in instructing him how to do the same thing in half-pulls.

Ringing by whole pulls may not be orthodox in these days, but any device that will enable a ringer to grasp what has to be done in change ringing is justified. And whole pull ringing may also provide a bit of fun for the rest of the band just by way of a change.

THE BELLS OF BUCKFAST ABBEY.

As will be seen in the advertisement columns, there is to be a joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches of the Devon Guild at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, October 17th. Those visitors intending to be present and are able to do so should be at the Abbey to take part in the ringing from 1 to 2 o'clock in order to avoid any confusion later in the afternoon. Buckfastleigh Parish Church bells are also available for the use of visitors, but visiting hands should make their own arrangements if they desire to ring elsewhere.

PENDLEBURY RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

At Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hour 26 minutes by F. Sharples 1, T. Lingard (conductor) 2, F. Green 3, A. Wallwork 4, C. Seddon 5, N. Tompkins 6, A. Lomas 7, F. Jones (St. Peter's, Swinton) 8. The ringing was to commemorate the 79th birthday of the conductor, who has been a bellringer for 63 years.

Refreshments were afterwards provided and the ringers extended their good wishes to Mr. Lingard. They expressed the hope that he would live to see and ring for many similar occasions. This was the longest touch ever rung by F. Sharples, F. Green, N. Tompkins, A. Lomas and F. Jones.

RECTOR'S FIRST RING FOR 25 YEARS.

A very enjoyable monthly practice meeting was held at Beauchampton by members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, September 26th. The ringers were met at the church by the new Rector, the Rev. Marmaduke Warner, who was keenly interested in the ringing and surprised the local band by standing in for a few rounds. He remarked afterwards that it was 25 years since he last had a ring. During the evening a visit was made by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild. About 20 ringers were present from Beauchampton, Buckingham, Cosgrove, Little Horwood, New Bradwell, Stony Stratford and Wicken. The next monthly practice was arranged to take place at Maids Morton on October 31st.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY S. ELLIS.

MEMBER OF FAMOUS BAND.

One of London's oldest ringers passed away on September 26th in the person of Mr. Henry S. Ellis, who was 78 years of age. He was a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a past Master of the London County Association.

A native of Brighton, Mr. Ellis first became interested in ringing while working on the restoration of part of St. John's Parish Church, Croydon, where it is now intended to instal a ring of twelve bells. The opportunity to learn, however, did not come until a little later, when at the end of 1883 a band was formed at St. Stephen's, Westminster. Under the instruction of Mr. J. M. Hayes, this young company made rapid progress, and their first peal, Grandsire Triples, was scored in September, 1884.

The older readers of this journal will recollect to what prominence the St. Stephen's band rose. They became the most accomplished and enterprising company in London. They included Bob Newton, John Oxborough, John Golding, Charles Brice, Sam Andrews, Henry Ellis and his brother Arthur. Harry Pasmore, too, learnt his ringing with them. What they accomplished may be gathered from the outstanding performances in which Henry Ellis took part in the year 1901: The first non-conducted peal of London Surprise and non-conducted Cambridge. Three Surprise peals in one day with three different conductors—London at Old Windsor, Superlative at Wraybury, Cambridge at Staines.

Mr. Ellis took part in 1904 in the peal of Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, when Bob Newton rang the tenor single-handed, and in the peal of Superlative on the back eight at Southwark Cathedral. He rang in peals of Westminster and St. Stephen's Surprise—at a time when peals in new Surprise methods were something to talk about.

Altogether he rang over 200 peals. Apart from the two 'silent' Surprise peals, Mr. Ellis called only one, Holt's Original. He was elected Master of the London County Association in 1912, when he had been a member for 25 years. He had been a member of St. Margaret's, Westminster, band for a great many years and had rung there for more than 500 weddings. He also used to ring at Westminster Abbey, and rang there for the Coronation of King George V. and on the last occasion the old six were rung—Armistice Day, 1918.

The St. Margaret's band hoped to ring a muffled peal in memory of their old colleague, but in the absence of the Rector, permission could not be obtained.

At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, however, 720 Boh Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect on Wednesday, September 30th, by H. Kemp 1, P. Carter 2, C. Meyer 3, R. Kemp, jun. 4, T. Wyatt 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6, R. Kemp, sen. 8. Minor was rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Ellis' brother Arthur died last October.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ASHBY.

The ancient and historic village of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, was the place chosen for the second quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, September 26th. The old church, so picturesquely situated, was patronised by many visiting ringers, and the bells—very awkward to handle comfortably owing to long draft of rope, and not too good going—were rung to many methods with varying degrees of 'striking'.

The committee met in the Parish Room at 3.45 p.m. and carried through their usual routine and other business. On the recommendation of local committees, two old-standing members were placed on the hon. life members' list, viz., Mr. James S. Hutchby, of Loughborough, and Mr. Alfred Cullin, of Austey. At the tea which followed, between 40 and 50 members and friends sat down. It was pleasing to note a number of ringers' wives present—evidently to make sure that their spouses got home early!

The general meeting followed tea, and the president (Mr. F. Denison Taylor) was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Hanford), the curate (the Rev. — Dunn), churchwarden (Col. J. German, D.S.O.), Mr. Riley, late headmaster of Appleby Grammar School, the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) and hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris).

The president gave a brief review of the past quarter's work, the peals rung, etc., and said it was a delight to have the clergy, churchwarden and other distinguished friends present with them. Each of those mentioned very happily and suitably replied.

New members proposed since the last meeting, viz., six life, three ringing and three honorary, were duly elected.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield stressed the need of better support of 'The Ringing World,' and the President stated that it would be indeed a calamity if they lost their only ringing paper, and urged all present to do all they could to increase sales.

The Rev. Dunn said it would be a good idea if all theological colleges were approached and asked to take copies. This might do much to inspire 'future' clergy!

Heavy votes of thanks to the local committee for the arrangements made brought the meeting to a close.

Before leaving, the company were entertained to courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Boh Major by A. Ballard, J. Pagett, E. Morris and C. Harrison. Further tower-bell ringing was indulged in until 8 p.m., when a most successful meeting terminated.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Seventy-four members and visitors attended the fifth annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, September 26th—a record number since the first dinner was held in the jubilee year of the association. The chair was taken by the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical vice-president), and among those present were the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop (Rector of All Saints'), Messrs. J. R. Newman and R. G. Knowles (lay vice-presidents), W. Short (Master), J. D. Johnson (general hon. secretary), W. H. Johnson (treasurer), E. E. Barber and S. T. Holt (auditors), G. Camm and J. W. Heath (Branch Ringing Masters), W. B. Cartwright, J. E. Newman and G. E. Large (branch secretaries), W. Ranford (Central Committee), C. Woodberry (C.O. representative), etc. Visitors included Messrs. F. E. Haynes (Ringing Master), T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), A. Walker, E. T. Allaway and G. E. Fearn, all of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; J. Austin (Gloucester), L. W. G. Morris (Leeds), George Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, of Sheffield. Apologies were received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (patron), the Dean of Worcester (president), the Rev. J. F. Hastings (clerical secretary) and Mr. James Hemming (Central Committee).

Mr. F. E. Haynes proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' He declared that bellringers are proud of their connection with the Church, and, as loyal citizens, are associated with both Church and State. Among other things, Mr. Haynes, in an original and provocative speech, said, in reference to a recent Lambeth Conference, he thought the Church might attend more to its own business, which was spiritual, and leave politics to statesmen.

The Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop, replying to the toast, said the ground had been rather cut away from under his feet by Mr. Haynes' unexpectedly critical speech, and felt himself at a loss to answer the challenge immediately. He wondered what would happen if the toast 'Church and State' were proposed in Germany or Russia to-day. Bellringing was intimately connected with the State, as was shown at the Jubilee and death of King George, and would be demonstrated at the Coronation next year.

Continuing, he said that the Church and the State could do without bells, but they would feel the loss keenly. He thought of bellringers as having a great part to play in raising men's thoughts to higher things, and the highest things are spiritual. He felt sure their high mission brought the Church and State closer together.

RINGERS' STATUS IMPROVED.

The next toast was 'The Worcestershire Association,' proposed by Mr. T. H. Reeves, who remarked that the status of ringers had improved and that some 53 years ago the first rule of the association was 'To promote belfry reform.' To-day that rule came last in the three major rules, and the words, 'where it is needed,' had been inserted. Mr. Reeves recalled some of the names of those who had helped to make the association what it is to-day: Sam Spittle, W. Rock Small, John Smith, W. Micklewright, and of our own day William Short, or, as most of them called him, 'Bill' Short. Then again there was Mr. J. R. Newman, who had served faithfully for 30 years as general hon. secretary, and Mr. James Hemming, who had been Southern Branch secretary for 25 years. These men had worked hard for ringing in general and for the advancement of the Church. He was glad to say that the present secretary, Mr. J. D. Johnson, was carrying on with the good work and expressed the hope that all members would give him their loyal support and co-operation.

Continuing, Mr. Reeves said he was distressed to read recently in 'The Ringing World' a letter from a clergyman regarding false peals, and he felt sure that no one there that night would agree with what the clergyman had written, however great the disappointment might be of having rung a false peal. 'Every composition ought to be definitely proved correct before being rung,' declared Mr. Reeves, adding he knew it was a difficult matter, but thought it could be overcome. He suggested that a man composing a peal might find two other competent composers to testify to the truth of the figures.

'PAROCHIAL MIND' DEPRECATED.

Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary), in reply, said he was glad of a suggestion for a complete change of speakers this year, though he himself had still to get up and speak. He had been told that, as general secretary, it was his duty to do so and that tradition demanded it, but he would have preferred not to have done so. Mr. Johnson welcomed the presence of so many ladies. There had, he said, been much ill-advised correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about ladies in the belfry, but his opinion was that ladies had done much to refine belfries.

He went on to say that when the association was formed over 50 years ago one of its chief objects was to give local bands a diocesan outlook, and he deprecated the attitude of hands who still have the 'parochial mind.' Mr. Johnson then mentioned the Australian tour, bell restorations in many parts of the Empire and the new peal of bells recently installed in British Columbia, and said that any departure from the wider outlook was a retrogression to more than 50 years ago.

The Worcestershire Association had no illustrious name, continued Mr. Johnson, like Henry Johnson of the St. Martin's Guild, but they had men who spent most of their lives in teaching beginners methods from Grandsire Doubles upwards.

The toast, 'Kindred Associations,' was proposed by the Chairman, who said it was a great pleasure to him to hear such good speeches as had been made. He particularly liked the first speech and would very much have liked to have had a talk with Mr. Haynes to prove, among other things, that the State originated from the Church.

The Rev. G. W. Webb said they heard nowadays much about complexes, the commonest one being fear, but at gatherings like that all complexes disappeared and they got perfect harmony. It was refreshing to meet together and exchange ideas, for thought was always good for them. He said it must be a source of gratification to everyone present to see such a splendid muster, and he hoped to see them all again next year.

The Chairman ended in a humorous vein, causing merriment by saying he had some years ago rung the tenor behind to a quarter-peal in 20 minutes!

A HAPPY ATMOSPHERE.

Mr. A. Walker, who replied, said that evidently the bells did not need rehanging at the church where the chairman had rung his quarter-peal in 20 minutes, and suggested that he (the chairman) had made a mistake in the time. Whereupon the chairman, amidst laughter, admitted his mistake, his memory being at fault, and declared the quarter-peal had taken double the time he had first stated.

Continuing, Mr. Walker said it was a happy atmosphere there that night, and hoped next year to see an even larger number. He urged young ringers to support the meetings and the dinner, for it was at such places that those who thought they knew it all found out how little they really did know. On behalf of the St. Martin's Guild he extended a hearty invitation to all for the Henry Johnson Dinner next February at Birmingham.

A programme of music and songs, with the inevitable handbells, was given between the toasts. A good course of Grandsire Caters was rung by G. E. Fearn 1-2, George Lewis 3-4, F. E. Haynes 5-6, L. W. G. Morris 7-8, A. Walker 9-10. Songs were given by Messrs. W. C. Dowding, G. J. Hemming and E. C. Barber. Miss C. Heath gave a pianoforte solo, and later partnered Mr. J. Buntin in piano and accordion duets, which earned prolonged applause.

Tunes on handbells by Messrs. J. D. Johnson and G. J. Hemming with Mr. A. Walker at the piano also added to the enjoyment, while the Misses Amy and Florence Johnson, in a short duologue, had sly digs at certain members of the association, causing much fun and not a little blushing.

A very happy and memorable evening closed with community singing. Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

The arrangements of the programme and the dinner itself left nothing to be desired, and in the capable hands of the committee concerned one may safely say that the Worcestershire annual dinner has become an institution.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Kendal on September 26th, and, considering how far north the town is situated, an attendance of about 50 was very fair. Ambleside bells were also at the service of the members, but Bowness bells are not available on a Saturday. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Lee Nicholl (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. A. Scott (Bolton). Tea was served in the Schools to representatives of 22 towers from seven branches.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken in the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Mr. H. Davenport) by Canon Nicholl. The committee's report was presented, as were also the balance sheet and auditors' report.

The Chairman afterwards announced that the Rev. A. Scott was the only nominee for president, and invited him to take the chair, which he did. He thanked the members for the honour.

Mr. W. H. Shuker was re-elected for two years as secretary. Five nominations were received for the vacancy on the Central Council, and in a ballot vote Mr. L. J. Williams, of Church, was elected.

The chairman and Mr. T. B. Worsley gave an account of the progress of the Canon Elsee Memorial.

Bolton was chosen for next year's annual meeting, with the name of the church left to the committee to decide.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist and local ringers for making everyone comfortable and happy.

Ringings ceased about 9 p.m., as early trains had to be caught by long distance members, some of whom could not get home before midnight even then.

VICAR'S SILVER JUBILEE.

The peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, Pontefract, on Monday, September 28th, recorded in this issue, was rung to mark the Rev. A. G. Shipley's silver jubilee as the Vicar of All Saints' Church.

The Vicar is held in high esteem in the town, and on Sunday, September 27th, the Deputy Mayor (owing to the illness of the Mayor) and members of the Corporation, parishioners and friends in large numbers attended divine service on Sunday morning.

During Mr. Shipley's 25 years of ministry in Pontefract he has always shown great interest in his bells, which he claims are one of the finest peals of eight in Yorkshire.

He has always been most willing to place the bells at the disposal of members of the association and visiting companies, and 44 peals have been rung on them during his incumbency.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the order to recast the tenor and restore the bells at Halberton Church, Devon.

A congregation of over 300 attended the dedication of the restored bells at the village of Thorncombe by the Bishop of Salisbury. The work, which included the recasting of the tenor and the tuning of the other four bells, was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The five bells at Paulerbury, Northants, rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were rededicated on Sunday week by the Bishop of Peterborough. A chapel in the south aisle was dedicated at the same service.

Mr. Albert W. Coles, Master of the Middlesex Association, is at present in hospital, where he has undergone a minor operation. We are glad to be able to say that he is going on well and hopes to be out in a few days.

The footnote to the report of the peal at Aston Abbots in our last issue was inaccurate. The first peal on these bells, which were augmented from five to six, Mr. H. B. Whitney, of Linslade, writes, was rung on Saturday, October 4th, 1930, and was conducted by Arthur E. Sharman, of Dunstable. The Oxford Diocesan Guild have rung a peal there in recent years.

As Walthamstow is not available for the quarterly meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths in October, it has been arranged to visit Romford instead on the 24th. Particulars will appear in our advertisement column next week.

In the peal of Bob Major at Coddensham on September 28th, the ringer of the 5th was Arthur R. Woodard, not Claude as reported.

Many ringers are anxious to see the skill of the talented Oxhey handbell band, who have made history by ringing peals of Spliced Surprise Major. They will have an opportunity at Hillingdon on Saturday, when they will demonstrate their skill during the social in connection with the joint meeting of the Middlesex Association, Ladies' Guild and Oxford Guild.

At the baptism of the Wimborne Branch secretary's baby, Eunid Esme, at St. John's Church, Parkstone, on Sunday week, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild, was a godfather. As he was prevented from attending, a Double Norwich ringer from Poole kindly acted as his proxy.

In our article on the tour in the North, reference was made to the bells of All Saints' Church, Gosforth. The original eight bells were cast and installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1901, and the same firm added the two trebles to make a peal of ten in 1920.

We regret that pressure on our space again makes it necessary to hold over the publication of several reports.

MORE PEALS WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 32 Surprise methods peal referred to in your last issue, I wish to withdraw the three peals called by me at Fordingham, Market Deeping and Alford, as I used the extent referred to by Mr. Relfe in last week's issue exactly as it appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 2nd, 1935. However, previously I called a true one for these particular six methods, but as the one in 'The Ringing World' seemed less complicated, I used it for the 32-method peals, so that anyone who has rung with me with these methods included before May 23rd, 1936, may rest assured that they are true.

H. M. DAY.

Market Deeping.

[This deplorable result of the error in published figures shows how necessary it is that compositions should be carefully scrutinised by correspondents when their figures are printed.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT'S 'STRIKING' REQUEST.

The September meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Rothwell on September 26th. Owing to a wedding and a funeral, ringing was delayed until 3.50 p.m., but afterwards went in full swing in a variety of methods until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Church Institute, over 30 members and friends, including the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Branscombe) sitting down.

The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) occupied the chair at the business meeting, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Elland, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Sharow, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company.

One new member, Mr. George Ward, of Rothwell, was elected.

After discussion it was agreed to hold a ringers' Communion service in place of the usual service at the annual nomination meeting in March, which will be held at Christ Church, Armley.

The President appealed to the members to attempt to obtain a better standard of striking at the monthly meetings, and reminded members that the public were unwilling listeners, and it was up to them to make the ringing fit to hear.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies on the motion of Mr. W. H. Senior, seconded by Mr. L. Drake.—Mr. T. W. Strangeway and Mr. H. Homer replied.

The next meeting is due to be held at Bradford Cathedral on October 31st, 1936.

The business meeting was then declared closed, when the handbells were successfully rung, while others returned to the tower for further ringing, which continued until 9 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S DINNER.

CROYDON TO HAVE TWELVE BELLS. Opportunities of the Coronation.

Ringers and their friends, numbering nearly a hundred, gathered in Croydon on Saturday for the second annual dinner of the Surrey Association. Many of the visitors took part in ringing on the ten bells of St. Peter's Church during the afternoon before assembling round the festive board at the Greyhound Hotel, under the genial chairmanship of the Rev. J. C. Kinnear, curate at Croydon Parish Church. In the course of the proceedings 'the cat was let out of the bag' that the restoration of the bells at Croydon Parish Church is to include the installation of a new ring of twelve. The announcement did not come altogether as a surprise, but it was received, none the less, with gratification.

Among those present at the dinner were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. A. Shelton (Reigate), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the association) and Mrs. Kippin, Mr. E. G. Talbot (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer, Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. W. Claydon (hon. secretary, Southern District), Mr. D. Cooper (Ringing Master) and Mr. F. G. Woodiss (hon. secretary, North-Western District), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. T. G. Bannister (Hampstead), Mrs. W. Melville (Guildford), and a representative gathering of ringers from Croydon, Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Beckenham, Carshalton, Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Redhill, Reigate, Wimbledon, etc.

After dinner, the loyal toast was honoured and Mr. Maurice Northover proposed 'The Church.' He expressed the indebtedness of ringers to the clergy for their assistance. Ringers, he said, knew that in some parishes it was difficult for the clergy to grant permission for peals, on account of the populous areas in which the churches stood, but the majority of the clergy did grant facilities as far as they were able and the ringers appreciated it. Ringers, he added, would be glad to see more of the clergy in the belfry, just as there were cases where the clergy would like to see more of the ringers in the church, although he did not think there was much to complain of in the church-going of ringers in these days.

CLERGY 'TOE THE LINE.'

The Chairman, who responded to the toast, referred to the fact that the 'Church' did not consist of the clergy alone; it was made up, he said, of all kinds of important people, including the dear old ladies of both sexes (laughter), who tried very often to rule the clergy with a rod of iron (laughter). Then there were the vergers. They had a delightful couple at St. John's Church, and he would assure them the clergy had to 'toe the line.' There were certain things which 'were not done' and other things which 'were done.' They had a delightful institution at the Parish Church of morning tea at 11 o'clock in the stokehole (laughter), but all the clergy were not invited. Before they were they had to pass a kind of test (laughter). Then there were the bellringers. In the belfry he was very far from being an important person as he tremblingly seized the rope of the treble and did his level best to get through a plain course. They knew the horrible feeling one had when one made a mistake. He was strong enough in the ordinary way, but there were times when he hardly had strength to pull; it seemed as if the bell weighed tons instead of a few hundredweight (laughter). Yes, he was a very unimportant individual at such times (laughter).

CROYDON BELLS MISSED.

Passing on to refer to the work which is being undertaken at Croydon Parish Church, the Chairman said for some time the bells had been dumb and everybody was asking when they were going to be rung again. 'It feels lonely, strangely lonely,' he said. 'Year after year we have had half an hour of bellringing on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings, and the Tuesday night ringing. We miss them tremendously; young and old miss that wonderful call of the bells. My brother bellringers—I may call you that, although I am but a duffer at it—you don't know what a tremendous value there is in this call of the bells to the people. We at the Parish Church of Croydon,' he continued, 'value the work of the ringers, and I only hope that the happy relationship between the clergy and ringers at our church may be the same between clergy and ringers throughout the land' (applause).

They were looking forward, continued the speaker, to having their twelve bells soon (applause). He hoped, and he thought Mr. Johnston was going to see, that they had the best peal of twelve in the South of England, and, indeed, in the whole country. They had a band, or pretty nearly a band, that would be able to ring them, and they would welcome visitors to their belfry on Sundays and practice nights. They wanted ringers to feel that Croydon bells and belfry were free to them. They wanted them to bring their knowledge and gifts to help the men in their own tower. It was not always easy to get twelve men together, but none of them wanted to see those top four bells dumb too much. So there would be a warm welcome for visitors (applause).

OVERLAPPING DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. Lewis proposed 'The Surrey Association,' and referred to the overlapping of ringing organisations which exists in and around Surrey. As a member of the Kent County Association, he was asked to meet representatives of the Surrey Association on this subject some time

ago. Surrey wanted to get the whole of the diocese of Southwark, which went into a little bit of Kent. As a member of the Kent Association he had to say that his association wanted to stick to the county of Kent. He did not know what had happened finally about the Surrey territory. There were difficulties in this question of territory, but he did not think they were serious as long as the officials of the different associations worked together in a friendly spirit. The reason he mentioned this was that at the present time practically every association in the country was affiliated to the Central Council, and, therefore, instead of having entirely independent associations, they were more or less branches of one great body of change ringers. If the various associations would bear that in mind and, when there was any difficulty of overlapping, meet in a friendly spirit with the intention of not being too parochial, but doing what was best for the ringing Exercise as a whole, he was certain there would be no difficulties and he could foresee in a few years' time, if they wished to get diocesan status, that they would be able to do so, and possibly as far as Kent was concerned they would not be so 'pig-headed' as they were a year or two ago (laughter).

CORONATION RINGING.

To-morrow morning, continued Mr. Lewis, we shall have another hour in bed. It has something to do with ringing, for it means that to-morrow night and on succeeding evenings it will be dark an hour earlier, and it should be much easier to get ringers, in country places at any rate, into the tower for practice. There is a very special reason why we should make an effort this winter to make our practices as successful as possible and practise as diligently as possible, for next year should be one of the greatest ringing years we have ever had. At the Jubilee of King George there was a wonderful response by ringers to the general feeling of the public in the desire to express their love and veneration for our late King. Again, when we lost King George, the ringers, in a wonderful manner all through the country, expressed the deep feelings of the public on that occasion. Next year we are looking forward to the Coronation of our new King and there will be another great opportunity of ringers expressing the feelings of the public. I trust they will do it in no less manner, indeed in a greater manner, than at the Jubilee. In that connection I want to make a suggestion. I do not know whether in your district you suffer from having towers closed for peal ringing. I think very likely you do. One can understand towers being closed for peal ringing. Sometimes it happens because ringers themselves act a little unwisely; or it may be that the bells are too noisy outside the tower and want modification, although that is a matter that can be fairly easily put right. But next year there will be a great chance for getting into towers where bellringing has been stopped, because it would be very difficult for anybody to object to the bells being rung on Coronation Day. All ringers should make a special effort to see that the bells are rung on that occasion at those towers where it has been difficult in the past either to ring at all or to get permission for peal ringing. I do not say they should necessarily try to ring a peal in every tower—you must look at each case on its merits—but it is the opportunity for getting back some of the ringing that has been lost. But having got in for that day, you must keep in, and, if you want to keep in, you must be very careful that ringing on Coronation Day is of the very best quality you can possibly get. I should like to take the opportunity of expressing the hope that ringers will not make it the occasion for practice, but that they will make it the occasion for performance, and that they only perform what they can perform well. In other words, they should not try and ring a method they do not really know on the chance of getting a peal, but be content to ring a method they know and can strike, and thus make certain the quality of the ringing on that day is the very best possible (hear, hear). If you want to keep the towers you get and do away with complaints, concluded Mr. Lewis, be sure of two things: Be sure that the sound outside is not unduly loud: take a little trouble to block up the windows, which does not cost very much. The other and even more important thing is to try and keep up a standard of perfectly accurate striking and rhythm (applause).

SURREY'S UPS AND DOWNS.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who replied to the toast, said the Surrey Association was among those elect societies that held an annual dinner, and they were glad to have the support of the leading lights of other associations who were good enough to come there. They would all endorse what Mr. Lewis had said about the efforts that should be made to secure proper ringing on Coronation Day and to get those towers once more into their grip that had slipped out in recent times. In the Surrey Association they had had their ups and downs. As one of the very old members of the association, he could tell them stories of 30 years ago, of the days of Dr. Carpenter and Edgar Bennett and Bill Smith, and other people famous for composing, conducting and ringing, and rising stars like Charlie Jackson, who rose in the firmament. Ringing was at a high state in Surrey then, but afterwards it fell away. But since the war, things had looked up again, and he made bold to say ringing had never been on a higher plane in Surrey than it was to-day. They had a lot of keen young enthusiasts who were ringing methods which would have made the hair of the old fellows of a generation ago stand on end (laughter). Continuing, Mr. Johnston said that owing to diocesan geography the territory of the Surrey Association had been invaded, but it had been an invasion by friendly neighbours, and, he thought, it had been all (Continued on next page.)

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S DINNER. RETIREMENT OF MASTER AND TREASURER.

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to the good. It had, perhaps, given an added impetus to ringing and greater skill in the art in the county. Mr. Johnston recalled that long before the Surrey Association was formed, change ringing was practised in the county, and mentioned peals rung in 1846 and 1857 at Camberwell by the Surrey Youths, and in 1734 at Croydon by the Croydon Youths, in which the tenor at St. John's Church was rung by two men. They thought they were a very respectable lot at Croydon Parish Church, said Mr. Johnston, for they had three curates who were ringers there, and they had been told that if there was a ring of twelve there, as they believed there might be in the near future, then the ringers deserved it (applause). A local paper that week had spoken of the casting of six of the bells for the ring and had referred to the 'pouring of the fiery metal into the cauldron to the weight of 40 tons.' As these bells represented about one-third of the weight of the peal, it meant that there would be about 120 tons of swinging metal in the tower, with approximately a 30 ton ringing tenor (laughter). If that actually happened, he knew they would all wish with him that the famous Mr. Jimmy George would be well enough by that time to ring the tenor on the opening day (laughter). As he did not wish, however, to raise unnecessary fears in the minds of the ecclesiastical authorities, he had better say that he thought the local Press had 'slipped up' and mixed tons with hundredweights (laughter).

In conclusion, Mr. Johnston referred with regret to the pending resignation of the Master owing to ill-health, and of the treasurer (Mr. C. Dean). They wished Mr. Burt a speedy recovery. Mr. Dean had served almost a lifetime in the Surrey Association as assistant secretary, secretary, treasurer and representative on the Central Council. They extended to him their warmest wishes and hoped he would not disappear entirely from their Surrey belfries (applause).

The Rev. G. Hart proposed 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. E. W. Housden responded. The latter said they did not think of themselves as visitors, but as part of the whole body of churchworkers. Perhaps one day, instead of so many different associations, they would have one national association, working for one common cause—service ringing for the Church. They should remember that the bells belong to the Church; they were there for the special purpose of Sunday service ringing, which was sometimes a little lost sight of and peal ringing was put first. It should be their first object to see that the bells were rung properly for service on Sunday mornings and evenings.

Mr. A. Shelton submitted 'The Ringing World' in felicitous terms and wished the journal long life and prosperity.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith replied and took the opportunity, as hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of referring to the harmony existing in the district where the two associations overlapped. This was due to the kindness and courtesy of the officials of the Surrey Association, which the members of the Guildford Guild endeavoured to reciprocate. They both realised that there was no need for clashing interests, but that both were working for the same ends (applause).

The programme included a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, Leslie Cowham in 'Sense and Nonsense,' with Nora Rule at the piano, a demonstration of conjuring by Kenneth Mills, and community singing with Mr. Harold N. Pitstow at the piano. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

JUDGES' COMMENTS ON CUP COMPETITORS' RINGING.

On Saturday, September 26th, members of the North Notts Association met at Gamston for the ninth annual cup competition. The prospect of being possessors of the Crawford Silver Cup for a year induced four teams to compete, viz.: Barnby-in-the-Willows (who entered for the first time), Shireoaks, veterans of the contests, and Ordsall, two teams, known generally as 'A' and 'B' respectively. There was a good company of other ringers as well as the competitors when the first team went up to ring at 3.15. The draw for positions had resulted as follows: (1) Ordsall 'B,' (2) Shireoaks, (3) Barnby, (4) Ordsall 'A'; but as the first team were not ready, owing to their being a man short, they gave place to Shireoaks, who got a good standard and seemed to have won the cup before the others had rung, except for a lapse when the tenor rope came off the wheel. Barnby, with open leads, came next, followed by the two Ordsall bands, and as it was now 5 o'clock, tea was taken and the meeting held.

The Rev. S. M. S. Salt, the Rector of Gamston, took the chair, and gave the association a very warm welcome. He read the result of the competition, which was: Shireoaks, 192 faults; Barnby, 252 faults; Ordsall 'A,' 186 faults; Ordsall 'B,' 288 faults, penalties 10 for not setting bells after practice piece, and 30 for not being ready to ring in their turn, 328 faults.

The cup was thereupon presented to the captain of Ordsall 'A' team, Mr. J. Hurst, by Mrs. Rowsell (whose brother-in-law gave the trophy in memory of his father).

The judges, Mr. J. Flint and Mr. J. Moss, who had kindly come over from Bolsover, reported on the ringing. It had, they said, been fairly good on the whole, but a lot of faults had been incurred by bad leading. They suggested that new bands should learn to ring open leads.

After the meeting the ringers returned to the tower and the bells pealed out for three more hours to methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge and London Surprise. Thus ended 'a perfect day.'

THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

AN APPRECIATION.

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) was one of those who, while in residence at Cambridge, came under the influence of the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's tuition in ringing. Mr. Lewis has written for 'The Ringing World' the following appreciation of Mr. Boughey's services to ringing and to the Cambridge University Guild:—

'Apart from his own achievements as a ringer, Mr. Boughey's great work for the Exercise was the teaching of the rudiments of change ringing to generation after generation of undergraduates.

'As president of the Cambridge University Guild from the middle of 1879, a few months after the Guild was founded, he carried on this good work as long as his health allowed. It was not an easy thing to do. Undergraduates come into residence normally for three years. The terms are short and in the summer term it is difficult to find time for ringing. So that it is hard for undergraduates who have no previous knowledge of ringing to get very far before they take their degrees and "go down."

'Each October the president, with unfailing patience and unfailing good humour, started to teach a fresh batch of beginners, knowing that only a small proportion would get very far, at least while they were at Cambridge. The work among those who did not progress very far was probably not wasted. A number of them were subsequently ordained, and they at least knew something of our art, and would be sympathetic with the ringers of the bells of which they might subsequently have charge.

'As a teacher Mr. Boughey was excellent. On tower bells he was most particular about the proper handling of the rope. His constant advice to the recruit, "down, right to left; down, open fingers," will not be forgotten by his pupils. If there are members of the Guild who have not "an agreeable pull," you may be sure that they learnt to handle or mishandle a bell before "coming into residence." There was never much chance of really good striking in the tower, with practices on the "Seage" and with too many beginners ringing together; but Mr. Boughey laid the foundations in such a way that members could become good strikers when they got the chance.

'It was easier to get on quickly with handbells. A good handbell ringer himself, Mr. Boughey was always ready to start again at the very beginning, first single-handed, then double-handed, with each new batch of members.

'It was largely due to his untiring patience that the Cambridge Guild made and kept its tradition for handbell ringing. In addition to the regular practices, he used to ask the more advanced members to come to his rooms on Sunday evenings, when new methods were tried, or longer lengths attempted. He was always ready to take a pair for a peal if he could fit it in with his many engagements, and if necessary to use his office as Senior Dean to give "permission for music" in prohibited hours.

'The Cambridge Guild has been doubly fortunate in having as president one who was so excellent a teacher and one who was continuously resident in Cambridge. He will be greatly missed, and it is sad no longer to be able to think of "B, Great Court" as headquarters.'

E. H. L.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CONTEST AT BRIGHOUSE.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell prize contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Brighouse on October 3rd. Five teams entered the contest, to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing resulted as follows: No. 1, Liversedge; No. 2, New Mill; No. 3, Friezeland; No. 4, Holmfirth; No. 5, Meltham. New Mill rang Woodbine Treble Bob, Liversedge rang Cambridge Surprise, and the others rang Oxford Treble Bob.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, to which about 60 sat down. After ringing had ceased, the meeting was held in the Parochial Hall. The curate of Brighouse apologised for the absence of the Vicar and asked to be excused himself, as he had to attend a service, but he left a good substitute in the Vicar's warden, Mr. Mortimer.

After the business had been disposed of, the judge (Mr. W. Idle) gave his decision as follows: Liversedge, 141 faults, 5 penalty, total 146; New Mill, rang out; Friezeland, 55 faults; Holmfirth, 58 faults; Meltham, 50 faults.

Meltham were, therefore, declared winners. Mr. Mortimer presented the cup to Mr. Whiteley, the Meltham conductor, and a chromium-plated ash tray and stand to each of the Meltham ringers.

Mr. Mortimer, in presenting a prize to the president of the association, who is a prominent Meltham ringer, said he was delighted to hand it to him, as, besides occupying the chair, he also filled it.

Mr. Whiteley, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to receive the cup. He sympathised with the other teams who had been so near and yet so far. Members of the Halifax Association are asked to note that their annual subscription also covers a free guessing competition on the weight of the president. Result of competition in 'Billy's Weekly Liar' on June 31st, 1937.

Further ringing on the bells brought an enjoyable day to an end.

THE IRISH TOUR.

STORY OF A SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

As will have been gathered from the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' the tour which took place in Ireland met with a considerable measure of success. This success was not confined to ringing; socially the tour had happy results: as a sight-seeing expedition it certainly was very enjoyable; and its effect on ringing in the parts of Ireland visited will, we feel sure, be of good value.

During the evening of Friday, September 11th, eight members of the party met at Euston to catch the Irish Mail to Holyhead, and to enjoy a pleasant journey across to Dublin. All went well until Holyhead was reached. It was then found that rough weather was ahead, and it turned out to be too rough for more than one member of the party. Over what actually happened it is best to draw a veil, but vows were made that even a free trip would not tempt one at least to go to Australia. It was with great relief that the boat was left behind, and the train at Kingstown boarded for the short rail journey to Dublin. At their hotel the tourists found that, with one exception, the party was complete, and by 11.30 a.m. the first peal of the tour was commenced. This was at Christ Church Cathedral, and in just over 3½ hours a good peal of Stedman Caters had been rung. There are twelve bells in this tower, eight by Rudhall and four by Murphy. Two of the bells are semi-tones. The whole peal was rung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1931, and the peal rung was the first on them since that date. The composition, by Gabriel Lindoff, was a new one, and has now been rung twice, called by a Dublin man at Walthamstow, and by a Walthamstow man at Dublin!



ENNISKILLEN CATHEDRAL,
where the first peal of Cambridge Royal in Ireland was rung.

At the invitation of Mr. Robert S. Murphy, Mr. W. H. Wilson and other members of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, the whole party visited a certain place during the evening, and met old (and new) friends. A very pleasant hour or two was spent reviving memories and retelling all the latest ringing gossip, as well as drinking the health of the hosts.

Next morning Jim Bennett, the last of the band to arrive, turned up in time for breakfast. The first item on the day's programme was service ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Here Dr. J. C. Cherry, son of the late Lord Chief Justice Cherry, welcomed the tourists. Stedman and Grandsire Cinquies, and a few rounds on the minor twelve, just to hear how they sounded, completed the morning's ringing, but a further visit was paid to this tower for ringing early in the afternoon, when the party was welcomed by Dean D. F. R. Wilson.

In the interval between these two visits to the Cathedral, a little sightseeing, under the conductorship of Bob Murphy, T. McMorran and others, ended in a surprise, and a very pleasant surprise, too. Something that is advertised as being good for you, served where? You are wrong, guess again!

Bray was visited as soon as the afternoon's ringing at the Cathedral was over. The first item was tea, but J. H. S. couldn't wait. He managed to get his, and finish it off, before the others had started. The ringers at Bray Church kindly gave up their ringing to the tourists, who much enjoyed some Bristol and Cambridge Surprise. The bells, tenor 28 cwt., are by Messrs. Taylor and Co. (1880), and are a magnificent peal. The tenor was rung in 1929.

On Monday, September 14th, the long trek began, the first objective being Enniskillen, 116 miles away. J. H. S. was off early; he did not intend to miss the train. On arrival at the station it was found that

the compartments reserved for the party were at the wrong end of the train, and consequently a change had to be made en route. We suspect J. H. S. of reserving these compartments; most railwaymen manage to mess up matters connected with railways. If you do not believe this, think of Grantham!

After a stop at Newtown-Butler for Customs, and many other stops for no apparent reasons, Enniskillen was reached at 12.30. Here the Rev. H. MacManaway, Dean of Clogher, met the tourists with a small fleet of cars. After an excellent lunch at the invitation of the Dean, 'quick work' was made for the belfry—to find J. H. S. already there, measuring the tenor. There are ten bells at Enniskillen Cathedral. It is stated that two bells were made from the metal of cannons captured at the battle of the Boyne, 1690, which bells were named 'William' and 'Mary.' These two bells were recast at Whitechapel in 1856 to make the 6th of a ring of eight, and only last year Messrs. Taylor recast three of this peal, and added two to make a very fine peal of ten, with a tenor of 22 cwt. The present eighth, the successor of the original bells 'William' and 'Mary,' is now named 'William and Mary.'

A change ringing band has been started at the Cathedral, and from Gabriel Lindoff we gather that progress is being made. Needless to say, the first peal on the bells made a great impression, and we hope many resolutions were made to repeat the performance with a local band.

After the peal, a photo of the party was taken, and tea was served in the Deanery. At the end of another enjoyable meal, Mr. C. T. Coles thanked the Dean and Mrs. MacManaway for their hospitality.

'FURTHEST WEST.'

The Dean, in reply, gave the English ringers a very hearty welcome to Ireland. The Editor of the 'Fermanagh Times' was present, and has given an excellent report of the proceedings in his paper, copies of which have since been received by the band. During the progress of the peal, Mr. Nelson, captain of the local ringers, very kindly took those members of the party not ringing for a motor trip along the shores of Lough Erne, through some very fine country, which was greatly enjoyed. It was only right that Gabriel should have the honour of calling the first peal on the Enniskillen bells, and it is sincerely hoped that he will soon have the pleasure of calling another with local ringers. It may be of interest to note that the peal was the first of Cambridge Royal rung in Ireland, and the 'furthest west' of Surprise.

A journey of 60 miles to Londonderry took just over two hours in the train. Much interest was taken in the countryside, many peat bogs were passed, and somebody actually saw some real white rabbits! Londonderry was reached at 9 p.m., the day's mileage being 176.

The Cathedral Church of St. Columb, Londonderry, contains a very fine peal of ten bells, with a tenor of 32 cwt. There are also three extra bells, in semi-tones below the second, fourth and sixth respectively. Most of the bells were cast or recast at various times from 1614 to 1865, and in 1929 the whole of the then existing bells were recast, and four, including the present tenor, were added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

One of the best peals of the tour was rung on these bells on Tuesday, September 15th, it being a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, conducted by Bob Pye. It was the first peal of Royal on the bells and the first Surprise peal in County Derry. At the conclusion of the peal the Dean, the Rev. R. G. S. King, visited the belfry to welcome and congratulate the band, and photos were taken by Mr. Kennedy, captain of the local company, and Leslie Morris.

Coleraine was the next objective, involving a train journey of 34 miles. Here there is a peal of eight by Taylor and Co., tenor a little more than 20 cwt. The first peal of Surprise Major in County Derry, in this case Superlative, was called by Ernest C. S. Turner, the youngest member of the party. Those not ringing paid a hurried visit to Portrush and Giant's Causeway, finding the hour's daylight at the latter place quite insufficient in which to explore its beauties, but at the same time thoroughly enjoying the visit to such a wonderful spot. Coleraine was again reached in time to hear the last two leads of a good peal, and to meet Mr. Bishop, representing the local ringers.

FIRST PEAL OF BRISTOL IN ANTRIM.

Ballymena, 28 miles away, was reached quite early on Wednesday, September 16th. Mr. Patterson welcomed the tourists in the tower, on behalf of the Rector and local ringers. The first peal of London Surprise on these bells was rung in just over three hours. The bells, with a tenor weighing nearly 18 cwt., are all by Mears and Stainbank, 1895. Another photo was taken, after which the party enjoyed a good lunch at the expense of the local ringers. It was regretted that the claims of business made it impossible for any of them to attend to receive the thanks of the tourists in person, but those thanks, given at this stage through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' are none the less sincere.

Train to Belfast, 31 miles, and a further journey of 10 miles, brought the party to Carrickfergus, where they were met by Capt. Roper, A.O.C. The Rector, Canon J. C. R. Rutherford, welcomed the ringers in the belfry. Here the first peal of Bristol in County Antrim was conducted by Leslie Wightman, on a very fine toned peal by Gillett and Johnston, which do not hang in the tall steeple, but in a small tower specially erected for them. The members of the party not ringing enjoyed a conducted tour of Carrickfergus Castle and Church during the ringing of the peal.

(To be continued.)

MINOR METHODS.

FALSE ROWS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see Mr. G. Williams' letter in your issue of September 11th, and I hoped that someone else would have replied to corroborate my statements.

As no one else seems inclined to do so, I shall be obliged if you will find space for a few true Minor sections and also for some that are false, in the hope that they may be educative to those who are anxious to learn, and corrective to the gentleman who made false statements, but never had the grace to withdraw them when he was proved to be wrong—a failing the said gentleman is much addicted to.

There are only three sections in Minor to be considered, because the last half of the lead must be the reverse of the first half if the method is to be true.

Following are three plain sections of Treble Bob Minor principle:—

Treble in 1-2	Treble in 3-4	Treble in 5-6
123456 Even	241635 Odd	462513 Even
214365 Odd	426153 Even	645231 Odd
123456 Even	241635 Odd	462513 Even
214365 Odd	426153 Even	645231 Odd

It is obvious that all the above sections are false, the rows 1 and 3 repeating, also rows 2 and 4.

In any true Treble Bob Minor method, therefore, the rows in the sections must never follow one another in the order of Even, Odd, Even, Odd, or vice versa, Odd, Even, Odd, Even, otherwise the sections are false in themselves.

Here follow true and false sections:—

TRUE	FALSE
Treble in 1-2	Treble in 1-2
123456 Even	123456 Even
214365 Odd	214365 Odd
124635 Odd	124365 Even
216453 Even	213456 Odd
Treble in 3-4	Treble in 3-4
241635 Odd	241635 Odd
426153 Even	426153 Even
421635 Even	421653 Odd
246153 Odd	246135 Even
Treble in 5-6	Treble in 5-6
462513 Even	462513 Even
645231 Odd	645231 Odd
654213 Odd	645213 Even
562431 Even	462531 Odd

From the foregoing it will be seen that four places in two rows must never occur in the sections themselves, but it is quite safe to use them at the Cross Sections as illustrated by me in these columns on August 14th. It should be understood that every section must contain two Even and two Odd rows, and, if the method is to be true, they must come in either of the following orders:—

- (1) Even, Odd, Odd, Even.
- (2) Even, Even, Odd, Odd.
- (3) Odd, Even, Even, Odd.
- (4) Odd, Odd, Even, Even.

Provided this is done and the method is symmetrical, there is no fear of falseness in Minor or Royal methods.

Following are the middle sections of 'Ventnor' Alliance, one of the five Alliance methods that had to be cancelled immediately after the second edition of 'Doubles and Minor Methods' was published in 1931, because of its falseness:—

VENTNOR ALLIANCE.

Two Middle Sections.

462513 E
642531 E
645213 E
462531 O

426351 O
243615 E
246351 E
426315 F

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The meeting at Yorktown, arranged for October 3rd, has been postponed until later in the year.—C. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Chair will be taken by the president, Canon Marshall, at 6 p.m. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and SS. Philip and James', Clifton (6 bells).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Unveiling of tablet recording first peal on the bells at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Important business, election of officers, etc. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A joint meeting with the LADIES' GUILD and the OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 10th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. St. John's (10), 3.15-4.45 p.m., 6.15-7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Social evening in St. John's Hall from 7.30, to which all ringers and friends are cordially invited.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

(Continued from previous column.)

In Ventnor Alliance, as in methods Nos. 1 and 2 that were published on August 14th, there are never more than two places in a pair of rows, and the method is symmetrical, but seeing that there are six even rows and only two odd rows with the treble in 5-6, instead of four of each, the method is so false that the plain leads repeat against one another.

By adding an Extreme when the treble is behind to Ventnor Alliance, the repetitions come in the first lead instead of 3rd and 4th leads, as they also do in No. 2 Delight method published on August 14th.

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Two Middle Sections plus extreme.

*1 462513 E
642531 E
*2 645213 E
462531 O

645231 O
*1 462513 E
465231 E
*2 645213 E

*1—1 Repetition.
*2—2 Repetition.

If the Extreme is omitted in No. 2 Delight, the repetitions then appear in the 3rd and 4th leads.

The spokesman of the Methods Committee evidently has a very defective memory. Possibly this letter will jog it up for him.

GEORGE BAKER.

No. 2 DELIGHT

as published.

*1 265314 O
625341 O
*2 623514 O
265341 E

623541 E
*1 265314 O
263541 O
*2 623514 O

*1—1 Repetition.
*2—2 Repetition.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, October 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Radstock on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 10th. Duty to your association and brother ringers should prompt you to ascertain that your tower will be represented at this meeting. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and very important business meeting. Will members who have not notified me of their intention to come to tea by Wednesday, October 7th, kindly let the others take their seats first. The tea will be free.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—October 10th, a meeting at Clifton Reynes at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Conversation afterwards about future meetings.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Will all members not clear on the books please make an effort to pay their subscriptions at this meeting?—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held on October 10th at the Parish Church, Middleton. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all. Ringers please take the advantage of having a ring on these ancient bells, and come in crowds, and thus show that the Rochdale Branch is alive.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Old Palace will be provided by the association. Important business meeting afterwards. A neighbouring six-bell tower will be available in the evening (by arrangement). All ringers welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come. Good bus and train service. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the association will be held in St. John's Episcopal Church, Alloa, on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow will come under the new rule of 9d. per head. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Worth (6 bells) on Saturday, October 10th (Cowden bells not available). Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—If it is a nice light peal of five bells you like to ring, come to Stanwick on Saturday, October 10th, to our quarterly meeting. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please let me know you are coming and require tea.—A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fyde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.15. Subscriptions are due for the current year.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on October 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—G. Dent, District Master, Potten Street, Harlow, Essex.

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Grantham on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7 p.m.

EAST BUCKLAND, BARNSTAPLE, DEVON.—On Thursday, October 15th, at 7.30 p.m., special service to mark the reopening of the ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Elisabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, October 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8), newly hung and tuned by John Taylor and Co., available at 2.30. Also Woodbridge (8), Wickham Market and Pettistree (6), all after 6 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4 for all sending word by October 14th. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 17th. The following towers will be available from 3 p.m.: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), and St. Dunstan's (6). The Cathedral bells (12) will be available after the business meeting only. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Please help to make arrangements by sending names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, October 14th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. (Please note new address.)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell, October 17th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, October 14th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. Committee meet at 3.45 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broseley on October 17th. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

A JOINT MEETING of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Branches, will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, October 17th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, October 14th, either W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, or H. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. W. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6 bells), on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know not later than October 13th?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A Gainsborough District meeting will be held at Brigg on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors kindly advise me how many require tea by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A joint meeting with the South-West Branch will be held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (12) available from 1 to 2, 3.5 to 4.50, and 7 to 8. Also Buckfastleigh (8), from 6.15. Tea in Abbey Grounds at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea should notify me not later than first post, Tuesday, October 13th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rodbourne Cheney (6 bells), Swindon, on Saturday, October 17th. Please advise for tea, if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Winlaton on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., price 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting on Saturday, October 17th, at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 to 5 p.m., Immanuel 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cannington on Saturday, October 17th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Biddenham, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (a handy ring of six) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Close to Bedford and plenty of buses. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lymminster on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 9d. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chippenham, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's bells available. Visitors please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s. 3d.) 5 p.m. Please notify the undersigned not later than October 14th the numbers to be expected from each tower. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Please note change of address.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, October 22nd. Ringing from 7.30 to 9.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Church Room, followed by meeting. Please help to make arrangements for tea by sending names to me on or before October 22nd. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Danberry on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by first post on Wednesday, October 21st?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LINDLEY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will rededicate the ring of eight bells which has been tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Cosgrove (6 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Service 3.30. Tea follows. All welcome.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec., Lois Weedon Vicarage.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea to be arranged later.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to November 9th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, E. P. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. 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, L. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young, who will send names of ticket holders to Mr. Hughes on the 10th for the plan of allotted seats. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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The Yorkshire Association has been in existence for sixty years. It was one of the first of the territorial associations, and throughout the whole of its career has been in the forefront of the ringing organisations of the country. It was placed there by its founder, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and kept there largely by the inspiration and guidance of the succeeding presidents. It is not a little remarkable that in its sixty years the association should have had only three presidents. Jasper Snowdon, cut off comparatively early in life, filled the office for ten years. His brother, William Snowdon, occupied the office for over twenty-five years, and Canon Marshall, the present holder, has now reached his silver jubilee as head of the organisation. That the association has been fortunate in its choice of presidents goes without saying. All have brought their special attributes to the direction of its affairs, and though they have differed in their special gifts, the efficiency of the association has been the end for which all have so successfully striven. The fortunes of the Yorkshire Association have been safe in the hands of its successive presidents, who have enjoyed the confidence of the members.

Within its area the association has a number of minor organisations, but the feeling between them and the parent association is such that friction seldom occurs. In the districts of Sheffield, Leeds, Barnsley and Halifax, local societies—local, that is, compared with the great size of the county itself—supplement the work which the Yorkshire Association is doing. For the most

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part the members of these smaller societies are members of the Yorkshire Association also, and their allegiance to the larger organisation does not suffer from their interest in the activities of the smaller. Only in north Yorkshire has the association failed to infiltrate to the fullest extent. There the Cleveland Association takes an independent stand, for it is a long cry from the industrial and thickly populated centres of the South to this more scattered area, fringing the river Tees. Some day, perhaps, the ringers in that part of the county of broad acres will find that their interests tend to the direction of linking up with the rest of the county, and so completing the structure which Jasper Snowdon visualised when he founded the Yorkshire Association over sixty years ago.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED E. PITSTOW Treble	*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST A. PITSTOW 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 9
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5	FREDERICK DENCH 11
*GEORGE SPARROW 6	*WALTER PARISH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW.

* First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Cinques on the bells. Ringers of 2 and 3 hail from London, 10 from Colchester. Remainder are members of the Saffron Walden Society.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR HINGLEY Treble	THOMAS HUGHES 6
JAMES S. EASTWOOD 2	BERT HORTON 7
GILBERT HARDING 3	*HAROLD SMITH 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	*BARNABAS G. KEY 9
HOWARD HOWELL 5	ALBERT J. HUBBLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First ten-bell peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Hughes, the veteran one-armed ringer, who is lying seriously ill in West Bromwich Hospital.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

ALBERT J. GREEN Treble	*FREDERICK C. CASE 6
*FRANK J. GREEN 2	*JOHN A. GREEN 7
*A. DUNNELEY WOOD 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 8
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS 9
† HERBERT C. EDWARDS 5	*HARRY G. RIDGWAY Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. This was the conductor's first attempt at conducting a peal on ten bells.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES WM. COOPER ... Treble	ALFRED REYNOLDS 5
FRANCIS WM. GIBBS 2	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 6
JOHN WM. SMITH 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... 4	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

Rung for the dedication festival and is first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co. All the above are members of the local band of Sunday service ringers.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. CROWE ... Treble	JOHN A. BROWN 5
GEORGE WALL 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 6
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. P. Pestle, M.A., Rector of this parish, who is soon to take over the living of Wysdale, Lancs.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING 5
*FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal in the method. This composition, in 24 courses, is believed to be now rung for the first time.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS ... Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	CECIL J. BARKER 6
BERNARD H. PETTIT ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*REGINALD SIMMONDS ... 4	H. WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHN HOLLOWES ... Treble	ALWYN TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JAMES OGDEN 6
JOHN MEADOWCROFT ... 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
JAMES RICHARDSON ... 4	ABRAHAM OGDEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

This peal was arranged, and rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute to the late James Arrowsmith, who was a ringer at the Parish Church for 50 years up to his retirement 10 years ago. The treble ringer is in his 81st year, third and fifth ringers are from Hamer and Newhey respectively, the rest belong to the local band.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR 7
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal in a different Surprise method. This peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. R. L. Stilwell (son of the conductor) on his 'coming of age.'

SCUNTHORPE, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK BRAY ... Treble	FRED LACEY 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	FRANK LORD 6
HAROLD JUDD 3	ERNEST BRITAIN 7
ARNOLD ARMITAGE ... 4	ARTHUR EMMANS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

Rung in honour of the town of Scunthorpe becoming a borough, the Royal Charter of Incorporation being presented on behalf of His Majesty the King by the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., to the Charter Mayor, Sir Berkeley Sheffield, Bart.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FRED WATKINSON ... Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 6
MRS. E. DORICE KELLY ... 3	REGINALD PAYNE 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
KENNETH FORD 2	RONALD G. BECK 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
HARRY J. SANGER ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, which have recently been rehanged by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	REGINALD MARTIN 6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*RONALD SUCKLING ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the 941st anniversary dedication service; also a wedding peal for Mr. A. Wiffen, of Braintree, whose marriage took place on September 26th, the peal attempt on that date having failed.

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

On Friday, October 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*ARTHUR S. WALKER ... Treble	JOHN A. BROWN ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	KENNETH ARTHUR ... 6
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	THOMAS W. CROWE ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	REGINALD H. HEWITT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. H. HEWITT.

* First peal.

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

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRED C. LIMB ... Treble	JAMES E. BURLS ... 5
*JOHN BAGNALL ... 2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 6
NICHOLAS NEWSBY ... 3	ARTHUR STEDMAN ... 7
*M. GEORGE WHEAT ... 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged for Mr. Albert Crawley, of Crewe.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F. sharp.

KENNETH ARTHUR ... Treble	JOHN ANDERSON ... 5
*REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 2	HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
JOHN A. BROWN ... 4	THOMAS W. CROWE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the donor of the bells, Mrs. Lee, of Blackhill, who was 90 years of age on October 6th.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON ... 5
GEORGE WATERMAN ... 2	*ERNEST H. SCARFE ... 6
WILLIAM CHALK ... 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. R. ANDREWS.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM WALKER ... Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE ... 5
ARTHUR MARTIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
THOMAS GOODCHILD ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE R. FYE ... Treble	GEORGE A. SFENCER ... 5
JOHN G. NASH ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
GEORGE A. PARSONS ... 4	HERBERT SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. FYE.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT).

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAROLD G. MOON ... Treble	ARTHUR G. WILLETT ... 5
FRANK B. JEAL ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 6
DONALD A. TOFFIN ... 3	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 7
ALFRED J. BULL ... 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. CLAYDON.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern District. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. G. Hooper on his leaving the district to take up new duties at Milford-on-Sea.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Sunday, October 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD H. A. HARVEY ... Treble	J. L. MILLHOUSE ... 4
HAROLD MARCON ... 2	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 5
CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung for the patronal festival.

FROYLE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Thelwall, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 4
*BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ELLIOT WIGG.

* First peal 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of Dr. R. H. Gardiner and Miss Mary Sizer. All the band are members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Treble	EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 3	HERBERT SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob, different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 4
JACK CLEGG ... 2	LEONARD SCHOLLES ... 5
ERIC BRUNTON ... 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
HERBERT HOLDEN ... Tenor	

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal and aged 14 years. Rung after meeting short for Major.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN CHANDLER ... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 4
OLIVER HINES ... 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 5
PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 3	HAROLD CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. WOODWARD.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung for the 60th birthday of the treble ringer. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Chandler for their hospitality afterwards.

HOPE BOWDLER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

LEO EVANS ... Treble	FREDERICK PRICE ... 4
WILLIAM SADNDERS ... 2	ALAN M. JONES ... 5
THOMAS PRICE ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHORST.

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

TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 15 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 3
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

The second peal on the bells and the first in three methods. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. H. Beattie, the new Vicar of Madley-with-Tyberton.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.:-

- (1) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight.
- (2) Marple, Taxal and Willesden Delight.
- (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight.
- (4) Braintree, Humber and Wragby Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight.
- (6) Capel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob.
- (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

LIONEL CLOUGH ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 4
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JOHN WORTH ... 3	ARTHUR WHITING ... Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* 100th peal. † First peal in 23 methods. First peal in 23 methods as conductor. There were 57 changes of method.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... 4
LEWIS BUSH ... 2	WALTER FREEMAN ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD MARCON ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7-8

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

FOR BEGINNERS.

USE YOUR EARS.

There is every reason why bands everywhere should give their best attention to 'striking' during the coming winter's practices. For instance, the Coronation is coming, but, of course, it is important to bear in mind that good striking should be made the essential of all ringing. Everything else should be sacrificed to it; change ringing should be subordinated to it. It is one of the greatest mistakes to attempt change ringing until you can strike well in rounds, although it is a fact that in the anxiety to push young ringers on, beginners are frequently made to ring changes before they are really competent in the handling of their bell or are able to strike properly in rounds.

We hope that increased attention will be paid to striking. It matters at all times, but most in service ringing and in those long spells of ringing, like peals, when the public have to listen to the sound of the bells for, perhaps, hours on end. To strike your bell entirely by ropesight—that is by measuring by the eye the distance which has to be allowed in the pull between one bell and another—would be easy if the distance were the same between all bells, and all bells were in themselves so truly hung that they clapper evenly.

But bells are of different sizes and therefore some turn, and consequently strike, quicker than others. You must allow for this and leave a wider interval in your pull over a big bell than over a little one, so that the space between the actual sounds of the bells will remain the same. Moreover, many bells are slightly and others considerably defective in their 'clapping.' Through the clapper not hanging at dead centre when the bell is down, it may strike too soon or too late when it is rung. In the first case it is said to be 'quick' and in the second 'slow.'

Obviously, if you are ringing a bell that is 'quick,' you must, if you would strike it exactly the right space behind the bell you are striking over, hold up just that extra fraction of a second which will keep the compass set by the other bells. On the other hand, if the bell is slow, it must be pulled in just a little sooner than a normal bell would be. Unless this is done you get a 'jazzy' effect which entirely spoils the ringing from the listener's point of view. What is needed is perfect beat and rhythm.

What we have told you, however, is only how to perform a kind of mechanical operation, once you have discovered that the striking of your bell is defective. What is more important is to be able to make the discovery and to tell whether your bell is being placed in its right position among the rest to a 'hair's-breadth,' as it were.

The best equipment a ringer can have is a pair of sharp ears. He will never strike well unless he trains himself to pick out his own bell from the rest, and to distinguish the least discrepancy in his striking. At first a beginner may find it very difficult, if not impossible, to tell from among the sounds overhead which note is that of the bell he is ringing. His attention is fully taken up with the handling of his rope.

Soon, however, that part of the process should begin to become mechanical, and he should be able to devote some of his attention to listening for his own bell. Listen for it first in rounds. Count the notes from treble downward every time, with emphasis on the place where your own should appear. Gradually the bell, in a normal tower, will seem to emphasise itself. Afterwards you will hear it, whatever its position may be among the rest. But this picking out of your own bell will not necessarily become easy at the start. Never mind, go on trying; the great thing is to persevere and not to give up because at first it seems impossible. Once you make up your mind that you will never be able to pick out your bell, you may as well resign yourself to the fact that you will never make a good ringer. Use your ears as well as your eyes, and go on using them.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PEAL RINGING VERSUS MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 10th, when 70 per cent. of the affiliated towers in the district were represented as well as some from outside the district. The total number of members present was 69, and the following towers represented: Benenden, Brasted, Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Leigh, East Peckham, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Cranbrook, Sturry, Milton-next-Gravesend, Croydon (St. John's), Beddington and Northfleet. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening in the standard methods, the striking being very good for mixed bands.

The usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. Childs, late of St. Helens, Lancashire. Tea was partaken of at the Carlton Cafe and was followed by the business meeting. Among those present were the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Vicar of Shipbourne), the Rev. E. L. M. Allen (Vicar of Edenbridge), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (the general secretary), Mr. P. White, Mr. C. H. Kippih, Mr. D. Cooper, and 'Uncle' Bill Lambert, who is believed to be the oldest ringer in the district. He has been ringing for about 70 years. The Vicar, the Rev. F. Childs, presided.

In his report, the District Secretary remarked upon the satisfactory position of the district. Sixty-five per cent. of the ringing towers were in union, and provided the association with 181 practising members. Although, he said, the association had no wish or power to dictate to its members, he would like to record the deplorable fact that on two occasions peals had been attempted on meeting days by members. In one instance the peal was rung outside the county, ringers going from the tower where the meeting was held and from a nearby tower, and in the other case the peal attempt could be heard from the belfry of the church at which the meeting was being held. It did not seem fair, the secretary continued, in view of the work entailed in arranging meetings, for ringers to do this sort of thing.

The report, with the balance sheet, was adopted. Mr. A. Richardson was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. E. Everest and A. J. Battin were elected as district representatives. Mr. G. Edwards, who has been a representative for a great many years, intimated that he would not stand again for re-election.

It was decided that the meetings for next year should be held as follows: Sevenoaks in February, Hawkhurst in May, Leigh in July, and the annual meeting at Tonbridge in October.

The revision of the association's rules came up for discussion, and with one or two minor exceptions the members recommended that the amended rules as submitted by the committee be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. F. W. Housden, seconded by the district secretary, the district recommended that all members should receive, free of charge, a report and balance sheet each year. It was pointed out that at the present time members had to pay 6d. for an entire report of peals, performances, etc., in order to be able to obtain the report and balance sheet.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the business meeting.

ASHFORD DISTRICT SUPPORTS NEW RULES.

The Ashford District once again held its annual meeting at Ashford on Saturday, October 3rd, when upwards of 60 members attended from 18 towers in all parts of the county. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address of welcome, reminding the ringers of their privilege and responsibility. Mr. Paul Steinitz presided at the organ.

Ton was served in the Fellowship Room and provided by the association. The Vicar and organist both expressed regret at being unable to join the company at tea, but both had to take part in a service following that of the ringers.

The business meeting, which proved to be rather lengthy, was presided over by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the general secretary. Two new members were elected and a previous election ratified.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. Conley) having announced that he would be unable to continue in office, Messrs. P. Page and W. Oldfield were nominated and Mr. P. Page was elected. It is hoped that the members will give him all the support possible.

For the purpose of providing two district representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. P. Pierce, E. S. Ruck, W. Oldfield, C. Tribe and F. Wanstall were nominated, and as a result of the ballot Mr. E. S. Ruck and Mr. P. Wanstall were elected.

Mr. C. W. Everett was chosen to act as Ringing Master in place of Mr. Page, it being unanimously decided that the district cannot do without one.

After a good deal of discussion the meeting instructed the secretary and representatives to support the adoption of the rules as amended by the Central Committee in November last. It also asked them to invite the committee to hold the annual meeting at Ashford on Easter Monday next.

A collection for the Association Benevolent Fund amounted to 19s. 6d.

Votes of thanks were passed to the hon. secretary, the retiring representatives, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the Vicar, the organist and all who had helped in any way to make such an enjoyable meeting.

The bells of Bowdon, Cheshire, will be 'on the air' on Sunday at 7.55 p.m. from the North Regional Station.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AND BELL RESTORATION GRANTS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Heckington on Saturday, October 3rd. The weather was ideal for the occasion and was very probably the reason for such a good assembly of members.

The village possesses a large and magnificent church in which hangs a fine toned ring of eight bells, on which touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The six bells at Hale Magna were also available. Amongst the towers represented were Anwick, Bigby, Blankney, Branston, Gainsborough, Grantham, Lea, Lincoln, Metherringham, Nocton, Sleaford and Ulceby, in addition to the local company. Mr. R. Richardson, Master of the Guild, and Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary, were present, together with Mrs. Richardson, Miss E. Richardson and Mr. G. Ladd, hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell, Cleethorpes. Members of the Guild were also present from Boston, Spalding and Treeton, Yorks.

Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Richards), who gave the members a very hearty welcome to Heckington. The organist accompanied the musical part of the service. Subsequently 54 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea at the Temperance Hall.

The business meeting followed, at which the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry (Northern Branch president) presided.

Metherringham was selected for the 1937 half-yearly meeting, the date fixed being October 2nd.

The special item on the agenda was an application for a grant towards the rehanging of the bells at Haxey Parish Church. The President informed the members that, at a meeting held at Brigg in 1934, a resolution was passed respecting this matter. This was: 'That a definite reserve fund of £50 be fixed, and when near the margin of that sum no grants be made, and when above, cases should be dealt with on their merits.' He stated the treasurer had told him the funds of the branch at that moment were below the fixed sum, consequently it was not necessary to proceed any further with the matter. At the same time, he requested the secretary to make a note of it in the minutes.

Mr. Richardson suggested that the branch should form a belfry repair fund on similar lines to the one in connection with the Elloe Deaneries Branch and the one in connection with the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch, both of which had proved very successful.

Archdeacon Parry proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the organist, the caterers and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business, after which further ringing took place during the remainder of the evening.

RINGERS WHO 'FADE AWAY.'

ARCHDEACON'S ADDRESS AT SURREY MEETING.

The Ven. Archdeacon W. R. Crichton stood in the chancel of Rammore Church, Surrey, on September 26th, amongst a small gathering of Surrey ringers, and had some interesting things to say about bells and bellringers. He had been in India for 18 years, and, he said, always liked to hear the sound of the old English bells coming to him over the air; they created a tremendous stirring of the heart strings, together with a longing for the homeland and all it represented. They would then be faded out, and he would feel once more like a stranger in a strange land. He would remember a church in Ireland which had a good peal of bells, and where the ringers came regularly to ring, but somehow they too, like the bells on the wireless, acquired a habit of 'fading away' immediately before a service started. He hoped the ringers of Surrey were not like that. (He was afterwards told that they were much better, but that a complete redemption from this habit would take time.)

In speaking about the story of the bells in the Old Testament, which he referred to as 'The Parable of the Belfry,' he said that they were merely a part of the whole fabric, and but one of the many attributes of the Christian life. The ringers were workers together with God and were the inheritors of a sacred trust which must be preserved and handed on unimpaired. They were learners in a splendid school of discipline—he could tell from the ringing he had heard that afternoon that there must have been much patient practice and the studying of rules. There was no room in the belfry for the ringer who did not pay attention and would not learn. Just as one bad tempered person could spoil the harmony of the home, so the rhythm of the bells could be destroyed by the bad striker or the man who does not try.

The Archdeacon concluded his address by welcoming the Surrey Association to Rammore and inviting them to come again.

Eighteen members sat down to tea, representing Croydon, Beddington, Epsom (Christ Church), Banstead, Leatherhead and Dorking, whilst during the afternoon and evening visitors arrived from Capel, Sunbury, Reckenham and Reigate.

After a short business meeting members returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till nine o'clock. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise.

Votes of thanks were passed to Archdeacon Crichton for the use of the bells and for conducting the service: to the organist, Mr. A. Redhead; and to Mr. A. Dobinson for making arrangements for the meeting.

INAUGURATION OF UFFORD BELLS. COMPLETION OF RESTORATION SCHEME.

Ufford Church was filled with a large congregation (all the additional chairs being used) when the ceremony of inauguration was performed by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Hargrave Thomas, Rector of Needham Market, the second by the Rev. R. B. Dand, Rector of Woodbridge.

After this, the churchwardens with their staves came to the chancel doors and led the procession of cross, choir, clergy, Rector and Bishop (preceded by his chaplain, the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood, Rector of Cresting and a ringer) with his staff, to the west end. There, the ringers being inside the tower, the donors each took a rope affixed to the bell they were giving, and standing in the nave, just inside the tower door, handed the rope to the Bishop.

The rope of the first bell was thus handed by Mr. G. E. Fisher, that of the second by Mr. F. L. Fisher, the third by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the fourth by Mrs. Drake, representing her son, the late Mr. Francis Drake, while one rope, attached to the four old bells, was handed by the other churchwarden, Mr. G. Lankester, with a request that he would inaugurate the ring. This the Bishop did in the prescribed form, and then handed all the ropes together to the Rector, thus putting them into his care. As the procession returned to the chancel, 20 rounds were rung, this being the first time any of the bells had been rung or heard, and great was the joy and pleasure of those who heard them.

The Bishop began his sermon by thanking all those who had, by their gifts, enabled the people of Ufford to have the beautiful ring of bells which they had just heard, and of which they might well be proud. He went on to say that while there were some people to whom church bells appeared to have a melancholy sound, yet they were only a small minority. To most people the sound of bells was especially one of joy, and reminded them of the words, 'All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord.' This was a lesson which needed to be learned to-day, when so many people were complaining. Instead of complaining we should be finding causes for praising God, and this the sound of the bells helped us to do.

The Rector announced that he had that morning got Messrs. Taylors' receipt in full settlement, and there was still some £5 in hand. This and the collection that day (this came to £5 10s.) would go towards paying off £21 for work which had been done locally.

Among the large number of clergy present were the Revs. H. Gray (Bredfield), Canon Round-Turner (Bealings), W. M. Lummis (Kestgrave), F. W. Moyle (Saxmundham), A. R. Shaw (Hinderclay), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), A. E. Milne (Felixstowe), S. E. Celler (Wickham) and G. R. D. Bennet (Woodbridge).

After the service the bells were rung by ringers from all parts of Suffolk and from Essex. Over 150 of the congregation were given tea with the Bishop, by Mrs. Drake, in St. Mary's Hall.

All present considered the bells were the most satisfactory ring in the diocese, both in the workmanship and in the sound. This is well reduced in the church and ringing chamber, while outside it is well blended and softened to those nearby, and carries much better to a distance.

As was recorded in our issue of August 21st, Ufford bells were blessed and named. The four front bells have been recast. The sixth and tenor are pre-Reformation bells, the former by William Dawe, of London (1270-1385), and the latter, weighing 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb., by Brasyer, of Norwich (1400-1510). The 5th is a bell by John Darbie, of Ipswich, in 1686, and the 7th by T. Osborn, of Downham, in 1799. The old 4th, also cast by Brasyer, of Norwich, probably about 1480, when the church was finally altered to what it now is. This bell, badly 'skirted' at some time, and too thin for its note, stands on the floor of the church. The key of the whole ring is nearly F sharp. The founders reported that the 6th and 7th were, when they received them, nearly in tune with the tenor, the 5th being a little flat. The others were, therefore, put in tune with the 5th, which has not been tuned.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEVENTY MEMBERS MEET AT KINGSCLERE.

A quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Kingsclere on Saturday, September 26th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. on the fine old six bells at St. Mary's Church. A short service was held, the Vicar giving an address that was very much appreciated.

About 70 members sat down in the Schoolroom to a very fine tea, provided by local ladies and ringers. A short business meeting was also held. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. G. H. Jeudwine) presided, and thanks were expressed by him to the local company for the welcome given to everyone.

Visitors were present from Hereford, London, Highclere, Reading, Donnington, Compton and Newbury.

After the meeting the company visited the tower and many made a tour of inspection of this very fine old village, with its many objects of interest.

Ringling continued until eight o'clock, when the local foreman, Mr. North, called 'Time,' thus bringing a very enjoyable visit to a close. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening varied from rounds to London Surprise.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is more than passing interest in 'the first peal of Cinques on the bells' rung at Saffron Walden, Essex, last week. It is more than 20 years since the bells were increased to twelve, and it is gratifying to know that, after so long a lapse of time, a peal has at last been rung on them.

Kingsdon Church bells, Somerset, are being rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. James Arrowsmith, who, when he retired from ringing ten years ago, had spent 50 years as a member of the band at the Parish Church, Middleton, Lancs., has died at an advanced age. He was a life member of the Lancashire Association, for which he rang 20 peals. On Wednesday week a muffled peal was rung in his memory.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters was made on the glorious bells at Beverley Minster on Saturday by visitors who were in Yorkshire for the Snowdon Dinner. Unfortunately, after two and a half hours' excellent ringing, the bells were brought round owing to the indisposition of one of the band.

It was a great disappointment to everyone, especially to the Birmingham contingent, who eight years ago rang over three hours at the tower and had to stop for a somewhat similar reason.

Some of the band last Saturday were classified by critics as among the 'old men and cripples.' One had his 'eye in a sling' and a bandaged leg; another had lost all his teeth and walked with a limp. Others were not too good after years of wear and tear, but, fortunately, it did not affect their ringing ability. It was one of the strong men of the party whom misfortune overtook.

Here is another toothless story well worth telling. A well-known Midlands ringer was recently spending his holiday at Bournemouth. Bathing one day in a rather turbulent sea, he opened his mouth to laugh at an incident, which we will not describe here, when an extra big wave investigated the interior of an unexpected cavity.

When the sea receded it carried with it the gentleman's false teeth! He never saw them again. We understand they are now being used by a large sized whiting which has been seen off Bournemouth pier. In future the ringer proposes to keep his mouth shut when bathing.

And talking of the sea, those ringers who made the recent passage to Ireland, and escaped the uncomfortable experience of mal de mer, should ponder upon the words of the Poet Laureate, quoted by 'Punch' last week, when they gloat over the tribulations of their fellow-voyagers:—

'I've a theory that only intelligent people get seasick. I believe there are nerves in their brains that cause it.'

Yes, we admit we have not forgotten the voyage to Australia and back, which we made without falling victim to seasickness ourselves.

We are sorry to state that Mr. John Flint, the well-known ringer of Bolsover, Derbyshire, is in the Murphy Ward of the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, suffering from severe injuries, received while engaged in shot firing in a coal mine. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Among the large number of men who have lately come to Barrow-in-Furness from Ireland and Scotland and parts of England there may be ringers. There is a handy peal of eight at St. James' Church at the top of Hartington Street, the only peal in the town. The local ringers will be glad to extend a welcome to anyone who cares to give them a look up. Service ringing at the usual times.

Can any reader inform us where handbell music can be obtained? The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Treble Bob at Kenwyn on September 23rd was C. Edward Lankester, not Edwin as published.

To clear up a mystery which some may feel about two conflicting statements, we have it upon the most reliable authority that Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, rang his 450th peal at Bridgend on September 30th.

We regret that we are still compelled to hold over several reports, owing to pressure on our space.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their September meeting at Brierley Hill, when between 70 and 80 members attended. There was a short service in church, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Herbert), after which tea was partaken of in the schools, followed by the usual business meeting under the chairmanship of the Rector.

The election of the branch officers took place. Mr. Thomas Hemming was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. John Bass the Central Committee representative.

With regard to the secretaryship, Mr. W. B. Cartwright intimated that owing to professional reasons he could not stand for re-election, and Mr. John S. Mason, of Oldbury, was elected in his place.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Cartwright for his past services.

Several new members were elected, among them being the Rector and Mr. Thomas Lowther, sen., one of the churchwardens.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wollaston on the usual Saturday in January.

The tea was provided by the local ringers, and a vote of thanks was passed, thanking them for their hospitality, and to the Rector for allowing the meeting to be held at Brierley Hill.

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

RINGERS GATHER IN YORK CITY.

Archdeacon and the Preservation of Bells.

It was the turn of York this year to provide the setting for the annual commemoration dinner organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers. York is a delightful city, dominated by the towering pile of its Minster, with an ever inspiring interest. With the added attraction of its wonderful peal of twelve bells, with a three ton tenor, it is no wonder that York proves a great attraction to ringers on the occasion of this triennial visit. About 120 were present at the dinner on Saturday at the Windmill Hotel, under the genial chairmanship of Canon C. C. Marshall, of Headingley, President of the association. He was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon of York, the Rev. Canon Solloway (Selby), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. and



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Mrs. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), the Rev. H. Gilgrist (York), Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Frank E. Haynes (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. G. F. Swann (Birmingham), Mr. W. Ayre (Hertfordshire Association), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison (Loughborough), Mr. A. Sharman (hon. secretary, Bedfordshire Association), the Rev. R. J. Wood and the Rev. P. Thorman (Leeds), Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Park, Mr. G. W. Park and Mr. N. Park (Darlington), Mr. W. H. Barber (Newcastle), Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford), and members of the Yorkshire Association from Arksey, Bradford, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Leeds, Pontefract, Pudsey, Ripon, Rotherham, Selby, Sheffield, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Wortley, York, etc.

The excellent arrangements for the event were made by a local committee, of which Mr. T. F. Earnshaw was president and Mr. G. Horner hon. secretary.

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured and the president gave the company a message from Mrs. William Snowdon and Miss Snowdon, who had written to him once more to convey to the members of the Yorkshire Association their kind wishes and thoughts and the hope that the company would have a pleasant evening. Canon Marshall added that he was sure they would all wish him to thank Mrs. and Miss Snowdon for their message and to reciprocate their good wishes (applause).

REBIRTH OF CHURCH LIFE.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' In the course of a characteristic speech covering wide ground, Mr. Johnson said nowhere in England would they find exemplified, more than in the district in which they were assembled, the great power and the great work of the Church in days gone by. In the mighty Minster, in Selby and the other abbeys and churches in Holderness, they saw what he thought was the inspiration of much of the art which they had in this country to-day. In the past the churches were the centres of art—music, painting, architecture were all connected with religious life—and education and learning. The problems before the Church to-day were of a different character. In providing for the spiritual requirements of immense new centres of population the Church was faced with great liability and anxiety, but he thought the task before it might lead to the rebirth of church life and work (hear, hear). They must all play their part in supporting the Church in the colossal efforts which were being made to cope with the new and changed circumstances.

Mr. Johnson referred to the recent loss which had been sustained by the death of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and the valuable service which he rendered to change ringing. Countless undergraduates had come under his instruction in change ringing, and he (the speaker) regarded it as a happy augury for the future of the art that some of the theological colleges—Cuddesdon and Salisbury among them—were taking up this subject of ringing.

BELLS OF REDUNDANT CHURCHES.

Proceeding, he referred to the migration of congregations from the

cities and big towns to the country, and he wondered what would happen to the bells of the churches which were becoming redundant. He pleaded with those who were responsible in these matters, where there were bells in old churches that were no longer needed, that provision should be made for them to be installed in the new churches, thus saving these peals and giving an incentive in the new districts for the taking up of change ringing. Another matter in which he hoped they would have the support of the clergy was in fulfilling their duties at the coming Coronation. He hoped that that great national event would lead to the making of an exception with regard to York Minster bells and that for that occasion the authorities would allow a peal to be rung there (hear, hear). Such a thing would give great gratification to the whole Exercise and to everyone except a few disgruntled people in York (hear, hear).

In dealing with 'The State,' Mr. Johnson touched upon the anxieties in the international outlook and expressed the hope that in this country democratic government would ever remain strong and secure. Sooner or later any other form of government must lead to disaster.

Archdeacon England, who replied to the toast, spoke in appreciative terms of the mover's speech, which, he said, had thrilled him by the obvious admiration and sincere love for the Church which it displayed. The Archdeacon enlarged upon the magnificent gifts which the Church had given and preserved to the nation. He mentioned the fact that in York Minster they had more 13th century stained glass than was to be found in any cathedral in Europe. They also possessed the only manuscript in existence of an Anglo-Saxon copy of the Gospels. In this connection he told the story of an American millionaire who, having heard of this MS., wanted to buy it for a hundred thousand pounds. When the Dean replied that there was 'nothing doing,' there came a cable, 'Double my offer' (laughter). When he (the Archdeacon) told this story to a party of tourist Americans to whom he was showing the treasure, a lady among them rasped out, 'I guess you have said quite enough.'

FACING THE NEW SITUATION.

Continuing, the Archdeacon said the position which the Church was facing to-day through the growing new centres of population had never been experienced before. In the diocese of York alone there were four or five entirely new centres of the size of large towns which had sprung up. Whatever these new centres might become socially, he feared they could never have the priceless things which the older places had inherited from our forefathers, in the way of churches, but in the parishes which came under his jurisdiction as Archdeacon their policy was, 'Don't build a bad church' (hear, hear). If you cannot build a good church at first, build a part of the church, but make it part of a worthy church (applause). Until they could do that, he said, it was better to be content with a hall. With regard to the bells in churches which were no longer needed, the Archdeacon said they were carefully watching this. There was a case in York of a church which contained a peal of bells which was to be pulled down. They had had many requests for a bell from this peal, but they intended that the peal should be given in its entirety to some church which was prepared to build a tower fit to receive it (applause). At present the bells were in the custody of the Dean and Chapter of York, and it was possible that they would be sent to a church in a new district at Middlesbrough.

The Archdeacon added that the authorities in the diocese carefully watched bell restorations to see that no one but experts were allowed to touch the bells and to see also that all pre-Reformation bells were preserved. He referred to Mr. Johnson's suggestion that a peal at York Minster should be permitted for the Coronation, and said he hoped it might be possible to arrange this (applause). As he was the one responsible for this department, he would probably be the one to bear the brunt of the complaints, but he would be able to say, 'I am sorry, but we don't crown a King every day' (applause). He would be very happy if it were found possible to arrange for a peal to be rung.

The Archdeacon referred to the fact that the late Mr. Boughey was 'going strong' when he (the speaker) was an undergraduate at Cambridge, and that the first time in his life that he saw bells rung was at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, where he went one practice night with a member of Cambridge University Guild. When the ringing finished he asked if he might try to pull the rope before he went home, but was told that if he did he might go to a long home (laughter). The Archdeacon concluded by referring to the great antiquity of the relationship between Church and State in this country, and added that when he saw the tragic and terrible happenings going on around them in other parts of the world he was more than satisfied, despite all our faults and shortcomings, to be a citizen of this land in which he lived (applause).

The President, in introducing Mr. C. T. Coles, referred to his faithful and loyal service to the Church and change ringing. The fact that he had carried on for 25 years the work of hon. general secretary of the Middlesex County Association, entitled him to the highest honour they could give him.

PAST WORTHIES.

Mr. Coles, who was received with applause, proposed the toast to 'The memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

MEN HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM.

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of the Association.' As one who, until a few years ago, did all his ringing in the South, Mr. Coles said, it was not to be expected that he should have run across those famous Yorkshire ringers of the past, but the reputation of these men spread to other parts of the land, and ringers in the South honoured them almost as much as they were honoured in their own county. They quite appreciated the reasons why Yorkshire ringers sought to do them honour in the way they did. They all, he said, felt at times that they wished to honour the memory of ringers who had gone from them and to whom had fallen the task of building up their associations. Those men had difficulties to face which did not confront the ringers of to-day. They had to lay the foundations, the ringers of to-day had only to carry on the work. They benefited by the work which was put in in those early days.

Referring to the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. Coles said that he visited the Middlesex Association at their annual meeting in London in 1914, and in a sermon he said, 'A change ringer is always seeking something higher in his art.' That, added Mr. Coles, summed up what the pioneers of the early days tried to do and what ringers to-day were trying to do, but the latter found it easier because of the work the pioneers put in. Proceeding Mr. Coles said the work which Jasper Snowdon did for the art had its effect on ringing throughout the country. He was a comparatively young man when he died, but during his short life as a ringer he did sufficient work to do credit to a man who lived to be a century. His opportunities as a ringer were not as great as a ringer got to-day, but all he did, he did well. He was a great teacher and his style of teaching had gone on from that day to this. He was a great writer on ringing matters, and the books he left behind were still the text books that ringers were proud to have. Jasper Snowdon was the founder of the Yorkshire Association and its president for ten years. To him, more than to any man, they owed the fact that Yorkshire had one of the strongest and best associations in the country. He was followed by his brother, William Snowdon, who was president of the association for 26 years, and did a great deal of work in revising and reprinting the books. Another who played a great part in the early work of the association was William Horner Howard, of York, who must have been held in high esteem, for he was affectionately known as 'Uncle.' George Bolland was another whose memory they honoured. He was a man who desired to break with tradition, and although he did it in a way they might not care to tolerate in these days, he led the way to greater advances on different lines. Mr. Bolland and his band went on to ring 14 and 21 Minor methods in a peal, and they commended him for trying to get away from the stereotyped style. Although he did it in a way they would not approve to-day, he was the forerunner of 'spliced' peals; for what he did incited other people to find a way of linking up the methods in true 720's. Mr. Coles went on to refer to the work of Charles Henry Hattersley as a composer, to Charles Jackson, of Hull, an excellent conductor, of whom William Pye always spoke in the highest terms, to James Lockwood, of Leeds, and last of all to Mr. James Cotterell, for 27 years the treasurer of the association, who was greatly respected and loved by all who knew him (hear, hear).

It was true, continued Mr. Coles, that the Exercise was making great strides, but much of it was due to the splendid foundations laid by the pioneers of the past, although they did not live to see the full fruits of their labours from which the ringers of to-day were profiting. There was one thing, however, in which the men of past days could equal the ringers of to-day, and that was in their striking. Judging from some of the broadcasts of the last few months, striking in many places was such as these past leaders of ringing would hardly have tolerated. The broadcast which came from Pudsey a short time ago was something to be proud of, but some of the broadcasts they had had were very poor. 'It is up to us,' concluded Mr. Coles, 'not only to carry on the work of the worthies of the past and to benefit from what they have done, but also to make every effort to keep up the standard of striking in the manner they would wish.'

After the toast had been honoured, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. Haynes (Birmingham), Johnson (Leeds), Swann (Birmingham), Smallwood (Bath), Walker (Birmingham) and Barber (Newcastle).

AN ENQUIRY FROM AUSTRALIA.

Mr. T. W. Earnshaw proposed 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies.' He welcomed the visitors as a citizen of York and a member of the Yorkshire Association. They were pleased to see so many clergy present, even though it might be at the expense of shorter sermons the next morning (laughter). The clergy were always welcomed by ringers, both at their social gatherings and in the belfry, and would be more pleased if they saw them oftener in the belfry. They had representatives present that evening of associations from Scotland down to Kent, said Mr. Earnshaw, and they greatly appreciated their presence. They wished the kindred societies prosperity in all their undertakings. Mr. Earnshaw enumerated the many societies represented, and said such gatherings as that gave an opportunity to ringers to meet and cement old friendships and to create new ones. Referring to the presence of four members of the party who visited Australia two years ago, Mr. Earnshaw quoted from a letter from an

ex-churchwarden of the church where the English ringers rang while at Adelaide, in which he referred to a Roman Catholic priest who was anxious to have the names of bellfounders sent to him, as he was hoping to build a church and was keen on getting a peal of bells. That, said the writer, was due to the visit of the English ringers to Australia two years ago (applause).

Mr. F. E. Haynes first replied, and thanked the Yorkshire Association for all they had done for the enjoyment of the visitors. He congratulated the association on having a body of clergy who not only came there and enlivened the proceedings with witty speeches, but who really sympathised with the bellringers and took an interest in bells.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also replied.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who said he had been a member of the Yorkshire Association for over 55 years and rang many peals with their past worthies, proposed the toast of 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association.' Its formation, said Mr. Dawe, followed that of the Devonshire Guild. He knew the founder of the association and some of his happiest days had been spent in Yorkshire. He was very pleased, he said, to hear it suggested that an attempt should be made for a peal on the Minster bells. He started there with a very good band for a peal of Grandsire Cinques nearly 53 years ago and rang nearly half-way, but Tom Hattersley had to give up. Although that attempt was made so many years ago, he could assure them that he was not yet 'used up,' and he hoped his friends would think seriously of him when the opportunity occurred.

Continuing, Mr. Dawe said he possessed many letters which he had received from Jasper Snowdon and other leading men in Yorkshire. They were well worth preserving, and he hoped to hand them over to the Yorkshire Association for that purpose (applause). He hoped the association would always prosper. He referred to the youngsters' peal, which he organised, and to the perfect ringing which they had on that occasion. The peal was called by a boy from Sheffield, and the youngster belonging to Grayford, who rang the tenor, was also with them that night (applause). Continuing, Mr. Dawe said Jasper Snowdon was a personal friend of his, as was also his brother William. He also valued the honour and privilege of knowing their third president, Canon Marshall, who had filled the office for 25 years. He hoped Canon Marshall would long be spared to preside over them, looking as hale, as hearty and as happy as he did at that moment (applause).

PRESIDENT'S SILVER JUBILEE.

Canon Solloway, in felicitous and humorous terms, proposed 'The Chairman.' He congratulated him upon celebrating his silver jubilee as president of the association. He hoped he would be spared many years to continue the splendid work he was doing for change ringing in Yorkshire (applause). His name was a household word in Leeds, and everywhere among people who loved bells he was beloved and appreciated (applause).

Canon Marshall, whose health was drunk with musical honours, said that, as he came year after year to that dinner, he felt very unworthy to have been called to follow in the steps of the great worthies who had made the name of the Yorkshire Association and who did so much to build up its foundations. He could in no sense pretend to be a ringer of the calibre of those who had gone before, but there was one thing in which he could vie with them. He believed he had the same love for the Yorkshire Association and the same desire to build on the foundations which they laid and to try to hand on the work which had been entrusted to him in the state of efficiency and comradeship in which he came to it.

The pleasing musical programme was sustained by a double quartette, led by Mr. E. Godley, who, with Mr. Fred Holmes, also contributed songs. Mr. Holmes' topical song, which introduced lines about many of the people present, caused great amusement. 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

NEW GUILD IN NORTH YORKSHIRE.

TEESIDE RINGERS' ACTIVITY.

For some time now a section of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has been doing good work in the Teeside area by holding monthly practice meetings. These gatherings have been at Ormesby, Guisbrough, Skelton and Saltburn in rotation, and attendances of 15 to 20 ringers have been quite usual, members being present from the towers mentioned and other towers in the vicinity.

The last meeting, held on October 3rd, was a particularly useful one, ringers gathering from Saltburn, Guisbrough, Ormesby, Darlington and Middlesbrough at the eight-bell tower at Skelton. The local ringers were there in full force. The ringing was of a high standard throughout, varying from plain courses up to 1,000's in all the standard methods up to Double Norwich. No small mead of praise is due to the young band in turning in the 24 cwt. tenor to the eight-bell methods. The next meeting is fixed for Saturday, November 7th, at Guisbrough, and a hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.

A scheme is on foot to make the informal gatherings into the Teeside Guild of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and it is more than probable that the other sections of the association will follow the good example set them by their Teeside brethren, and band together for local practices, thus doing much good to the art in their district.

J. C. P.

BARRON BELL TRUST'S GIFT.**BELLS RESTORED AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**

Restored by the Barron Bell Trust, the bells of St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, were dedicated on Sunday, October 4th, by the Archdeacon of Manchester (Ven. A. Selwyn Bean). The work included tuning and rehanging in a new frame and was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The service was attended by the Mayor (Councillor Mrs. Heginbottom), the Mayoress (Mrs. George Heginbottom), the aldermen and councillors of the borough. There was a crowded congregation and the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Owen) led the service, which opened with the hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' The Rector of Aston and Rural Dean read the lesson, from Rev. i., 10-18.

The inscriptions on the first seven bells, set to music, were sung as a processional as the Archdeacon, clergy, churchwardens and others proceeded to the west entrance, where the Vicar greeted the bell-ringers, the representative of the Emma Barron Bell Trust and of the bellfounders, with the words, 'May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, and strengthen you to perform the service to which He has called you, now and for evermore.' He then requested the Archdeacon to dedicate the bells and frame 'to the glory and praise of God, in this first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Edward.'

After the formal prayers and dedication, the keeper of the tower tolled one of the bells seven times. A tablet recording the fact that the bells were rehanging in new framework at the cost of the Barron Bell Trust was then dedicated, and the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' having been sung, the bells were rung by the local band: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Mrs. T. G. Hawkins (nee Miss Ida Wolstencroft) 2, Miss E. Grimshaw 3, R. Wimpenny 4, J. Clayton 5, T. G. Hawkins 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, F. Robinson 8.

The Archdeacon's inspiring address was based on 'The Angelus,' picturing God, Work and Love. A goodly number of ringers from the surrounding towns took the limited opportunity of having a pull before returning to do duty at their own respective churches. The first touch on the bells was rung by Alfred Barnes 1, W. Fernley 2, J. A. Milner 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Fernley 5, Kenneth Lewis 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, J. P. Pidler 8. The work of rehanging has been carried out in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired. The tone, after tuning, is such that a veteran of 85 years said, whilst he was ringing, that the bells sounded like a great organ and made him feel he could live another 100 years.

SHOCKS TO THE TOWER.

The Church of St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, is one of the churches provided by Act of Parliament in 1821 in the reign of King George as a thankoffering of the nation. It is built in Gothic style, with perpendicular tower, the height of which is 128ft. to the topmost stone. It has several times been struck by lightning, causing damage to various parts, but the greatest shock it received was during the terrific explosion which took place during the war on June 13th, 1917, when 52 persons were killed and almost every window in the town was shattered and the roofs lifted off the houses in the vicinity, including the church itself.

It is during recent times that much of the unseen damage has revealed itself, entailing an expenditure on the fabric of nearly £2,000, of which £1,000 has been spent on the tower itself. There still remains (if the wishes of the parishioners and others are to be met), another £400 to complete the tower by placing mullions or louvres in the openings above the bells, which have been brought down 15ft.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

- Treble:—
'My gentle note shall lead the cheerful sound,
Peace to this parish, may goodwill abound!'
- 2nd:—
'Our voices tell when joy or grief betide,
Mourn with the mourner, welcome home the bride.'
- 3rd:—
'May all in truth and harmony rejoice,
To honour Church and King, with heart and voice.'
- 4th:—
'Prosperity attend old England's shore,
Let Ashton flourish, now, and evermore.'
- 5th:—
'With loving voice I call to church and prayer,
And bid the living for the grave prepare.'
- 6th:—
'For mercies undeserved this peal is raised,
So may Thy name, O God, through Christ be praised.'
- 7th:—
'Grateful for all and every blessing here,
We look on high in faith, and without fear.
The goodness of our God we do proclaim,
Let priest and people praise His Holy Name.'
- Tenor:—
'This peal of eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) was given to St. Peter's Church, Ashton, 1871, by George Heginbottom, Esq., J.P., Mayor of the borough in the years 1853, 1854 and 1855, to the honour and glory of God.'

THORNCOMBE'S ANCIENT BELLS RESTORED.**DORSET PARISH COLLECTS 144,000 HALFPENNIES.**

The rededication of Thorncombe's church bells, after complete restoration, was performed by the Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Neville Lovett) on Thursday evening, September 17th. This was the first bell dedication ceremony by the Bishop since his consecration as Bishop of the Diocese.

The service marked the culmination of 18 months' labours by the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Hardy) and his parishioners. The whole of the money has been raised, and 144,000 halfpennies—the original halfpenny fund appeal by the Vicar—formed the greater part of the amount which had to be raised for the restoration. To raise the whole of the money in so short time is a remarkable achievement for such a sparsely populated parish as Thorncombe.

The bells form one of the heaviest rings of five in the country. No. 1 bell was faulty, but owing to its age—1637—it has been welded in the hope that it may last many years without having recourse to recasting it. There were a number of holes in the crown of this bell, and they have been filled by the welding process. The tenor bell, which dates back to 1772, and which now weighs 20 cwt., has been recast, after having been cracked for more than 30 years.

A new frame has been built on the latest modern principles and consists of massive iron castings supported by heavy steel girders, which span the tower and not only ensure easy manipulation of the bells by the ringers, but assist in bonding the walls of the tower together.

The new fittings include cast iron headstocks and ball bearings, which have been supplied in place of the old plain bearings, and many other improvements have been introduced into the belfry.

A congregation of well over 300 filled the church, and many were unable to obtain accommodation.

The robed clergy who took part in the impressive service included the Rural Dean (Canon Jacob, of Monkton Wyld), Canon Lee, of Whitechurch Canoncorum, the Revs. L. Richardson (Wanbrook), E. W. Coles (Broadwindsor), F. D. Richardson (Wimsham), B. H. Warner (All Saints', Axminster), J. H. Timberlake (Marshwood), A. J. Shields (formerly of Beltiscombe), H. Marks (Hawkechurch), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis) and E. R. Davies.

During the course of his address the Bishop said: 'This is an occasion for joy and thanksgiving, for your bells have been altogether silent for about 18 months, and it is something like 25 years and more since they were heard at full strength, ringing out over the parish. Now you have got them back with you again, fully equipped to serve their purpose in connection with your service to Almighty God and human souls. I was most interested to hear how eagerly and gleefully you have raised the necessary money by your halfpenny fund.'

In the house of God, he said, the bells are the speech of God. 'I always pray for the ringers of the diocese each week as they are helping the bells to speak to the people about God. I find, too, people often look uncomfortable when they hear the bells and they are going elsewhere than church. The most beautiful peal of bells and the most perfectly restored set is not going to do any good at all unless the people who answer the summons of the bells are in tune with the mind of Jesus Christ.'

After the service the bells rang out merrily, and the following ringers took part in the first 120 of Grand sire Doubles: J. E. Philbrick (Lyme Regis) 1, L. Glyde (Beamminster) 2, T. Gunning (Beamminster) 3, Rev. C. Carew Cox (chairman of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, conductor) 4, E. T. Paul Field (Buckland Newton, the Ringing Master of the Dorchester Branch) 5, Mr. C. H. Lathey, the secretary of the West Dorset Branch of the Guild, and Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, also took part in the subsequent ringing.

Altogether over 60 ringers were present, the towers represented being, in addition to those already mentioned, Chardstock, Wanbrook, Whitechurch and Bradpole.

The whole of the bell work and reinstatement of the clock striking gear has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have many other contracts in hand at the moment in the West of England.

The blending of the old bells, which have been carefully tuned, with the perfectly toned recast tenor, and the excellent 'go' of this heavy five were greatly appreciated by the visiting ringers.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE ANNUAL DINNER.**

Will intending visitors for the annual dinner please note that early application for tickets is most desirable, as it will assist in successfully organising things. All tickets should be obtained before Saturday, October 24th.

It has been arranged that St. Nicholas' tower will be available if required. The visit to the Cathedral tower is arranged for 2 p.m. Meet on site. The civic reception at the Town Hall is fixed for 3.30 p.m.

Dinner, 6 p.m. prompt. Arrangements will be made for parties to be accommodated together if such fact is stated.

For tickets apply with remittance to Mr. Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool, 16 (stamped addressed envelope, please).

THE IRISH TOUR

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On Thursday, September 17th, a short train journey to Holywood found a rather light peal by Taylors, 1891, at the Church of SS. Philip and James. It cannot be said, however, that the bells are Taylor's best. Here the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in Ireland was rung, conducted by Frank Bennett, and two members of the band earned stars.

Another eight miles and Bangor was reached, where Leslie Morris called the first peal of Superlative on the bells at St. Congall's Church. These bells are by Taylors, 1899, and hang in two tiers. The tenor weighs 21 cwt., and the go of the bells is not good. Mr. S. Miller, leader of the local band, very kindly got over the picture postcard difficulty by supplying enough for all to have one.

On the way back to Belfast, Mr. W. Pratt, hon. secretary, Northern Branch of the Irish Association, and Mrs. Pratt joined the tourists and returned with them to their hotel for supper and a quiet social evening.

Friday, September 18th, was a black (and almost black) day. It rained nearly all day and the interesting ten miles' road journey to Hillsborough was spoiled. St. Malachi's Church was built in 1663 by Col. the Rt. Hon. Arthur Hill, M.P. for Down, Antrim and Armagh. It was entirely restored by his great-grandson, the first Marquis of Downshire, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in 1774. The Marquis also provided a peal of eight bells (by Rudhall) and a very fine organ, built by Snetzler. The great drawback to peal ringing is the position of the tenor rope, which hangs in the centre of the tower, with the other bells in a circle around it. Further, the 'go' of the bells is not at all good. An attempt for Cambridge, with Bill Brown calling, and Rupert, of Surfleet, on the tenor, came to grief after nearly two hours' ringing. This was the first failure of the week.

Whilst the ringing was in progress the other members of the party were conducted over the interesting church by the Rector, the Rev. F. Matchett, and a visit was also paid to an old fort close by. J. H. S. concluded his morning coffee parties on this particular day, and it was at last realised why he never wished to ring in the morning's peal. Oh, these bachelors!

Drogheda was the next objective. A two hours' train journey from Belfast, with a stop at Dundalk for Customs examination of luggage, and the party alighted. A reverend gentleman on the platform singled out Gabriel, whispered a few hurried words, and everybody was ordered back into the train. It was afterwards found that there could be no ringing at Drogheda owing to the death of the Archbishop the previous day.

BACK IN DUBLIN

Dublin was reached at 5.30, some hours earlier than was expected, and to save the situation a handbell peal of Bob Major was rung, Rupert making another on the list of successful conductors during the week. Ernest Turner was the 'official umpire,' whilst Bob Pye, although he appeared to be asleep, sat up and took notice when Rupert was about to call a single at half-way. Is Bob ever asleep whilst bells are ringing?

Saturday, September 19th. No resting and no coffee party as a twelve-bell peal had to be rung. J. H. S. offered his apologies to the ladies, and mounted the tenor box in St. Patrick's helfry. These lovely bells sounded glorious when rung to Stedman Cinques, and a good peal was completed in about 34 hours. It was Ernest Turner's first twelve-bell peal, and he rang like an old hand. There are 14 bells, all by Taylor, in this tower, and two peals of twelve, three of ten, and four of eight, are obtainable.

Lunch had to be hurried, as there was another peal to be rung. With one or two members of the party crying 'enough,' it seemed a little doubtful about the band, but eight good men and true rushed off to St. George's Church for the last peal of the tour, and Jim Bennett had the satisfaction of adding his name to the list of conductors. Thus out of the twelve peals attempted only one was lost, whilst nine members of the party had the satisfaction of calling a peal during the week's ringing. This surely *must* be a record.

This peal ended the 'business' of the tour; indeed, there was little time left for anything else. Leslie Morris, who, by the way, bagged the highest score of the week, decided at the last minute to stay in Dublin until the next day, whilst Rupert and his good lady, who were travelling by the Liverpool boat, had nearly four hours to spare. The rest of the party, however, had very little time to say 'Au revoir,' and to thank Gabriel for the excellent arrangements he had made. The official vote of thanks had to be made from the window of a carriage on the boat train at Westland Row, but it was quite clear that Gabriel's efforts had been rewarded by the successes attained. J. H. S. made his small parting gifts to the ladies, even though he was travelling with two of them to London.

The trip across the channel was, happily, quite a pleasant one, with no casualties. Seats were, luckily, reserved at Holyhead, as there was standing room only in the London portion of the train by the time the Customs officials had passed the luggage. London was reached early on Sunday morning; the two James went off to Cornwall for another week's ringing; and the rest of the party made their way to their respective destinations to get breakfast and sleep!

The tour was a great experience, well worth doing, and it is to be hoped that a good deal of missionary work was accomplished. Certainly if the enthusiasm shown by Irish ringers over the visit does not wane, then much good will have been done.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on October 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Elisabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, October 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8), newly hung and tuned by John Taylor and Co., available at 2.30. Also Woodbridge (8), Wickham Market and Pettistree (6), all after 6 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 17th. The following towers will be available from 3 p.m.: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), and St. Dunstan's (6). The Cathedral bells (12) will be available after the business meeting only. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15, followed by tea and meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. (Please note new address.)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell, October 17th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. Committee meet at 3.45 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

A JOINT MEETING of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Branches, will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, October 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, or H. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. W. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A Gainsborough District meeting will be held at Brigg on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A joint meeting with the South-West Branch will be held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (12) available from 1 to 2, 3.5 to 4.50, and 7 to 8. Also Buckfastleigh (8), from 6.15. Tea in Abbey Grounds at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting on Saturday, October 17th, at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 to 5 p.m., Immanuel 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Biddenham, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (a handy ring of six) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Close to Bedford and plenty of buses. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch).—Quarterly meeting at Chippenham, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's bells available. Visitors please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, R.C., Brownedge, to-morrow, Saturday, October 17th. Bells available from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s. 3d.) 5 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Please note change of address.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 9d. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, October 22nd. Ringing from 7.30 to 9.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Church Room, followed by meeting. Please help to make arrangements for tea by sending names to me on or before October 22nd. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by first post on Wednesday, October 21st?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LINDLEY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will rededicate the ring of eight bells which has been tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Cosgrove (6 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Service 3.30. Tea follows. All welcome.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec., Lois Weedon Vicarage.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea to be arranged later.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Upham on October 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by October 21st.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, instead of Leigh, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Dore, Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All members and friends hoping to be present are asked to inform the undersigned not later than Wednesday, October 21st, so that suitable arrangements can be made for tea.—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, about 1s. per head, 5.30. Business meeting after, and ringing till about 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by October 20th. Ringing for divine service at Shoreditch on Sunday, the 25th, at 5.30 p.m., also practice as usual on Thursday, the 29th, at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, October 24th, Knebworth. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Lytton Arms. District committee please note: Important business at committee meeting which will follow the general meeting. Learners please come with the intention of 'passing the test.'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Tritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal on Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than October 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lower Heywood on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Rousham (6) and Somerton (6) available during afternoon and evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND THE SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Crawley on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex, by Wednesday previous to meeting?—O. Sippetts and W. Claydon, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barrowby on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Marquis of Granby. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

YORKTOWN, CAMBERLEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 25th, at 3 p.m., the Rt. Rev. C. H. Golding-Bird, Assistant Bishop of Guildford, will rededicate the ring of eight bells which have been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Corporate Communion will be celebrated at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C., on Sunday, October 25th, at 9.15 a.m. All members and friends intending to be present kindly advise me.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Little Comberton on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6), recently rehung by John Taylor and Co., available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newland on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) open 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, October 28th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) recently rehung by John Taylor and Co., available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Room 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me, without fail, by October 28th, if you require tea. One shilling will be charged.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Election of district officers and other important business. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, the 27th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Dyrham on October 26th, at 7 p.m.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

AT ASHTON, near Northampton, on October 31st, by permission of the Rector, a meeting of ringers at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, NEAR RUGBY.—On Sunday, November 1st, at 3 p.m., rededication of the ring of five bells, tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SHALFORD, GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Friday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to November 9th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, E. P. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. 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, L. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young, who will send names of ticket holders to Mr. Hughes on the 10th for the plan of allotted seats. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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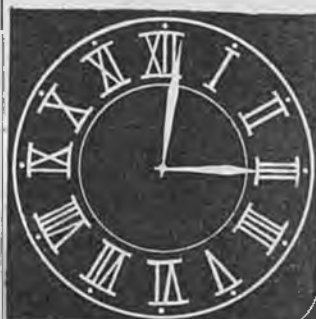
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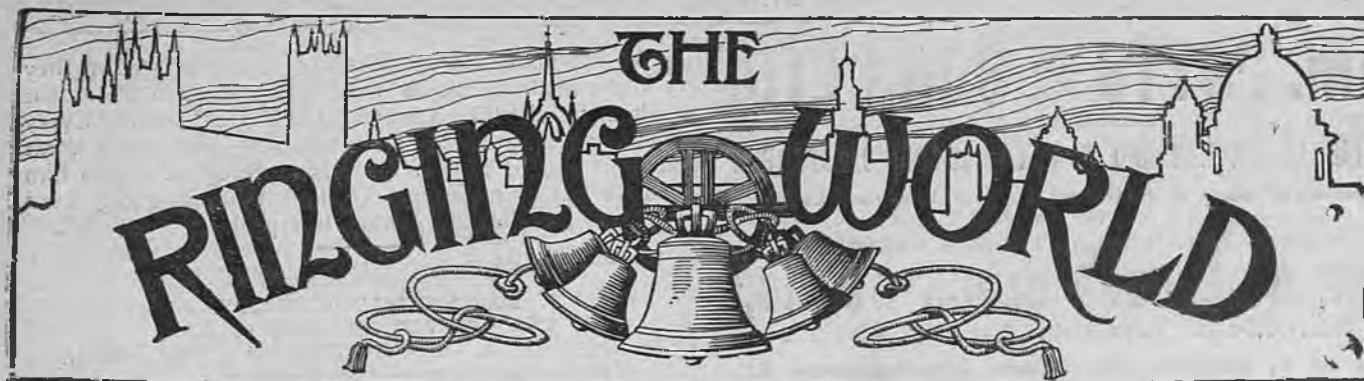
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GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
DEREK M. SHARPE 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. A. Barnett.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
MRS. DORIS KELLY 2	REGINALD PAYNE 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FRED WATKINSON 7
FRANCIS E. DAWE 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Frey Shimmin, the first and only Australian lady to ring a peal, who celebrated her 21st birthday on Saturday, October 10th.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
J. ALFRED BARRETT 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung to commemorate the institution and installation, by the Provost and Bishop of Southwell, at the Cathedral in the afternoon, of the Ven. H. V. Turner, M.A., Rector of St. Peter's, to the Arch-deaconry of Nottingham.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Treble	HARRY W. SMITH 5
J. LEONARD JOYCE 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4	PERCY W. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. J. Hibbert. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this grand old peal.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

G. WILFRED SLACK ... Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 6
FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD ... 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
*ROBERT H. VIGOR 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Arranged for the conductor, who was visiting Headingley, after an absence of 23 years.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE BOROUGH CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT PARKIN ... Treble	SYDNEY C. DRIVER 5
GEORGE F. PIPER 2	*LEONARD W. GILES 6
WILLIAM J. BRADFELD 3	ALFRED C. LEVETT 7
HENRY STALHAM 4	GEORGE R. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. LEVETT.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector (the Rev. H. B. Cole), who is leaving to take up duties as chaplain of the English Church of St. John, at Allassio, which has been offered to him by the Bishop of Gibraltar.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*W. HUCKSTEPP ... Treble	F. REEVES 5
*F. GADSDEN 2	J. WAGHORN 6
*E. SPICKEIT 3	A. SAXBY 7
*A. DADDS 4	*R. WHYBROW Tenor

Conducted by F. GADSDEN.

* First peal. First peal by an entirely local band at this church since 1906.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK PRICE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 5
*THOMAS PRICE 2	†ANDREW THOMPSON ... 6
REGINALD CHESTER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
†JOHN WARRILLOW ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHORST... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOND. Conducted by A. THUR PRITCHARD.

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

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM B. GGIN 6
*HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM WAIN 7
*ALFRED H. BOWLER ... 4	JOHN MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 183). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART, No. 24.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
†ERNEST WILSON 2	RALPH W. SAYERS 6
REGINALD J. ELT 3	REGINALD WOODVATT ... 7
DENNIS R. SAYERS 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung by the Sunday service band as a birthday compliment to E. Wilson, tower secretary.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
JAMES N. BAILEY 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2	C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of treble and 5th.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... ..Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
WALTER AYRE 3	*HAROLD V. FROST 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORETenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON ... ..Treble	†WALTER TOMLINSON... .. 5
FREDERICK W. STOKES 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
*JOHN FREEMAN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
J. HENRY HAYNES 4	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method and first on eight bells. A 17th birthday compliment to John Freeman.

KINGHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... ..Treble	JAMES H. JARVIS... .. 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 2	*P.-SUPT. W. GREEN 6
DANIEL COOMBS... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
REGINALD H. JARVIS 4	LEONARD CLIFTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal in the method on a bob bell.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours,

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
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	LOTHER J. HONESS 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for Mr. A. S. Richards and for Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE JEFFS ... ..Treble	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 2	GEORGE W. JEFFS 6
SIDNEY MUNTON 3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... ..Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM J. BIDNELL 4	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HODNETT ... ..Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4
*PERCY RICHARDS 2	JOHN BASS 5
*JOHN H. PAGETT 3	JOHN LLOYD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harold V. Cooper and Miss Mabel Thompson, who were married prior to the peal. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SEEND, NEAR DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES BUTCHER ... ..Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 4
*REGINALD AMOR 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First touch of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Usher, churchwarden at this church, and donor of the clock and chimes at Trowbridge Parish Church.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1936, 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, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

REGINALD HOUGHTON ... ..Treble	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	†HERBERT SHERMAN 5
*EDMUND WAGSTAFF 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS... ..Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal.

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CLIFTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

STANLEY GRAVESTOCK Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
ARTHUR DIBLEY 2	PERCY TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by PERCY TOMPKINS.

First peal as conductor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD W. WORRALL Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD 4
CECIL RADDEN 2	ALBERT H. BOOTH 5
STANLEY HARRISON 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

Rung for the 'Mid-Cheshire Crusade of Witness.'

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 27 lb.

HERBERT W. ABBOTT Treble	LEONARD G. TOSELAND 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER 2	*ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the 'go' leaving nothing to be desired. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Abbott, of Corley, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. R. Butcher. The ringers, with the local band, were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. O. B. Greenwood, and Mrs. Greenwood after the peal.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, being 720 Double, 2,160 Treble, 2,160 Single. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

A. NORMAN GEARY Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
ALBERT L. WARD 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
JOHN H. BLUFF 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

PERLETHORPE, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Double and Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*THOMAS VESSEY Treble	JACK MILLHOUSE 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNELL 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. The first peal on the bells, which have been in the tower for 60 years.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, called differently.

GEORGE PIPER Treble	*GEORGE SAUNDERS 4
WALTER SMITH 2	ALBERT CATERWELL 5
BERNARD PETTIT 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

* First 720 of Double Oxford and Double Court.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANCIS KIRK 1-2	*HAROLD V. FROST 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*FREDERICK J. SPICER 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

Witness—Mrs. F. Kirk.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

The following touches were rung for harvest festival services:—

PUTNEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Bolton 1, W. T. Elson 2, C. Collis 3, J. T. Bilby 4, W. Malins (conductor) 5, C. Moody 6, A. Williams 7, W. Foster 8.

THURMASTON, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten different callings: H. Hubbert 1, H. Morton 2, W. O. Farrimond 3, H. Iliffe 4, J. Udale (conductor) 5, J. Morton 6.

HACKNEY.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Sunday morning, October 4th: *L. Start 1, †F. L. Start 2, *H. A. Pinchbeck 3, *G. W. Cecil 4, *L. J. Fox 5, J. A. Hales 6, J. P. Kent (conductor) 7, *A. S. Turner 8. * First quarter-peal (first attempt for 1 and 8). † First quarter-peal 'inside.'

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Jones 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, H. Edwards 4, F. Whipp 5, H. Taylor (conductor) 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Beasley 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—At Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples: E. Pickering 1, J. W. Reynolds 2, G. F. Swann (conductor) 3, W. H. Funge 4, W. H. Hall 5, H. J. Field 6, J. Preston 7, E. C. Roper 8. Longest length in the method by all except 3 and 7. Rung before the evening service.

LITTLE HORKESELEY, ESSEX.—For morning service on Sunday, October 4th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in six different extents: R. Worth (first 720) 1, E. Leggett (conductor) 2, B. Leggett 3, J. H. Edwards 4, W. Gusterson 5.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—For evening service on Sunday, October 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, J. H. Edwards (first 720 as conductor) 2, E. Leggett 3, B. Leggett 4, W. Gusterson 5, F. Clarke 6.

BANSTEAD.—At All Saints' Church for evensong on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: H. N. Pitelow (conductor) 1, S. R. L. Dearle 2, A. J. Adams 3, J. Hobden 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, F. G. Woodiss 7, A. E. Cheesman 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, October 4th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Allred (Worsley) 1, M. Berry 2, B. Welsby 3, James Denner 4, A. Potter, jun. 5, T. Jones (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.—At the Parish Church for evensong on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Bond 1, W. Nipper 2, A. Bishop 3, W. Dixon 4, R. Hudson 5, T. Tims 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8.

SHREWSBURY.—For matins at St. Chad's Church, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Fullick 1, J. Griffiths 2, C. Lee 3, J. Evans 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, W. A. Parmer (first in the method) 6, R. R. Pole (conductor) 7, J. Benbow (first quarter-peal) 8.

HASTINGS.—At All Saints' Church on Friday, October 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: *D. Saunders 1, A. Easton 2, S. Driver 3, *S. Levett 4, *N. Palmer 5, H. Stallham 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, G. Piper 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter in the method by the band. H. Stallham is from Brighton, the rest are local ringers.

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Having given Doubles ringers time, we hope, to assimilate what we said in our issue of September 18th and to practise Original, which is the basis of all Doubles methods, let us turn to a further variety of ways in which Grandsire may be rung, as a line of advance for Doubles men.

In its original form Grandsire has, of course, the treble as the hunt bell, but it will probably have been observed from what was said about Original that any one of the five bells may be the hunt bell: in other words, in Original any bell may become the 'observation' bell for calling a 120, and as the observation bell in Original is equivalent to the treble in Grandsire, if you practise Original with different observation bells you can very soon adapt yourselves to ringing Grandsire with different hunt bells. To ring several six-scores on end, with a change of the hunt bell in each 120, will be found good fun, as well as useful practice.

If you studied No. 2 of the illustrations given in our previous article, you will have observed how the bells started, namely, not 21354, but 21435, followed by 24153, and so on. Now if you ring Grandsire with any other hunt bell but the treble, that is the way you must start.

12345
21435
24153
42513
45231
54321
53412
35142
31524
13254
12345

That is a course of Original. If you want to turn it into Grandsire with either the 2, 3, 4 or 5 as hunt bell, you make 3rd's place after the bell, which you select for the hunt bell, has led. For instance, if 2 is the hunt bell, then 3rd's place is made in the first lead by the treble; if 4 is the hunt bell, 3rd's place is made by 2; if 5 is the hunt bell, the place is made by 4; and if 3 is the hunt bell, then the place is made by 5 and a course of Original becomes a lead of Grandsire.

The 3rd's, of course, must be made at the corresponding position in every lead, and the bells by an additional 3rd's before the hunt bell leads (just as is done in Grandsire in its original form, when treble is the hunt bell). All the ten usual callings can be used, so that by changing the hunt bell the 120 can be produced in 50 different ways. Thus you can ring a peal without ringing the six-score of changes in exactly the same order twice. It is worth doing.

In calling it, of course, the conductor must say which bell is the hunt bell each time he changes it, otherwise the ringers will not know when 3rd's place has to be made and when the dodges come, unless they have an agreed plan beforehand, such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, in succession.

One point that has to be borne in mind is that every time the treble is the selected bell, 3rd's place has to be made immediately. If this is forgotten it will 'upset the applears.'

As readers who have conducted Grandsire Doubles will know, when the treble is the hunt bell, the 'observation' bell, or the 'half hunt' bell as it is sometimes called, because it follows the same regular work throughout, can be either the 3rd or the 5th; the former if the calling begins at the first lead, the latter when it begins at the second lead.

When you use the 2nd as the hunt bell, the 1 or 5 can be used as 'half hunt' bell; when the 3rd is used, the half hunt is either 2 or 5; with the 4th, either 3 or 2; and with the 5th, either 1 or 4.

This way of ringing Grandsire is not new. Fabian Stedman told us all about it in his first book, published 1668. Yet how many ringers have ever tried it? Well, it offers something fresh for Doubles ringers, and, despite its age, can be practised in many five and six bell towers as something 'new.'

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Stone on Saturday, October 10th. Thirty-seven members were present from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Draycott, Cheadle, Kingsley, Kidsgrove, Longton, Lullington, Norton, Newcastle, Overseale, Stoke-on-Trent, Uttoxeter, Cuthbert and the local company.

The Rev. T. D. Rhodes (curate) conducted the service, whilst the Rev. H. Lee (Rector) was at the organ.

Tea followed in the Schoolroom, which was kindly given by the Stone ringers. A very warm welcome was extended to all present by the Rector, and the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and to the ringers.

Two new members were elected, viz., C. Morley, of Newcastle, and E. Cope, of Stone.

During the afternoon and evening a good variety of methods was rung, and everyone remarked how well the bells 'go.' They wish to congratulate Messrs. Taylor and Co. on the fine work they have done.

HANDBELL RINGERS THRILL LARGE AUDIENCE.

WATFORD BAND RING SPICED SURPRISE AT SOCIAL.

For some years now the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Middlesex County Association have met at Hillingdon in October. The Ladies' Guild joined in this year and last. With a social in the evening, there has always been a good attendance. Last Saturday week all records were broken when some 90 ringers and friends gathered there. It was a fine day, there were two rings of bells available and finally, and undoubtedly the biggest attraction, the handbell band were due to be present and ring.

The ringing at the two towers was like the proverbial curate's egg, but some Cambridge Royal at St. John's after tea could not have been bettered. The two Ringing Masters in charge had a busy time, but with such a large attendance it would be remarkable if everyone was pleased.

A bright and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar of Hillingdon (the Rev. A. M. Bashford). The lesson was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president of the Middlesex Association, and one of the local ringers played the organ. When the party assembled for tea, hurried arrangements had to be made to extend the accommodation, etc. Perhaps the caterers can be forgiven, as there were notifications from 35, attendance estimated at 60 and actually 80 sat down!

After tea Mr. Trollope welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Middlesex Association, and Mrs. Fletcher, for the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. A. D. Barker, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied. Hearty thanks were accorded to the local folk for the arrangements made, especially the Vicar and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow.

Shortly after 7.30, the party reassembled in St. John's Hall to enjoy a pleasant social evening. Games and dancing were interspersed with various items. The big attraction of the evening was, of course, the famous handbell band from Watford. Amid the keenest interest, these talented ringers sat in the middle of the hall and kept the audience enthralled for over a quarter of an hour with a touch of Spiced Surprise Major in the four 'usual' methods. Apart from the skill in ringing the methods, the ringing was superb and well merited the applause which greeted the successful conclusion of the touch. H. Hodgetts rang 1-2, C. W. Woolley 3-4, H. G. Cashmore 5-6 and F. W. Brinklow 7-8.

Mr. Trollope thanked the band for coming to Hillingdon and congratulated them on their performance. Full of modesty, Mr. Hodgetts replied, explaining how easy it was! He praised the audience for their attention, for, as the Vicar said later, to 'hear' the silence whilst the ringing was in progress impressed him as a non-ringer nearly as much as the ringing!

One other item worthy of mention was another handbell band, who excelled in a different direction. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. W. L. Gutteridge delighted the audience with a selection of tunes on their bells, and finally had their listeners singing with them.

Refreshments were served during the evening under the supervision of Mrs. Goodfellow, who had a busy day catering for such a large party.

Ringers were present from many Middlesex, Bucks and Berks towers, as well as visitors from Bushey, Watford, Edmonton, Willesden, Westminster and Aldershot.

STAVELEY'S IMPROVED BELLS.

DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT.

An invitation was extended to ringers at neighbouring churches to visit Staveley for the purpose of trying the bells, now that they have been put in good repair, the work having included rehanging on ball bearings. Ringing, which commenced at 3 p.m., continued until 5 o'clock, when the company, including the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Dibben), Fr. Douglas and McKittrick (churchwarden), adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, kindly provided by the Rector and served by Mrs. F. E. Parsons and her helpers. The visitors, numbering about 35, were from Chesterfield, Bolsover, Sheffield (Cathedral and R.C.), Rotherham, Treton, North Wingfield, Old Whittington, Eckington, Clowne, Darley Dale, Ecclesfield and Dore, and a representative from the firm of John Taylor and Co., who had undertaken the work of restoration.

After tea the Rector welcomed the visitors and mentioned the new scheme for installing the Westminster chimes to the Parish Church clock, which brought forth a spontaneous collection for the fund.

Messrs. H. Taylor (Darley Dale), A. Knights, W. Allwood (Chesterfield), C. Harrison (Loughborough) and G. Lewis (Ecclesfield) then delighted the company by their skill in change ringing on handbells. Ringing was then again indulged in on the church bells until after 8 o'clock. The striking throughout the day was unusually good for a gathering of this description, and all the visitors expressed their appreciation of the great improvement made to the bells and the pleasure it was to ring them.

A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung for evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival on Sunday, October 4th: D. Parsons (aged 16 years, longest length) 1, L. G. Palmer 2, F. E. Parsons 3, S. Smedley 4, H. Stow 5, W. T. Palmer 6, J. Knott 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8. The ringers of 3rd, tenor and treble are father, son and grandson respectively. It is believed to be the first time three generations of the same family have rung a quarter-peal on these bells. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON.**FORMER SURFLEET AND PINCHBECK RINGER.**

On Monday, October 12th, the death occurred of Mr. William Richardson, of Glen Side, Pinchbeck, Lincs, and brother of Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The deceased was born at Goodrich, Herefordshire, in 1885, from there he came with his family to Lincolnshire, and eventually to Surfleet, where he learnt to ring during the incumbency of the late Rev. H. Law James.

For some years he was a very active member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, taking part in upwards of 70 peals, including the first peal of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters ever rung, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the county and the first peal in 16 spliced Minor methods ever rung. Just before the war he married and went to live at Pinchbeck, where for a time he was a member of St. Mary's band. Later ill-health compelled him to give up peal ringing. For some years he continued to ring for service, but eventually had to give that up also. He was always punctual for service ringing, a keen peal ringer and a fine striker, especially when ringing the tenor behind.

For the past three or four years he had been a helpless invalid, and, although not confined to bed, had been unable to do work of any kind. He had, however, an active brain up to the end and was able, with the help of his two sons, to carry on his business of bulb growing and farming. Although barred in later years from taking an active part in ringing, he was always a keen critic of any ringing he heard, and did not hesitate to tell the band just what he thought of the striking.

He took such an interest in ringing that only about ten days before his death he had his son drive him over to the half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch, at Heckington, so that he could listen for a few minutes to the bells he loved so well. The following Thursday he was taken worse, but recovered sufficiently to pay another visit to his old home at Surfleet on Sunday. The recovery, however, did not last long, and he passed peacefully away on the Monday evening.

The funeral took place on Friday, October 16th. The first part of the service was held at St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, and was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Gee, president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The deceased's favourite hymn, 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' was sung, and the cortege left the church to the strains of the Dead March in 'Saul.' The interment took place at the Pinchbeck Cemetery.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, were rung muffled in the evening.

CONGRATULATIONS TO B.B.C.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many of our Exercise were 'listening in' on Sunday night at 7.55 p.m. and heard the B.B.C. do that which they have been at great pains in the past to explain 'could not be done.' The preliminary announcement was brief and concise, a matter of a few seconds, and was delivered *before* the ringing was switched on.

I enclose copy of my latest letter to them, and would suggest that, as soon as they revert to the old style of 'superimposed announcements,' they should be bombarded through the post, with the broadcast from Immanuel Church, Streatham, on October 18th, quoted as a precedent.

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Crayford.

Mr. Groombridge's letter to the British Broadcasting Corporation was as follows:—

Having had occasion in the past to protest very strongly against your method of announcing church services 'over the head' of the ringing which occasionally precedes these services, may I have the pleasure of being among the first to congratulate you on your action last evening in making your announcement in a manner which must have given satisfaction to untold numbers of listening ringers up and down the country.

At 7.55 prompt your announcer very briefly and concisely announced 'The Regional Programme—A service from Immanuel Church, Streatham, with the name of the preacher, etc.,' and then the bells were brought in and the whole touch could be heard without the irritating break in the middle which has been the cause of my previous protests.

I might add that I had the company of two ringers last evening, who both desire to support this appreciation.

FUNERAL OF MR. H. S. ELLIS.

The funeral of the late Mr. Henry S. Ellis took place at Brompton Cemetery on October 1st. The first part of the service was held at the Church of SS. Stephen and Mary, Rochester Row, Westminster, the Rev. A. J. Meek (curate) officiating in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Shipley S. Smith). Four College Youths attended at the cemetery, including two past Masters, but owing to the service at the cemetery being put forward a quarter of an hour, only six bells could be rung over the open grave. This was done in slow time and was much appreciated. About 20 floral wreaths were laid on the grave. Mr. Ellis was the oldest sidesman at St. Stephen's and always attended his Parish Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of eight at Lurgan Parish Church, Ireland, are being rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The annual supper and social of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association will be held at Heston on January 16th, 1937.

The Royal Cumberland Youths are proposing to hold a dinner in London. The event is to take place on March 13th at the Bedford Head Hotel, and will, of course, be open to all ringers and their friends. Mr. J. E. Bailey, of 75, Kent Road, Dartford, Kent, is secretary of the Dinner Committee.

Correspondents who have written to know where handbell music can be obtained are informed that a catalogue of pieces arranged and published by the late William Gordon can still be obtained on application to William Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport.

Bishop Hamilton-Baynes (Rector of Birmingham Cathedral Church) and his wardens are issuing an appeal for £1,000 for the recasting and rehanging of the Cathedral bells.

A facetious member of the Exercise wants to know if it was because William Morris (Lord Nuffield) has just given a million pounds to Oxford that his namesake 'Ernest' chose to call a peal last Saturday of all Oxford Minor (Double, Treble and Single) at Belton, Rutland?

Mr. Malcolm Melville, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, is among the successful candidates for the degree of B.Sc. at Birmingham University.

Four ringers visited Blackpool the other day, and after ringing in two of the towers, visiting the amusements, etc., decided to go on to the North Pier. The first was about to go through the turnstile when one of the others exclaimed that he could hear some bells ringing. Immediately all four took to their heels and dashed off in the direction of the sound, much to the astonishment of the pier attendant. Eager to add another tower to their lists, they eventually traced the sound to the Town Hall, but by the time they reached it the bells had stopped. A paper seller was asked if the ringing came from the tower above, and his reply was, 'Yes, mate, it's a gramophone as plays 'em every quarter of an hour.'

THE CORONATION.

EDWARD PEAL BANDS SUGGESTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There could not be a more fitting and appropriate method for ringers to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King—the eighth Edward of England—than by one or more peal bands of eight Edwards each.

As one of those who is obviously precluded from taking part in this particular form of celebration, I make the suggestion to those who were more kindly treated by their godfathers and godmothers.

If there are no difficulties of an insuperable nature in the way, the perfect place to ring an Edwards' peal would be in the Abbey tower at some time on May 12th after the ceremony.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. CORRIGAN.

North Stoneham, Hants.

AN OLD SUSSEX RINGER.

MR. G. A. KING IN RETIREMENT IN CANADA.

Old Sussex ringers who remember George A. King, a member of the St. Peter's, Brighton, company for over 20 years, among them the days when these ringers were pioneers of Surprise practice, will be interested and pleased to hear of his well-being.

Mr. King left England in 1908 for Canada, and after four years spent on a ranch at Castlegar, went to Nelson, so that his wife, who was ill, might be near a doctor. For 23 years he was an employe of the News Publishing Co., Ltd., and now, at the age of 74 years, he has sought well-earned retirement. On his departure he was the recipient of the good wishes of the whole staff, together with an address, and 'a pouch well filled with silver dollars,' the parting gift of employes in all departments.

Mr. and Mrs. King have been wedded for 47 years. They have a son in Idaho, four granddaughters and two great-grandsons. His old friends in England will wish Mr. King many years of health to enjoy his leisure. He was one of the first members of the Sussex County Association and his first peal was the first by the association. It was rung on January 26th, 1885, at Cuckfield, the formation of the association having taken place only two days earlier. There is only one other survivor of that peal, and that is Mr. Charles Tyler, who is still an active member of the Henfield band.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret that I was entirely wrong, when writing of the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, in giving the impression that B. Great Court, Trinity College, would no longer be the headquarters of the Cambridge University Guild. Through the kindness of Dr. H. F. Stewart, the property of the Guild is still kept there and meetings held. I tender my apologies to those concerned.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Moorecks, Brasted.

EAST BUCKLAND BELLS REHUNG. SCHOOLBOYS FORM RINGERS' GUILD.

On Thursday morning, October 15th, the bells of East Buckland Church, North Devon, recently restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, were rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton.

The four heavier bells (tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.) were cast by E. and W. Evans, of Chepstow, in 1718, two trebles being added by Mears and Stainbank in 1906 in an auxiliary frame above the other four. The timber frame had become rotten and insecure, and it was decided this year to rehang the bells in a metal frame on one level, and at the same time to retune and quarter-turn them.

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang a few rounds during the service, and short touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor after the morning service and again before evensong, at which the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, preached. Members of the band were the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), the Rev. A. Rhys-James (Bow), the Rev. W. H. Smale, F. C. Smale (Petrockstowe), W. H. R. Smale (Okehampton), A. W. Searle (Exeter), H. J. Rowe (Brampford Speke). It was the first time change ringing had been heard in the tower, and few present had ever heard anything but call-changes before.

In the course of the day the local ringers and several neighbouring bands tried the bells, and all were delighted with the 'go' of the peal. To those who remembered the bells before, it was obvious that the tone had been much improved.

The boys of West Buckland School attend the church, and have formed a guild of ringers among themselves, with a membership at present of twelve. None of them had learned to ring before Easter of this year, and, being more than twelve miles from the nearest change ringing tower, there is no one to instruct them. But a copy of 'Troyte' and much enthusiasm, aided by generous help from the Rev. E. V. Cox, have gone far, and they hope within a few weeks to be doing at least Bob Doubles for Sunday service. They are nothing if not ambitious, and already have plans for a 5,000 in honour of the Coronation.

The boys have an enthusiastic leader in their chaplain, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, who is curate at East Buckland Church.

The bell restoration fund was started about a year ago and was organised by the Rev. H. A. Wadman (Rector) and the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews. The total cost of the work, £252 6s., has been realised through social events and grants made by the Pcoffees' Committee (£100) and the governing body of West Buckland School (25 guineas).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

After a lapse of four years the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Stanwick on October 10th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. W. F. M. Hamerton. The visit coincided with the harvest festival.

The Guild service was held during the afternoon, conducted by the Rector, who heartily welcomed the branch and gave a short address. He said how much the clergy appreciated the work of the ringers as churchworkers. He wished there would be more young men take up the work of the church in its various branches. He found that it was always the 'faithful few' who were left, and could be relied on to do the work. The musical part of the service was led by Mr. Clark at the organ. He is a ringer.

A substantial tea was provided in the Church Hall by Mr. W. R. Lovell, the local foreman, and about 30 were present, including members of the Thrapston, Kettering and Peterborough branches, and Mr. Stote, of Coventry. In the absence of the branch president (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw), the chair at the business meeting was taken by the Rector.

Subject to permission, Higham Ferrers was chosen for the annual branch meeting next January.

The Chairman, in well-chosen words, appealed to the ringers to back up the secretary in his work for the Guild, and made reference to the valuable work done by Mr. P. Barber whilst he was with them as branch secretary.—Mr. A. Bigby thanked the Rector. He also appealed to those present to get in full practice again this winter, especially in view of the forthcoming Coronation ceremonies, when they would be expected to play their part.

Mr. W. Perkins, Branch Ringing Master, asked that more would take 'The Ringing World.'

The light musical peal of five bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening, chiefly to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

BELLS BEAT SPEAKERS.

Blind marchers from Lancashire and Cheshire arrived in Macclesfield on Tuesday of last week, and were holding a meeting in the Market Place when the bells at the Parish Church started ringing. The speakers were unable to make themselves heard.

Twice they moved to a fresh 'pitch,' the second, a quarter of a mile away, before they could hold their meeting. The Chairman said there was no ill-feeling against the Vicar of Macclesfield, whose kindness in allowing them the use of the mission hall for headquarters was much appreciated.

The ringing was a peal of Grandsire Cluques, which was successfully accomplished.

LIVELY KENT ASSOCIATION MEETING.

CHANGE IN LEWISHAM DISTRICT OFFICIALS.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, October 10th, when some 60 members attended, representing the following towers: Beckenham, Bromley Common, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford, St. John's, Deptford, Eltham, Erith, Lee, Lewisham and Woolwich. Ringing in all the standard methods took place in the afternoon and evening.

During the afternoon Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, addressed the company in a few apt words, before asking Mrs. Serle to unveil a peal tablet recording the first peal on the bells. This peal was rung primarily as a token of appreciation for the completion of the tower and installation of the bells during the Rev. Canon S. E. B. Serle's incumbency, secondarily the date as nearly as possible coincided with his birthday.

Mrs. Serle then unveiled the tablet, which was admired as an excellent example of its kind.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., thanked Mrs. Serle for her kindness in attending to perform the ceremony.

Canon and Mrs. Serle each expressed their gratitude and interest in bells and ringing, and a pleasant little ceremony was completed by a well-struck course of Superlative Surprise, prior to the usual service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address.

A collection for the Association Benevolent Fund realised £1 2s. 8d. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the chancel steps by Messrs. H. E. Audsley, E. H. Lewis, G. H. Cross, T. Groombridge, jun., and H. Hovard.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were prevented by other engagements from attending the meeting, and Mr. W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) was elected chairman.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been confirmed, Mr. E. Barnett moved that the minutes of the last (July) quarterly meeting should also be read, as it was undesirable that minutes should be held over for a whole year before being confirmed. If both minutes were read on this occasion, in future there would be only one set unread, instead of two as at present. This was agreed to and the minutes of the Eynsford meeting were then read and signed.

Six ringers (the young band at Chelsfield) were elected members of the association, the Rector of Chelsfield was enrolled as an hon. member, and the election of two members previous to peals was ratified.

The District Secretary presented a report of the year's work, the balance sheet, etc., and these were adopted.

St. Margaret's, Lee, was chosen as place of next meeting, with St. Nicholas', Deptford, as alternative.

The next business was the election of officers, and at times the meeting became very lively. The chairman's job on this occasion was certainly no sinecure. A. G. Hill was re-elected District Secretary, and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., was appointed Ringing Master for another year; but the selection of two representatives on the Management Committee demanded a ballot, the first for a considerable period. Five nominations were made: E. A. Barnett (Crayford), W. Smith (Beckenham), A. Purdom (Bromley Common), J. Wheadon (Dartford) and F. J. Cullum (Erith). The two last named were elected.

The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting, and further ringing in the tower followed.

It would be as well, perhaps, to remind visitors that on these occasions the business meeting is of paramount importance, any ringing after the meeting being an added inducement for their attendance, but 'the meeting is the thing.'

BELL RESTORATION AT BRIDESTOWE, DEVON.

£300 EFFORT BY ALL DENOMINATIONS.

Through the united efforts of all and sundry, the bells of St. Bride's Church, Bridestowe, Devon, are once again in first-class ringing order, and on Thursday, October 1st, they were reopened in true Devonshire style. The restoration was made possible by the generous support of all denominations, about £300 being raised.

Prior to the rededication service in church there was a public luncheon in the Church Institute, presided over by Lord Carrington. During the course of a speech, his Lordship made mention of the interest and assistance given by Nonconformist friends. To this a suitable reply was given by the Rev. A. F. Harris, Methodist minister.

As is usual on these occasions, the church was closed when the Bishop of Crediton (the Rt. Rev. W. F. Suttees) arrived to carry out the rededication, a service which made a deep and lasting impression on all who attended.

Immediately after the service tea was provided in the Church Hall and was followed by a social 'evening,' which concluded in the early hours of the next day.

The bells are a ring of six cast by J. and W. Taylor in 1828, and have a tenor weighing approximately 13 cwt. They have been re-equipped with all new fittings and hung in a new framework. The whole of the work has been carried out by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented at the rededication service by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

RESTORATION OF PAULERSPURY BELLS.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VILLAGE TACKLING BIG TASKS.

The bells of Paulerspury Parish Church, which have been rehung in a new iron and steel frame, have been dedicated, together with a chapel in the south aisle, by the Bishop of Peterborough. The five bells have been so arranged that a sixth can now be added at a minimum of expense.

There was a large congregation at the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne). Immediately after the ceremony of dedication the bells were rung for a short time by W. Rogers (Northampton) 1, B. Smart 2, H. Ridgeway (Deanshanger) 4, E. C. Lambert (Cosgrove) 5, J. Foster 6. The dedication of the chapel afterwards took place.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, said he was sure that when the bells were silent they all missed their cheerful noise. Now they were vocal again, they realised that the parish had regained something of its own character, and the precious past had been restored to them. But what they must not forget was that whilst the bells were a great possession they were a terrible reminder of great responsibilities as members of the Church of God.

The side chapel, too, seemed to bring gifts a little nearer to the ordinary man and woman of the congregation, and was a more homely place than the big sanctuary and the great high altar.

The tower still remained to be restored, and was going to be a big work, and there was also the roof of the north chapel to be repaired, but let them be not afraid of what lay before them. They had conquered the late obstacles and they would conquer the new ones. The Bishop emphasised the value of prayer, and the value of the fabric if rightly used. If they treated the church as a museum or an exhibit it was of no value.

The offertory was for the restoration of the tower and the repair of the roof of the north chapel.

The bell restoration at Paulerspury was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

AN OLD DERBYSHIRE RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS STIMPSON, OF RIPLEY.

We regret to record the death, on Sunday, October 4th, of Mr. Thomas Stimpson, of Swanwick, Derbyshire, in his 65th year. Treasurer of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association for 16 years, he was also a member of the Midland Counties Association and the talented Ripley band. He was a popular and prominent figure in the Exercise, and sincere sympathy will be extended to the widow and family left in bereavement.

The interment took place on Wednesday, October 7th, the simple, impressive ceremony being conducted by the Vicar of Swanwick (the Rev. W. B. G. Matthews). There were many beautiful floral tributes, and, in addition to the family mourners, there were present Mr. W. Dobbs (president), Mr. W. Allin (vice-president), Mr. T. Clarke (Master), Mr. J. W. England (hon. secretary), Mr. H. G. Fretwell (a former secretary) and over 20 members of the association, who preceded the cortege to the church. The bearers were Messrs. G. Rawson, A. Brown, T. Clarke and J. W. England, and the muffled bells played their solemn and impressive part.

Mr. Stimpson commenced his ringing activities nearly 50 years ago at Toversal, Notts, and until 1903, when a new ring of five was installed at Swanwick, he was one of the old Grandsire 'figure ringers.' He then commenced change ringing in earnest, and rang his first peal, of Bob Minor, at Clay Cross in October, 1905, conducted by Mr. William Butler, followed by Grandsire Triples and Caters at Duffield. His last peal was rung at Mansfield on October 15th, 1927. In 1928 a serious accident at work prevented further peal ringing, although he was most faithful in his attendance at practice, Sunday service and association meetings. Sound and practical rather than brilliant, ever ready to assist others, with a genial manner which has hidden for months the presence of a malignant growth, he was a splendid example to young ringers, and while his loss is mourned, others who may succeed him will have benefited by his zeal and faithful attention to the art which he loved.

As a tribute to his memory, a muffled touch was rung at Ripley on Wednesday, October 7th, and the half-muffled bells of several towers sounded throughout the district on the following Sunday morning.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Hailsham on Saturday, October 3rd, when members attended from Mayfield, Hastings (All Saints'), Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Heathfield, Brede, Waldron, Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church), Chiddingly and Uckfield, together with members of the local band. The Vicar (the Rev. Macklin C. Chapman) conducted the service and gave a most interesting address.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. D. Smith presided at the tea and business meeting which followed.

The secretary, Mr. A. C. Pankhurst, proposed that Brede tower should become affiliated to the association, and 14 new members were elected.

Mr. A. R. Miles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the members then returned to the tower and the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

A LINCOLNSHIRE RESTORATION.

DONINGTON BELLS IN A NEW FRAME.

The reopening of the bells at Donington, Lincolnshire, took place on Friday, October 2nd. The service, which was combined with the harvest festival, was conducted by the Vicar of Boston 'Stump' (the Rev. A. M. Cook), assisted by the Vicar of Donington, the Rev. G. A. Elson, and was attended by a large congregation.

The bells were rung for an hour before and after the service, a number of ringers from neighbouring towers taking part. Among those present were Mr. G. Ladd (Pinchbeck), hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild, Mr. H. Woods (captain of the local band) and the Donington ringers.

The bells are a ring of six with a tenor in F weighing 14½ cwt. They have been tuned and entirely rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston with modern fittings in a new heavy cast iron frame on steel girders.

The tone and the go of the bells leave nothing to be desired, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on yet another fine sample of their handiwork.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BETHNAL GREEN.

For the first time during its existence, the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild held a meeting at the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, London, on Saturday, October 3rd. From quite an early hour in the afternoon the small belfry, the walls of which are adorned with peal boards containing the names of many famous ringers of the past, was filled with those anxious to have their first pull on these famous bells.

At the usual short service the Rector, the Rev. S. L. Sarel, welcomed the association, and thanked the members for their assistance to his ringers. It was a grief to him, he said, that the bells were for a time silent, after such a long period of regular ringing, and he was grateful to those members of the association who had already helped his new band to attain enough skill to enable them to ring the bells for Sunday services.

The Rector said he was sorry that he would have to go off immediately after the service, but he was due at St. Paul's Cathedral at 5.30. He, however, hoped to return in time to meet the members before the meeting was over.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held. The chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) called attention to the deaths of two members, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Mr. H. S. Ellis. Speaking of the former, Mr. E. M. Atkins referred to his own early days as a ringer, when up at Cambridge. It was no doubt due to Mr. Boughey that he, and many others, were ringers to-day. He spoke of the enormous amount of work that Mr. Boughey had done for the Exercise, and added that he would like to thank the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for the admirable article he had written in that week's paper. As a member of the Cambridge University Guild, he was glad to do this.

Mr. C. T. Coles added a few words, saying that Mr. Boughey had been a member of this association since 1905, and an hon. vice-president since 1914, in which year he preached at their annual meeting. He had spent many hours with members of this association ringing handbell peals, and was a great friend and admirer of their late Master, William Pye.

The death of Mr. Henry S. Ellis, of Westminster, was referred to by Mr. Coles and Mr. W. H. Hewett. He had been a member of the association since 1923.

As a mark of respect to the deceased members, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

After three provisional elections had been confirmed, the Rector of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, was elected an honorary member, and seven members of his band were admitted as ringing members of the association. The hon. secretary referred to the help which had been given them, and added that he hoped they would soon become as efficient as any ringer present.

Other business included a vote of condolence with the Ringing Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) on his illness and good wishes for his speedy recovery; a vote of congratulation to Mr. R. J. Maynard, of Walthamstow, on attaining his 80th birthday; and the thanks of the members to the Ringing Master and those members of the Clerkenwell and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bands who had given valuable help at Bethnal Green.

St. James', Clerkenwell, was chosen for the next meeting on October 31st, and it was decided to make a special effort to practice Cambridge Court Bob Major at this meeting. Will members please note. It is hoped that at least one new method will be practised at each meeting, without ignoring the usual methods.

Votes of thanks were moved from the chair to the Rev. S. L. Sarel, the ladies who had prepared tea, and to Mr. Fryer and the local ringers. These were carried unanimously and Mr. Fryer replied.

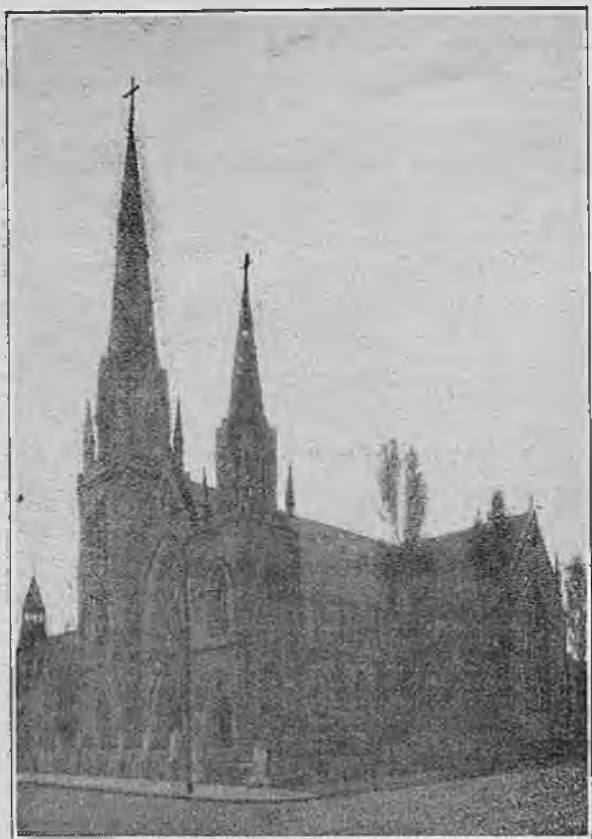
Handbell ringing occupied the minds of several of the party; and tower bells were made use of, under the guidance of Mr. Tom Lock, until nearly nine o'clock, when ringing finished with a very fine touch of Spliced Surprise Major.

Will all concerned please note that practice will be resumed at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD RINGER REAPPEARS IN VANCOUVER.

MR. T. SILVESTER RETURNS TO THE TOWER AFTER 33 YEARS.

'Old ringers never die, they only fade away.' Thomas Silvester, of Sheffield, faded out of ringing when he went to Canada 33 years ago. He is residing in Edmonton, Alberta, and last month visited Vancouver. The call of the belfry was too great to be resisted, and on Sunday evening, September 20th, he was welcomed by the ringers at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, and, despite his 73 years and the long period since he had touched a rope, started off a quarter-peal of Grandsire on the tenor. Unfortunately, the touch was lost very near the end.



**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY,
VANCOUVER.**

Previously the last ringing which Mr. Silvester did was at Sheffield Parish Church (now the Cathedral) on May 19th, 1903, when he rang the tenor to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 4 hours 12 minutes. It is interesting to recall the names of the band: J. Holman 1, J. H. Bower 2, W. Lomas 3, F. Burgar 4, J. Mulligan 5, T. Hattersley 6, W. Burgar 7, A. Brearley 8, E. Woodward 9, S. Seed 10, G. Holmes 11, T. Silvester 12. The peal was conducted by W. Lomas; the quarter-peal attempt in Vancouver was conducted by A. B. Lomas.

On Wednesday, September 16th, for practice, 336 Plain Bob: J. Greenaway 1, Fred Hird 2, George Roberts 3, Arthur King 4, W. Sampson 5, A. B. Lomas 6; after which was rung 720 in the same method: A. C. Limpus 1, Arthur King 2, F. Hird 3, George Roberts 4, W. Sampson 5, A. B. Lomas 6, with the tenor covering rung by J. Greenaway.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The Scottish Association returned to Alloa, after an absence of three years, for its intermediate meeting. A summer-like day welcomed ringers from all the Scottish towers to Alloa. Owing to the smallness of the ringing room at St. John's Church, those members not ringing took a walk through the Earl of Mar's estate (on which St. John's is built) and gathered chestnuts. There was ringing in the afternoon in the standard methods, under the direction of Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, who deputised for the Master, Mr. W. H. Pickett. Mr. Pickett was unable to be present owing to pressure of business.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Wilson), and then a move was made to the Townhead for tea. For the first time no handbells were heard in the tearoom, as nobody had brought them. More ringing at the tower rounded off a successful day.

OLD SOMERSET BELLS RESTORED.

A FINE PEAL AT WEDMORE.

The peal of eight bells of St. Mary's Church, Wedmore, Somerset, have recently been restored. The 4th and 6th bells were recast and the old bells retuned. They have been rehung in entirely new fittings, with cast iron headstocks and ball bearings throughout. New clappers have been provided and the bells quarter turned. All the cannons have been left intact. The 7th and tenor have balanced clappers. The old oak frame has been retained and mounted on a new steel girder foundation encased in concrete. The 'go' of the bells is excellent from all points of view.

The peal is a very musical one, and the retuning has improved the old bells enormously, all the hum notes now being in tune. A new sound-deadening ceiling has been provided.

The restored peal were rededicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on October 5th and the old church was well filled.

The opening rounds were rung by the local ringers before the service, and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Bob Major were rung by the visitors.

The restoration work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank, who have given the utmost satisfaction to all concerned.

The weights of the bells are as follows, after tuning and removal of old crown staples: Treble, 8 cwt. 4 lb.; 2nd, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.; 3rd, 10 cwt. 4 lb.; 4th, 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.; 5th, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.; 6th, 17 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.; 7th, 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.; tenor, 30 cwt. 5 lb. Note C.

The first peal on the bells was rung on October 10th and recorded in our last issue.

PARISHIONERS SEE NEW BELLS CAST.

NEW RING OF EIGHT FOR SUSSEX.

A party of about 40 parishioners of Balcombe, Sussex, visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry at Croydon to witness the casting of two new trebles for their Parish Church. Amongst the company were the Rev. D. L. Secretan, the Rector, Mrs. Secretan, Miss Monica Secretan, Messrs. J. L. Partridge (treasurer), Raymond Clark (hon. secretary) and members of the Parochial Church Council, together with the members of the Ringers' Guild, Messrs. A. E. Gasson, A. C. Gasson, C. Holman, A. E. Laker and E. T. Exeter.

The visitors were conducted round the works by Mr. Cyril Johnston, who explained the various processes in the bell erecting shops and foundry, and in the clock making departments. Many peals of interest from all parts of the country were on view until the hour arrived for the casting of Balcombe's new bells—assisted by a threepenny bit from the Rector and the captain of the belfry.

Tea wound up the proceedings, and the Rector took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Johnston and the foundry staff for the able demonstrations of the factory and for the kindness and hospitality which the visitors had received during an afternoon that would live long in the memory of them all.

Balcombe Church has, until recently, possessed an indifferent ring of six, which is being recast, with the exception of one ancient bell. The two trebles to complete the octave are being placed in the tower in memory of the late King George V. and in honour of Queen Mary.

BRAINTREE RINGER'S MARRIAGE.

The wedding took place on Saturday, September 26th, between Miss W. Marshall and Mr. A. Wiffen. Mr. Wiffen has been a prominent member of the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Braintree, for a number of years, and as a mark of appreciation from his fellow-ringers and friends he was presented on Sunday, October 4th, with a 14-day striking clock.

The presentation was made by Mr. H. Hammond, and the bridegroom received the congratulations and good wishes of all present.

To celebrate the occasion the local company rang a touch of 768 London Surprise Major for morning service.

BURTON LATIMER RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.

At Burton Latimer, on Thursday, October 15th, to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Saddington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by P. Ashby 1, B. J. Saddington 2, M. Hobbs 3, F. Lewin (first in the method) 4, H. Turner 5, J. Saddington 6, G. Lines (conductor) 7, R. Twelvetree 8. At the conclusion of the ringing the band wished Mr. Saddington 'many happy returns,' and Mr. G. Lines, on behalf of the ringers, presented him with a pipe and tobacco.—Mr. Saddington suitably returned thanks.

LONDON RECTOR'S BIRTHDAY.

On Monday, September 28th, at St. Clement Danes' Church, London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): Miss D. Bryant 1, C. F. Winney 2, H. R. Pasmore 3, R. W. Green 4, H. Pasmore 5, W. Roughton 6, E. J. Morris 7, H. Langdon 8, W. Williams 9, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 10. Rung specially on the occasion of the birthday of the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A.

On the following Saturday, a peal of Stedman Caters was also rung at St. Clement's.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**MASTER WELCOMED AFTER HIS ILLNESS.**

A very successful quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was held at King's Norton, and was attended by upwards of 50 members and friends. The weather was ideal, and whilst some rang the bells, others enjoyed the view of the surrounding country and listened to the music of the excellent peal of ten.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon T. S. Dunn, who also gave an interesting address, in the course of which he urged those present not to neglect their duty to attend some of the services to which they called others.

An excellent tea, served by the local ringers' wives, was thoroughly enjoyed at the Saracen's Head, a famous 14th century half-timbered hostelry, which has been completely restored and given to the Parish Church to be used as the Church House.

The business meeting followed, the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, being in the chair. The hon. secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, welcomed the chairman, this being the first meeting he had attended since his illness, and expressed the hope that his health would continue good. Apologies were announced from Mr. Vice-President James George and Mr. D. T. Matkin, both prevented from attending through illness.

The Chairman referred to the death of two members since the last meeting: Mr. B. G. Leedham, of Sutton Coldfield, and Mr. R. J. Hunt, the latter being Birmingham's oldest ringer. He died at the age of 84. Both had rendered valuable services in the interests of change ringing, and he (the chairman) asked all to stand for a moment as a last tribute of respect.

The secretary reported the gift of a volume, 'The Cathedrals, Abbeys and Churches of England and Wales,' from Mr. John Jagger, for inclusion in the Guild's library. This was duly accepted and Mr. Jagger thanked for his kindness.

It was unanimously agreed that 'the Henry Johnson Commemorative Dinner be held as usual in 1937.'

The following new members were elected: Mr. Hubert J. Field, of Erdington; Mr. Edward W. Blake, King's Norton; Mr. Alfred Williams, King's Heath; Mr. Malcolm Taylor, Edgbaston and Tasmania; and Mr. Percival W. Cave, of Derby.

The next meeting is the annual, and it was decided to hold this at headquarters on the first Saturday in January. The bi-quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Birmingham, on November 14th.

It was announced that at last it had been definitely decided to recast the bells of the Cathedral Church of St. Philip and that they were to be ready in time for the Coronation.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, Canon T. S. Dunn, for the use of the bells and for his interesting address in church, also to the ladies who had so kindly arranged and served tea, was proposed by the Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Further ringing took place until 9 p.m., and everyone agreed that it had been an enjoyable meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 17th. Over 70 members attended, representing 20 towers and all parts of the county. The bells of St. Stephen's, St. Alphege's and St. Dunstan's were kept ringing from 3 p.m. and during the evening, the Cathedral bells also being available after tea.

Service was held in St. Stephen's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Barnes).

Tea was served in the Church Room. Amongst those present were the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar of Littlebourne), with the Rector and Mr. F. M. Mitchell (the general secretary).

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore in the chair. The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. B. J. Luck was re-elected as secretary, and Messrs. F. G. Brett (Canterbury) and H. Whitehead (Dover) were elected as district representatives. Mr. H. Smith (Wickhambreau), who had been a representative for the past ten years, intimated that he wished to resign. He was heartily thanked for his past services to the district, and a proposal that it should be recorded in the minutes was carried unanimously.

Mr. F. G. Brett was elected to the office of Ringing Master, a position he has held since its inception in 1929.

The meetings for next year were decided upon as follows: Spring, Boughton; Summer, Ash; with the next by-meeting at Herne Street.

Four new practising members were elected, and the Rector was made an hon. member, amid much applause.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents of the churches where the bells had been available during the day, to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for taking the chair, and Mr. W. E. Pitman for presiding at the organ at the service.

Notice was given at the meeting that the Ladies' Guild would be holding a meeting in Canterbury on November 7th, and it is hoped that the members of the district will help to give the ladies a pleasant afternoon and evening in the ancient Cathedral city.

INTERESTING BELLS AT CAUNTON.**PEAL OF THREE HUNG FOR RINGING.**

On Thursday evening, October 1st, the Lord Bishop of Southwell rededicated a peal of three bells at Caunton Church, Nottinghamshire.

These bells are quite interesting. The oldest, No. 2, was cast in 1611. No. 3, the tenor, weighs just under 8 cwt., is dated 1641 and was of unusually good tone. The inscription is one that was fairly common in the 17th century: 'All men that heare my mournful sound—Repent before you lye in ground.' No. 1 was cast in 1658, and is inscribed, 'God save His Church.'

The musical pitch of the tenor is A flat, and the bells have been carefully tuned in the major key and can be swung, if necessary, by one ringer by manipulation of three ropes, one in each hand and one rope with his foot.

The old wooden frame and gear of the bells were in a derelict condition and have all been replaced by modern gear in a metal frame, so arranged that the bells can be increased in number at a later date with a minimum of alteration and expense.

The whole of the bell work, including some incidental clock work, has been ably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

It is interesting to note that Major John Hole, who attended the service with his mother, Mrs. S. H. F. Hole, of Caunton Manor, is a direct descendant of a Hole who was Vicar of Caunton in 1567, the family having been continuously in Caunton since 1510. Major Hole and some of the local young men were initiated into the art of ringing during the evening.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Western District was held at Winton on Saturday last. Ringers were present from Newcastle Cathedral, Whickham, Blaydon, Gateshead, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside and the local tower. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of Minor methods, and some good ringing resulted.

For the final touch 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William C. Bennett, who is the captain of the local tower: R. F. Telford 1, J. Thompson 2, T. W. Dodd 3, D. Arkless 4, W. C. Bennett 5, R. H. Hewitt (conductor) 6.

TWO HUNDRED PEALS AT 17.**E. A. BARNETT'S ACHIEVEMENT.**

Young 'Teddy' Barnett, of Crayford, third of a line of well-known ringers, has more than once made history by his youthful performances. A hundred peals before he was 16; now two hundred peals before he was 18! It's rather staggering.

He has just celebrated his 18th birthday, but his second century of peals was completed a month before that. And look at the list!

Method	Tower		Handbells
	Rung	Conducted	
Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	14		
Union Triples	2	1	
Bob Triples	1		
Canterbury Triples	1	1	
Stedman Triples	28		
Bob Major	24	3	7
Canterbury Major	1		
Double Bob	1		
Double Norwich	14	1	
Double Oxford	2	1	
Little Bob	1	1	
Northfleet Little Bob	1		
Kent Treble Bob	9	3	
Oxford Treble Bob	4	3	
Spliced Treble Bob	1	1	
Cambridge Surprise	28	2	
New Cambridge	3	2	
Superlative	15	3	
Yorkshire	2	1	
Pudsey	1	1	
Lincolnshire	2		
Ipswich	1		
Erith	1		
Crayford	1		
London	11	1	
Bristol	9	1	
Four Methods Spliced	7		
Grandsire Caters			1
Stedman Caters	1		
Bob Royal			2
Cambridge Royal	1		
Bob Maximus	1		1
Totals	189	26	11

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LAST REMINDER—LANCASHIRE DINNER.

Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Visit to Cathedral tower 2 p.m. Civic reception, Town Hall, 3.30 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Last day for ticket application first post Tuesday, Oct. 27th.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on October 29th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Church Room, followed by meeting. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LINDLEY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will rededicate the ring of eight bells which has been tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea to be arranged later.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Upham on October 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, instead of Leigh, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, October 24th, Knebworth. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Lytton Arms. District committee please note: Important business at committee meeting which will follow the general meeting. Learners please come with the intention of 'passing the test.'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Tritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, about 1s. per head, 5.30. Business meeting after, and ringing till about 9 p.m. Ringing for divine service at Shoreditch on Sunday, the 25th, at 5.30 p.m., also practice as usual on Thursday, the 29th, at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal on Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lower Heywood on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Rousham (6) and Somerton (6) available during afternoon and evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) **AND THE SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Southern District).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Crawley on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—O. Sippetts and W. Claydon, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barrowby on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Marquis of Granby.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden (6) on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Usual arrangements. Come and polish up your Minor methods.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A meeting will be held at Longparish on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6, recently rehung) available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

YORKTOWN, CAMBERLEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 25th, at 3 p.m., the Rt. Rev. C. H. Golding-Bird, Assistant Bishop of Guildford, will rededicate the ring of eight bells which have been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Corporate Communion will be celebrated at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C., on Sunday, October 25th, at 9.15 a.m. All members and friends intending to be present kindly advise me.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS and LADIES' GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Joint meeting at Cotgrave, near Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells recently rehung. Buses from No. 4 platform at 2.30, 3, 4, and 5.30. Those requiring tea (1s.) please notify me by Oct. 29th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Little Comberton on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6), recently rehung by John Taylor and Co., available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) recently rehung by John Taylor and Co., available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Room 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A special meeting will be held at Bedford on Saturday, October 31st, to meet the new Vicar. The bells of St. Paul's Church (10) ready from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome. Please make an effort to attend. Numbers for tea to Mr. E. Tingey, 11, Iddlesleigh Road, Bedford, by Wednesday previous. A photograph of the company will be taken.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Election of district officers and other important business. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, the 27th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Dyrham on October 26th, at 7 p.m.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

AT ASHTON, near Northampton, on October 31st, by permission of the Rector, a meeting of ringers at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower at 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice has been arranged at Maids Moreton (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 31st, from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting for general practice will be held at Shreshill (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m. So roll up, ye Minor merchants.—H. Knight.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 6d. per head, provided for all who notify Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, near Doncaster, by Wednesday, Oct. 28th. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends, particularly learners.—Ernest Cooper, Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Oct. 31st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 28th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—All ringers are welcome at the meeting to be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, during the quinqucentenary celebrations on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available 3-4 and 4.30-9.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me, without fail, by October 28th, if you require tea. One shilling will be charged.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Pott's Café, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. E. Warr, 36, Ravendale Street, Scunthorpe, by Wednesday, Oct. 28th?—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Oct. 28th.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Essex Cottage. All requiring tea please notify by Oct. 28th.—H. P. James, Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I.O.W.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at Five Bells Hotel at 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 27th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, NEAR RUGBY.—On Sunday, November 1st, at 3 p.m., rededication of the ring of five bells, tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The restored ring of 5 bells at Leamington Hastings, near Rugby, will be rededicated on Sunday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be at the disposal of visiting ringers after the service.—M. Melville, Hon. Sec.

SHALFORD, GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Friday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea following. Nominations for district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Notifications for tea to reach me by Wednesday, Nov. 4th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 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 Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, not later than Nov. 4th. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The next general meeting is at Winfarthing on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available at 2.30. Service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Barber, at 4.15. Tea at the Fighting Cocks at 4.45, followed by business meeting.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to November 9th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, E. P. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. 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, L. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young, who will send names of ticket holders to Mr. Hughes on the 10th for the plan of allotted seats. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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At the Church of St. Clement Danes, The Strand,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	LAWRENCE B. PORTER 6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 2	EDMUND J. MORRIS 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 3	HENRY G. MILES 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
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Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	RAYMOND G. COUSIN 6
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EDWARD R. MACKRILL 5	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5057 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
GILBERT GUEST 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD 7
NORMAN G. LEECH 3	HARRY HUBBALL 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	HENRY GOODMAN 9
JOHN GOODMAN 5	*ARTHUR E. REED ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.
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At the Abbey Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

HECTOR G. BIRD Treble	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 5
RALPH HARRIS 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
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JAMES HEMMING 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEBUSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
JOHN BROWN 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
*ISAAC WHALLEY 4	*LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... 2	ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT ... 6
*MERVYN G. PALMER 3	CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 7
†ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	CYRIL S. WEST Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Triples. Both at first attempt.

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On Monday, October 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composer unknown.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

This method is No. 507 in the Central Council's MSS., and is believed to be now rung to a peal for the first time.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALDRY Treble	LEONARD C. WEBB 5
HAROLD J. JERMY 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
GEORGE LEE 3	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 7
ANDREW L. WHITLING 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

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First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since installation of the bells. Unfortunately, Mr. Richard T. Woodley, one of the keenest members, was unable to take part.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
RONALD A. TUFFIN 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

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EDWIN BARNETT 2	PERCY J. SPICE 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	EDMUND MOUNTER 7
WALTER F. TYLER 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN BEEBE Treble	EDWIN MARTIN 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6
D. HAROLD ARGYLE 3	ALFRED KING 7
*ARTHUR ROWLEY 4	*LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR PATRICK Treble	SIDNEY COX 5
JOHN E. CLARKE 2	WALTER ALLEN 6
†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7
REGINALD JELLEY 4	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by B. THORPE.

Conducted by J. L. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † 200th tower-bell peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK CRAPNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 5
A. STANLEY WOODARD ... 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 6
CHARLES CLARKE 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	ROBERT MALSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD E. JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRID STEVENSON 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 7
KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 56). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE,
AUSTRALIA.On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

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

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The ringers of this peal took part together in a peal at Melbourne, Australia, on October 24th, 1934.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*CHARLES H. LATHEY... .. Treble	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL... 5
*JOHN E. PHILBRICK 2	REV. C. CAREW COX 6
†H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 7
*GEORGE H. WHITMORE ... 4	FRANK PRICE... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

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

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED HANNINGTON ... Treble	GEORGE TALBOT... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	*ROBERT E. COLES 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ALFRED W. HEATH 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE ... Treble	WILLIAM NEWTON 5
†CLAUDE E. COE... .. 2	†ERNEST E. PICKERING ... 6
GEORGE A. NEWTON... .. 3	T. HENRY WRIGHT 7
*REUBEN WIGHTMAN 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung to mark the local patronal festival and annual 'Wakes.' All the ringers are local except the conductor.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in D.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	*K. WILLIAM BARBER... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WALTER R. FARROW... .. 6
GEORGE S. MAYERS 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON... .. 7
*ARTHUR G. KING... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise Major.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
HERBERT P. CLIFF 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

PERCY L. HARRISON ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
*ALFRED BALLARD 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Arranged by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol. Rung on the anniversary of the weddings of H. J. Poole and J. F. Milner, which were suitably celebrated.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD W. WORRALL ... Treble	*HARRY W. HOWARD 5
ALBERT BOOTH 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 3	JOSEPH ASHMOLE 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. The ringers wish to congratulate Mr. Ashmoles on the way he rang through the peal despite his 74 years. He is the 'father' of the Northwich Branch.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*FRANK VARTY 2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... 6
JOHN W. WARD 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	FRED HODGSON 6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged to commemorate the tercentenary of the church, which took place on October 21st. First peal on the bells for 17 years.

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

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BAGNALL Treble	J. GORDON WEITAM 5
WILLIAM T. CLARK 2	WILLIAM LANGHORNE 6
M. GEORGE WHEAT 3	ARTHUR STEDMAN 7
NICHOLAS M. C. NEWBY 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. B. Horne, newly inducted to this church.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR DURLING Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
JAMES E. BAILEY 2	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 6
*MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON 3	HERBERT E. ADSLEY 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. The ringer of the fourth has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by P. MASSAM.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. BLOOR Treble	HAROLD ROSE 5
HAROLD HOUSON 2	† EDWARD STEEL 6
ALAN D. STEEL 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
JAMES WILLIAMS 4	* EDWARD CHEADLE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' It is just 40 years since the conductor's father, the late Henry Page, called the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. E. Steele for his kindness after the peal.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung on the first anniversary of the birth of Master 'Bobbie' Dowding, grandson of the ringer of the fifth.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four 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	RICHARD C. INGRAM 5
* WILLIAM PETTIGREW 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
ALLAN SHORT 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	FRED PRICE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

* H. ALLRED Treble	* R. ALLRED 5
* T. ALLRED 2	FRED GRUNDY 6
* C. RIDYARD 3	J. H. RIDYARD 7
* E. YATES 4	P. H. DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on the back eight.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)

On Monday, October 19, 1936, 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 Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately).

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

* P. A. BLAMEY (aged 16) Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 4
† BRYAN O'NEIL (aged 15) 2	J. D. TAYLOR (aged 16) 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 15) 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from treble. Arranged and rung specially for the wedding of Major R. H. O. Hanbury, M.C. (eldest son of Col. Lionel Hanbury, C.M.G., of Hitcham House, and donor of the bells), and Miss Esmé Leila Gertrude FitzRoy, which took place during the day at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

REGINALD W. PYE Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON 4
* REGINALD GRAINGER 2	AMBROSE J. MASON 5
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by A. J. MASON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

NORMAN TOWNSEND Treble	*WILLIAM DUDLEY 4
*ROBERT WATTS 2	ALBERT NORTH 5
WALTER TAYLOR 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Minor. First 720 of Double Bob and St. Clement's by all. First 720 of Double Oxford by all except W. Dudley.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*HAROLD SMITH Treble	NORMAN G. KNEE 4
JESSE FRANCIS 2	PERCY HARDING 5
ERNEST F. WHITE 3	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First attempt for a peal.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT J. HURD Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON 4
THOMAS HURD 2	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE 5
GEORGE HULME 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID ARKLES Treble	REGINALD H. HEWITT 4
THOMAS W. CROWE 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
NORMAN FAIRMAN 3	PETER WISHART Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal of Minor by all except 4th ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Oswald Simm, of Cramlington. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Simm for their kind hospitality after the peal.

RESTORATION IN NORFOLK.

DEDICATION OF SAHAM TONEY'S BELLS.

On Sunday, October 18th, the bells of St. George's Church, Saham Toney, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. The bells have been hung in a new frame with new fittings on a concrete floor, and because of the floor having been 'set' for only three months, the bells were chimed, though it is hoped to have them rung on New Year's Eve.

In spite of the bells being chimed, however, a number of ringers attended the service, and some for the first time tried their hands at chiming. Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, was supported by Mr. N. Golden (secretary of the North and South Norfolk Branches), Messrs. R. W. Cooke, S. Flint and C. S. Tuthill (West Norfolk Branch), Mr. G. Bailey (North Norfolk Branch), Messrs. E. G. Bennett and A. G. Harrison (South Norfolk Branch) and ringers from Fakenham, Caston, Shropham, Rockland All Saints, Winfarthing and Shelfanger.

The ringers, with their wives and friends, were entertained to tea following the service. Later ten of the party rang touches for evening song on the six bells at Watton.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob peal: H. George, sen. 1, A. A. Watts (first 'inside') 2, K. G. Sheldon 3, J. J. Turner 4, F. F. Hill 5, *W. Beresford 6, A. Hutcheson (conductor) 7, *G. H. Taylor 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung for harvest festival.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A STEP FOR MINOR RINGERS.

In the article in our issue of September 25th, in which we tried to interest ringers of Plain Bob in other varieties of Minor, we explained that this method could be rung both in reverse and double.

There are other methods which can be rung in the same way; that is to say in their construction they can be varied in the same manner as the Plain method. Bob Minor has 2nd's place when the treble leads, Reverse Bob has 5th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind; Double Bob has both the 2nd's place when the treble leads and 5th's when it lies behind.

There is a series of methods in which places are made 'each side of the treble,' or 'across the treble' as it is sometimes called; that is, when the treble hunts up a bell makes 4th's and then 3rd's (a whole pull in each place) as the treble passes up through 3-4, and another bell makes 3rd's and then 4th's (a whole pull in each place) as the treble hunts down through 4-3.

Perhaps you will see it better if we set it out in skeleton form:—

1	.	x	.	.	.	.	.	x	.	1
.	1	.	x	.	.	.	.	x	.	1
.	.	1	x	.	.	.	.	x	.	1
.	.	.	x	1	.	.	.	1	x	.
.	.	.	x	.	1	.	.	1	.	x
.	.	.	.	x	.	1	.	1	.	x

The figure 1, of course, represents the treble, the x the bell making the places, and the dots the other bells. The bell that makes the places is going in the same direction as the treble, but stops and recrosses the treble, after which it continues in the same direction as the treble has gone (unless some variation is introduced into the method to prevent it). Actually, these 'places across the treble' change the coursing order of that bell and the treble exactly as 2nd's place in Bob Minor turns it about.

Now, just as there are three methods constructed with plain hunting pure and simple, with the variation of 2nd's, or 5th's, or both, so there are three methods obtained from this simple place making 'across the treble'—one with 2nd's place made when the treble leads (in addition, of course, to the other places), one with 5th's place made when the treble lies behind, and the other with both 2nd's and 5th's. In addition there is a method in the group, making four in all, without either 2nd's or 5th's.

The effect of these places is to cause the other bells to dodge. The 'places across the treble' cause the bells both in 1-2 and 5-6 to dodge, and, as in Plain Bob, the 2nd's and 5th's also cause a dodge in the other pairs of places.

The contiguity of these places is such that the 'places across the treble' plus 2nd's cause the two bells behind to dodge from the time the treble goes away until it gets back again. Similarly the 'places across the treble' plus 5th's cause the two bells in front to dodge from the time the treble goes away until it gets back again. Second's plus 5th's causes this lead-long dodging to be carried on both in front and at the back.

Now what we would like those of our readers, who are interested in investigations of this sort, to do is to endeavour to construct them on their own account.

First write out (1) a lead of the method in which only 'places across the treble' are made, that is 4th's and 3rd's as the treble hunts up and 3rd's and 4th's as the treble hunts down. Then write out (2) a lead of the same method with 2nd's place introduced when the treble leads, causing the bells in 3-4 and 5-6 to dodge. Next write out (3) a lead of the method with 5th's place when the treble is behind, and last (4) the method with both 5th's and 2nd's.

In order that you may check your work, we will say that the first lead heads of these methods are (1) 156342, (2) and (3) 164523, and (4) 142635.

When you have done this construct a diagram, that is a line drawn on the track of one bell from beginning to end of the full course. If you don't want to write out all the leads in full for this purpose you can do it by tracing the course of one bell through a lead and then continuing the diagram by taking up the work from the beginning of the bell into whose place the line falls at the first lead head. Thus if you start with the 2nd in method (1), this bell gets to 6th's place at the lead head; you therefore carry on with the work of the 6th for the next lead, which will leave your line in 3rd's at the next lead head; then go back and pick up the work of the 3rd, and so on. Constructing your own diagrams is the quickest way of learning the work of a method, and, in doing it, do not forget to mark the places where the treble passes across the path of the other bell.

RINGING AT EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday, by members of the Scottish Association: *A. Mauran 1, *Miss A. I. Whitson 2, †B. F. Vernon 3, *Miss M. Holland 4, *H. White 5, *M. A. K. Simpson 6, W. C. S. Heathcote 7, †G. Marshall 8, C. R. Raine (conductor) 9, †J. Pryde 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters. † First quarter-peal in any method. First quarter-peal of Caters as conductor.

DEATH OF AN AMERSHAM RINGER.**FORTY YEARS MEMBER OF ST. MARY'S COMPANY.**

The death took place at Amersham on October 15th of Mr. Alfred Elburn, aged 57 years. Deceased, who came from a ringing family, was for over 40 years a member of the band at St. Mary's, Amersham. He will be much missed by the local band, as he was a most regular attendant, until a serious operation in December of last year curtailed his ringing activities. He was also a member of the local fire brigade, for which he held a long service medal.

The funeral, which was attended by the fire brigade and his fellow-ringers, took place at Amersham on October 17th. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by E. C. Ayres, L. R. Betts, W. E. Redrup and A. D. Barker, hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild. After the burial the bells he loved so well were rung half-muffled to his favourite method, London Surprise Minor. The 'whole pull and stand' was then rung. On Tuesday, October 20th, an attempt for a half-muffled peal unfortunately came to grief after two hours and eight minutes' good ringing through a 'shift.'

Deceased leaves a widow and one daughter, to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

SHOULD LADIES RING WITH HATS AND COATS ON?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This question came to me when I visited St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, September 30th, on the occasion of a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Surrey Association. This was an official meeting of ladies, and there seemed to be some difference of opinion, for some were ringing with hats and coats on, while others had them removed.

To most ringers to see a man ringing with his coat on appears to be completely out of order, and to me a lady appears to be equally out of order ringing with a hat and coat on. Some may hold the view that a lady must always wear a hat in church, but I think there is a danger in the belfry, especially where the room is congested. The ringing of church bells is a service of praise quite different to other services held in church. For instance, a ringer would never think of appearing at any other services with his coat off, although he removes it before ringing. That, to me, is an indication that ladies should remove their hats and coats before they actually take part in the ringing of church bells, and especially at Guild meetings.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain,
St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**JOINT MEETING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, October 17th. The meeting was held jointly with the South-West Branch, and there was an excellent attendance of ringers and friends from Plymouth, Plympton, Colleton, Paignton, Newton Abbot, Cockington, Buckfastleigh, Ide, Christow, Exeter, Brampford Speke, Sidmouth, Bath, etc.

The glorious peal of bells was kept going to a variety of methods during the afternoon, including a well-struck course of Grandsire Cinques. The great Bourdon bell also created a good deal of interest.

About 64 sat down to tea in two relays at the Abbey Cafe, and the Mid-Devon Branch subsequently held their business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman).

A letter was read from the general secretary regarding collections at meetings for the Bell Restoration Fund. The president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) explained the object, and it was recommended that collections be taken at the services. A collection at the conclusion of the meeting amounted to 6s. 5d.

A certificate was presented by the president to Mr. L. Wensley, of Cockington band.

The place and date of the annual meeting were next discussed, and it was resolved to hold this at Ipplepen on Saturday, February 13th, 1937, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The election of Mr. H. C. Collyer, of Newton Abbot, as an unattached performing member prior to starting for a peal was confirmed.

In accordance with the recommendation of the General Committee, Mr. C. R. Walker was elected auditor of the branch, and Mr. A. L. Bennett was elected Ringing Master.

It was unanimously resolved on the recommendation of the chairman that the secretary write the Lord Abbot of Buckfast expressing the great appreciation of the visitors in allowing the meeting to be held at the Abbey. Hearty votes of thanks were also accorded the ladies who carried out the tea arrangements, to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of his bells, and to the secretary of the branch for making all the arrangements.

The Chairman announced that one of his ringers, who was a member of the branch, had met with an accident resulting in the loss of two fingers, and the members present expressed their regret.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting. Some of the visitors returned to the tower for further ringing, whilst others visited Buckfastleigh tower to ring. The meeting was much enjoyed by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells at Harthill Church are to be recast into a peal of eight, and rehung with new fittings in a new frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Vernon Taylor, the brilliant young conductor of the Lincolnshire band who recently rang 61 methods in a peal of Minor, met with a rather serious accident in the belfry at Frampton about a fortnight ago. The rope of the tenor got under his foot and he was pitched on to his head, sustaining concussion. He is, happily, making good progress towards recovery.

The peal of Treble Bob Major at North Wingfield on October 17th was rung for the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield District Society.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques in Cheshire was rung on handbells on February 14th, 1935, at Stockport. This information is supplied by Mr. A. F. Bailey, of Stockport, who adds: 'Congratulations to the Macclesfield band on ringing the first in the county on tower bells.'

Mr. W. Poston has conducted a peal in every eight-bell tower in Herefordshire. He completed them on Saturday, when he called a peal at Lugwardine.

From one young ringer to another, Ernest W. Pye, son of the late Mr. William Pye, writes: I should like to congratulate E. A. Barnett on his 200 peals.

Mr. Jesse Puplett, whose address is now High Street, Stewkley, Bucks, informs us that the six bells of Stewkley Parish Church are to be retuned, etc., and two trebles added, to complete the octave. This is to be carried out through the generosity of Mr. Bliss, a former resident of the parish.

PEAL STANDARDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is quite possible that I shall be credited with being the correspondent who was mentioned in your leader of last week, referring to peals that should not be reported as such. May I plead with that gentleman to send his name and yourself to publish the letter, even if the conductor of the peal in question does have his weekly appearance in the peal columns?

This happens in all classes of peals from Surprise to Doubles, although I was informed some time back in 'The Ringing World' that it was not possible to ring a second-class peal of Surprise. Rot! We all have ears and so have the general public. A bit of scouring would do a world of good.

Maidenhead.

GEORGE GILBERT.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN MONK.

'A FINE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.'

On Tuesday, October 20th, passed away a notable stalwart of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the person of Mr. John Monk, of Witney. He will be missed in the town itself as a genial, kindly man, while as to ringing, he had done more 'spade work' than will ever be realised except by ringers of 30 (or more) years' standing.

John Monk had rung more than 150 peals, Stedman and Grandsire Triples mostly. He called many peals of Grandsire in the Witney district and was for many years secretary and treasurer of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Guild. Whatever he did he did well, and after a peal or a meeting no member could feel dull when once John started to tell the little tales of his experiences of a long life. A born wit, he would keep a company roaring with laughter. Albeit, John was a Christian gentleman.

The interment took place on Thursday, October 22nd, but owing to the very short notice very few ringers were present. Messrs. George Hollisfield, sen. and jun., W. Evetts and Frank Smith, of the Royal Cumberlands (who was one of John's pupils more than 40 years ago), with the writer, attended the service held in the fine old Parish Church, and the committal service in the cemetery. Looking down on the name plate, 'John Monk, aged 76,' made one feel that a real old friend had gone. In the words of an old song, 'He was a fine old English gentleman, one of the olden time.' May he rest in peace.

The bells were rung muffled in the afternoon and evening by the local ringers. The sympathy of many ringers will go out to the widow, John's wife for 53 years, and his three sons.

R. T. H.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch of Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held at Cosgrove on Saturday, proved a success. In addition to members of the branch, visitors from North Bucks and Central Bucks Branches of the Oxford Guild were present.

Cosgrove, a small village about two miles from Stony Stratford and the Watling Street, has just had a new treble added to the bells to make a ring of six, and in the opinion of ringers present they are a nice peal, thanks to the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Ringings commenced about 2.30 p.m., and service was conducted later by the Rev. E. V. Feun (hon. secretary), who preached a practical sermon.

Afterwards at tea the ringers were joined by the Rector (the Rev. H. N. C. Hewson) and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Winterbottom, of Cosgrove Hall. The hon. secretary thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, etc.

Handbell ringing and more tower-bell ringing concluded the meeting.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA—MELBOURNE, ENGLAND.

REUNION OF 'A GREAT ADVENTURE' PARTY.

Another Ringing Link Between Mother Country and Commonwealth.

On Saturday a memorable 'double' was completed by English ringers who, two years ago, toured Australia. On October 24th, 1934, two days after they had landed in Melbourne, they rang their first peal in the Commonwealth—a peal of Bob Royal at St. Paul's Cathedral.

On October 24th, 1936, exactly two years afterwards, eight of this band rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Melbourne, Derbyshire, and thus forged another link between the parent town and the daughter city on the other side of the world.



The CENTRAL TOWER of Melbourne Parish Church, Derbyshire, from the north.

When Melbourne, Australia, was founded a hundred years ago, it took its name from the then Prime Minister of England, Lord Melbourne, who was born at Melbourne Hall, Derbyshire, and whose title came from his native village.

Since their return to England, the tourists have had a growing desire to complete their association with Australia by linking up the two Melbournes in a ringing sense, and this was made possible by the rehanging of the Derbyshire bells early this year at the expense of Councillor Nettlefold, of Melbourne, Australia. Nothing seemed to be lacking to bind closer together the bells of the two Melbournes.

The Vicar of the Derbyshire parish (the Rev. Lt.-Col. John Morris, D.S.O.) not only gave his ready acquiescence to the project, he welcomed the opportunity of giving it effect, and in this he was enthusiastically supported by his churchwardens and ringers. Everything that could facilitate the peal attempt was offered and done, and our columns record the success that was achieved.

But this is getting a bit ahead of the story. When it was found possible to visit Melbourne, the hospitality of Glyn Garth, Surfleet, once more exhibited itself, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson invited the whole party to make their home the headquarters for

the week-end. Thus on Friday afternoon they began to foregather at this delectable spot for ringers. Bill Linter, having travelled by train from Fareham, Hants, was the first to arrive. Joe Hardcastle and Ralph Maude rolled up on wheels from Bradford, Yorks, an hour or two later. About half-past seven a contingent from the south, Bill Fussell from Slough, George Martin from Maidenhead and their chauffeur from Pyrford came on the scene, only to find much perturbation at the absence of Charles Sharples and his better half from Blackpool, who were due some time before.

A LOST COUPLE.

It is extraordinary what vagaries are played by the railway companies upon people travelling to Lincolnshire. Several times the Surfleet 'bus' went to Spalding to meet likely trains—reminiscent of an occasion a little more than a year ago—but in vain.

The Vicar of Surfleet and Mrs. Clark came to Glyn Garth to add to the heartiness of the welcome. It is unnecessary to dwell on the warmth of the greetings between the members of the much-travelled party and the great pleasure it was to meet again. But what had happened to the Sharples? The party supped amid speculations, and at half-past nine Rupert made one more almost despairing journey to Spalding. And there they were waiting at the station! They had gone to the wrong terminus in Manchester—it will be remembered they nearly missed the 'Barrabool' at Fremantle—and been brought to Lincolnshire by a route that took them nearly all round England, if one may judge by the time occupied. Railway travelling, however, is not the only thing that gets upset when Lincolnshire is the objective. Visitors to Surfleet on a former occasion will recollect the mystery of a telegram that arrived one Saturday afternoon, some hours after its dispatch. Last Friday a telegram, sent from Manchester, which would have elucidated the whole situation, failed to arrive at all, and, as far as we know, is still somewhere on the 'wires.'

However, with the party complete, spirits rose high, and the only source of regret was the absence of the Rev. E. Bankes James, who was unable to travel on account of the effects of a heavy cold.

An early start—at least it was early for some of the party—was necessary next morning for the 70 miles' drive to Melbourne. The run to Melton Mowbray was the story of the hare and the tortoise over again. The 'hazes,' there were two of them, stopped for petrol, the tortoise, oblivious of the 'pull up,' dashed by at quite 25 miles an hour, the driver clinging to his steering wheel like grim death and his passengers, with their hair on end, clinging wildly to their seats. The tortoise won the race to Melton by a short head and thereafter was content to bring up the rear of the procession.

At Melbourne the Vicar was waiting, with representatives of the local ringers, to welcome the visitors, and the three cars disgorged the eleven travellers—Mrs. Sharples, Ralph Maude and Enid Richardson making up the party with the eight ringers. To add to their pleasure they also found waiting to greet them a lady, now of Derby, who was present at Bishopcote, Melbourne, when the tourists were entertained there by the Archbishop of Melbourne the day after their arrival.

MELBOURNE'S MAGNIFICENT CHURCH.

It will be of interest to say something about St. Michael's Church, an early Norman building reputed to be one of the finest examples of its type of architecture in the country. It was not inaptly described by Mr. Fussell, who knows what he is talking about in these matters, as Durham Cathedral in miniature.

The church was built about the year 1090, and before alterations, carried out probably in the 16th century, had three apsidal ends at the east end, with a room over the chancel. The nave is of five bays, with stilted arches, ornamented with a zig-zag and plain roll moulding. There is a Norman clerestory on the north side and an Early English one on the south, with a passage over all the nave arches, and continued round the central tower on the same level, which led to the room over the chancel.

The interior of the tower is a fine example of Norman arcading in three tiers. Above that the upper part of the tower is probably 17th century work. A curious feature of the church is that it is entirely unenclosed, none of the original churchyard being in existence as a churchyard. The Vicarage, a large stone building, with an unexpectedly fine prospect from the rear, stands in the south-east corner of the space surrounding the church.

The bells are by Taylor and Co. Six of them were cast in 1882 to replace four which dated back to the 16th century. The trebles were added as a jubilee memorial in 1887. Early this year the bells badly needed rehanging. An appeal for funds brought in a certain amount, and then, by a happy thought, Melbourne, Australia, was invited to contribute. 'The Sun' newspaper sent the first £25, but, on hearing of the appeal, Councillor Nettlefold, of Melbourne, asked to be allowed to bear the whole cost. 'The Sun' newspaper's donation was diverted by the givers to charity, and the excellent work done by Messrs. Taylor and Co. was thus paid for by a citizen of Melbourne, Australia. The bells were put on ball bearings and go like the proverbial tops. But there is just a snag for those unused to ringing there. The bells are rung from the floor of the chancel and there is 56ft. of rope up to the wheels and only guides in the upper part of the tower. Unless

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a perfectly straight and long pull is applied, the sallies have a tendency to wander into the centre of the chancel or come down behind the ringer's back. At Melbourne one has to think of the actual ringing as well as of the method. The fronts of the choir stalls have to be removed before ringing can begin, and the seats are folded back to give leg room.

Well, after a few preliminaries, including a flashlight photograph of the ringers at their ropes, the many onlookers in the church took their departure, the door was locked and the peal was rung in 3 hours 19 minutes.

Poor Joe had a rotten time. Two or three days before, he had had an argument with the business end of a carpenter's chisel—and got the worst of it. He had a badly cut finger, which, despite surgical bandaging, split open again while he was ringing, but with true Yorkshire doggedness he 'stuck it out' in spite of the pain and the difficulty of handling his rope under such conditions. More than one of the peals which this band have rung together have produced a 'hero,' and the laurels fell on Joe on this occasion. It was, of course, only fitting that the peal should be rung for the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, of which, at a memorable gathering on the evening of their arrival in the Australian city, the ringers had been made life members.

Although not specially arranged in honour of the event, the ringers desire to record the peal as a birthday compliment to Miss Frey Shimmie on her 'coming of age.' Miss Shimmie took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Melbourne on Armistice Day, 1934, and is the only Australian lady who has rung a peal.

As soon as the door was opened there was a flood of listeners, who came in to offer their congratulations, but none were more welcome than the Rev. R. Sherwood, now Vicar of Bleasley, Notts, and Mrs. Sherwood. In the days when the tourists visited Australia, the Rev. R. Sherwood was Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral. He was the 'liaison officer' between the church authorities and the ringers, and to him and Mr. Arthur Savage, hon. secretary of the society, the visitors were specially indebted.

A LUNCH PARTY.

After the peal, the Vicar very kindly entertained the visitors to lunch, to which a party of over 30 sat down at the Melbourne Hotel, the company including, in addition to the tourists, the Rev. R. and Mrs. Sherwood, the churchwardens of Melbourne (Messrs. T. Pearce and G. Denzil Robinson), the local ringers, and Mr. A. H. Ward, of Derby.

The Vicar, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to the guests and spoke of the historic interest of their visit to Australia. He was delighted at their success that day and hoped they would be able at some future time to visit Melbourne, Derbyshire, again.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on behalf of the guests, thanked the Vicar both for the readiness with which he acceded to the request for the peal attempt to be made and for his hospitality, which they all greatly appreciated. It had been their ambition since their return from Australia to complete the unique 'double' by ringing a peal in Melbourne, Derbyshire, and they were all delighted that it had been successful. They were greatly pleased to meet the local ringers, and he congratulated them on having had their bells put into such excellent order. He hoped they would go on and progress in the art of ringing so that one day they might be able to visit Melbourne, Australia, and ring a peal there. (A Voice: 'Some hopes,' and laughter.) Mr. Goldsmith referred to the presence of the Rev. R. Sherwood and said how greatly delighted they were to meet him again under such happy circumstances. In Australia Mr. Sherwood did a great deal to smooth the way for their ringing at the Cathedral, and he would probably remember the peal two years ago that very day, when the Gas Company tried to get him to stop the bells, because, they said, they could not carry on their business. Some of the rooms in the company's huge offices were right opposite the louveres of the belfry, and he (Mr. Goldsmith) believed if they could have done so they would have liked at that moment to set Mr. Sherwood on the top of one of their gasometers and blow him up (laughter). He was blown up on the telephone, however, and they were glad to see him still alive and well and able to join them that day as the Vicar of an English country parish (applause).

Mr. W. H. Fussell seconded the vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers and referred to the wonderful ties between the two Melbournes, held together in no small measure by the Church in the two countries. That day, he thought, the ringers by their activities had added another link.

The Rev. R. Sherwood added his thanks to the Vicar for permitting Mrs. Sherwood and him to join the happy gathering. He said he felt they did not do enough in Australia for the English ringers, who brought far more than they received in return.

Both churchwardens endorsed the welcome extended by the Vicar, and Mr. Whitehead, a ringer and former churchwarden, expressed delight at the visit and said how much he had enjoyed listening to the peal, which was the first rung there for a great number of years.

GREETINGS TO AUSTRALIAN RINGERS.

Before the party broke up the following cablegram was dispatched to Mr. A. A. Savage, hon. secretary of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne: 'Tourists assembled Melbourne, Derbyshire, send (Continued on next page.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S NEW PRESIDENT.

TO-MORROW'S GATHERING IN LIVERPOOL.

The new president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. Arthur Scott) will take the chair at the association's fifth annual dinner, which is to be held at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool, on Saturday.

The Rev. Arthur Scott, who was elected a month ago, succeeds the late Canon Elsee, who filled the office for 45 years. Mr. Scott, who is 'Lecturer of Bolton' and senior curate of Bolton Parish Church, is the only son of Mrs. Scott, of Batley House, Newport, Brough, East Yorkshire, and of the late Mr. Arthur Scott. A Yorkshireman by birth, being born in Hull in 1907, Mr. Scott has Lancashire blood in his veins through his grandmother, the late Mrs. Margaret Scott, a daughter of William Lawton, of Holcroft Hall, Culcheth, near Warrington.



Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A.

In 1926 he entered Queen's College, Cambridge, obtaining a third class in Part I. of the Historical Tripos in 1928, proceeding to his B.A. in the following year, and his M.A. in 1933.

In 1929 Mr. Scott entered Ridley Hall, Cambridge. He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Manchester in Manchester Cathedral in 1930, and priest the following year.

From 1930 to 1934 he was curate of Christ Church, Harpurhey, a large urban parish in the North of Manchester, under the Rev. H. S. Wilkinson, now Rector of Chester-le-Street. In 1934 the Vicar of Bolton invited Mr. Scott to join the staff of Bolton Parish Church, and six months later he was appointed 'Lecturer of Bolton.'

It was at Bolton that Mr. Scott first became a ringer. Although a beginner in the art of change ringing, Mr. Scott is very keen and means to master it, hoping to ring his first peal in the near future.

Mr. Scott is also keenly interested in Toc H, and was appointed Padre of Bolton Branch in 1934, and of the Bolton District in 1936.

To-morrow's programme in Liverpool will include a visit to the tower of the new Cathedral at 2 p.m. and a civic reception at the Town Hall at 3.30. At this function tea will be served by the kindness of the Lord Mayor, and the Police band will be present to render a programme of music.

The speakers at the dinner will include the Lord Bishop of Liverpool and the president of the Central Council, as well, of course, as the new president of the association.

Our photograph is by courtesy of the 'Bolton Evening News.'

FROM MELBOURNE TO MELBOURNE

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greetings to ringers Melbourne, Australia. Peal successful for Cathedral Society on bells restored by Councillor Nettlefold.—Sherwood.

A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells and some tunes by Bill and George brought this part of the happy proceedings to a close.

The visitors afterwards, through the kindness of Mr. T. Pearce, the agent for the estate, who acted as guide, made a hurried inspection of the famous gardens of Melbourne Hall. The hall itself stands but a few yards from the east end of the church and was at one time a palace of the Bishops of Carlisle, to whom the church and all its belongings were given when that See was founded. It was later the seat of Sir John Coke, a Secretary of State to Charles I., and afterwards became the home of the Lamb family, of which Lord Melbourne was a member. Lord Palmerston, another Prime Minister, also lived there.

As dusk was falling the visitors piled into their cars, and Rupert led them successfully through the narrow and tortuous roads to Loughborough, and thence to Grantham, where he decided to allow the other two to make their own way home, while he went ahead to prepare for the coming of the rest of the party—although we rather think it was Mrs. Richardson who did the actual preparation. The two remaining cars separated, but after a time when the 'tortoise' was due home, and overdue, and had not arrived, there was talk of a search party going out to scour the countryside for the missing ones. The search was not a protracted one. The car was found safely parked in the forecourt of the Crown at Surfleet, and the occupants comfortably engaged in the bar parlour.

At dinner that night 'Australian friends' were toasted, and the health of the host and hostess was drunk with gusto.

Next morning four of the party, including Mr. Fussell, who had rung in the Rev. H. Law James' first peal, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells round the grave of the late Vicar of Surfleet. This tribute paid, ringing for service gave the visitors, new to the Lincolnshire village, the opportunity to hear Surfleet's little ring of twelve bells.

With the afternoon came the first departures, but some of the party extended their visit until Monday before returning to distant corners of England.

It was a 'great reunion,' the success of which was in large measure due to the great hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**ARCHDEACON OF COVENTRY APPOINTED PRESIDENT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Bedworth on Saturday, October 17th, was very successful in every way. The ringing was somewhat curtailed, as, owing to the funeral of a prominent local resident, the bells were not rung until after tea. However, the handbells were made good use of until the time for the service. This was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Brodie-Good) and his curate (the Rev. C. Stammers) in the side chapel of the church, and a short but interesting address was given by the Rector.

After tea, to which about 40 members and their friends sat down in the Church School, the company adjourned to another room for the business meeting. The Rev. C. Stammers was in the chair, and members attended from Stratford-on-Avon, Stoke, Nuneaton, Rugby, Chilvers Coton, Allesley, Bulkington, Erdington and the local band. Several visitors were also welcomed, including Mr. J. Hunt, of Manchester.

Meeting places were arranged as follows: Allesley on November 21st, and Nuneaton on January 16th. The December meeting was cancelled owing to the proximity of Christmas.

The committee's action in appointing the Archdeacon of Coventry to be the president of the Guild in succession to the Rev. J. A. B. Davies was approved by the committee, on the proposition of Mr. L. J. Hinde.

Four new members were elected, namely, W. Leeson, J. Jukes, S. Bragg and W. Vann. The election of the Rev. C. E. Wigg, of High Wycombe, Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Brockley, London, and Mr. A. S. Richards, of West Wickham, Kent, prior to a peal at Hear Cross, Staffs, was ratified.

The Ringing Master announced that an invitation had been extended to ringers to attend the rededication of the bells at Leamington Hastings on November 1st.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his address, to the chairman for conducting the meeting, and to the ladies who had kindly prepared tea, was proposed by Mr. J. H. White.

Muffled ringing on the tower bells followed the meeting.

REOPENING OF LINDLEY BELLS.**RESTORATION OF A YORKSHIRE RING.**

On Saturday last the Lord Bishop of Wakefield rededicated the ring of eight bells at St. Stephen's Church, Lindley, on the outskirts of Huddersfield, after rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

For some time past these bells had been in indifferent condition, having done service since 1874, when they were presented to the church by Thomas Varley, of Egerton House.

The peal, which has a tenor bell of approximately one ton, has now been retuned, quarter-turned and cleaned, and equipped with entirely new fittings in a new metal frame, the work being carried out in the traditional 'Taylor' manner, and, of course, leaving nothing to be desired.

A large congregation was present, including visiting ringers from Friezland, New Mill, Armley, Headingley, Ashton-under-Lyne, London, etc., and the bells were made good use of after the service and during the evening.

It was fitting that the generous donor of the bells, who died only a few months after making his gift, was not forgotten last Saturday, and a wreath, made in the shape of a bell, was placed upon his grave, which is close to the church.

FUNDS RAISED BY RINGERS.

It is pleasing to put on record the unflagging and determined efforts of the Lindley ringers to get the bells into ringing order again. It may give other ringers, who are in the same position, the necessary hope and fighting spirit to get their own bells restored, for it is a good example of perseverance and grit. The bells had got to such a condition that it was agreed that no more ringing could be done until they were made safe again.

The ringers held a meeting and decided to raise the necessary funds by holding whist drives and distributing collecting envelopes throughout the district. At last they had sufficient money in hand to undertake the work and they are now able to handle their own bells once more. Hard work, perseverance and enthusiasm have been their motto.

They are naturally very proud of what has been accomplished, and gladly say that they have 'the finest peal in Yorkshire, bar none.'

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, on Sunday, September 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss E. Dixon (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, R. Newman 3, H. Franks 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, F. Akers 7, H. Brown (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss V. M. Cay to Mr. Alfred Johnson, which took place at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

SURREY BELLS IMPROVED.**RESTORATION IN A TWO-TIER FRAME.**

On Sunday, October 25th, the Rt. Rev. C. H. Golding-Bird rededicated the eight bells of Yorktown Church, Camberley, Surrey, after they had been rehanged and retuned by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bells were rung in a few rounds during the service by the local ringers, also after the service in rounds and call changes. While the congregation were leaving the church, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were afterwards rung by the visitors, which, considering the mixed nature of the band, were good, especially the Stedman.

The bells are hung in two tiers. The lower tier is in an H frame and the upper in a side frame, each mounted on steel girders running north, south, east and west, thus bracing the tower. Each bell pit is also cross braced. All fittings are new throughout. The 'go' of the bells is perfect, and they all handle exceptionally well considering the very long draught.

The bells themselves have been very much improved by tuning and are now a very musical peal. The whole lay-out has been carefully thought out and carried through on thorough engineering lines.

DEATH OF A LEIGHTON BUZZARD STALWART.**A PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING.**

By the passing on the morning of October 20th of George Bonfield, Leighton Buzzard lost one of its pioneers of change ringing.

Commencing his ringing career at St. Barnabas', Linslade, in 1886, he transferred in the following year to All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, where he was a member of that band for 36 years. He conducted the first two peals of Grandsire Triples by the local band in 1903 and 1910, and in May, 1904, he called the first touch of Grandsire Triples at St. Barnabas', Linslade, when the bells were augmented from six to eight.

During the Great War he ably deputised for Mr. J. Nicholls, the foreman of All Saints' belfry, and instructed a band of lady ringers to carry on whilst most of the men were absent.

In 1922, it became apparent that his failing health would cause him to give up ringing, and to the regret of all he handled a bell for the last time on Christmas Day of that year. He also retired from the L.M.S. Railway, in whose service he had been on the foot-plate for so long.

During his years of retirement he never ceased to take interest in local ringing, and he frequently criticised the efforts of the younger ringers in the town.

His death was quite sudden and unexpected, following an operation in Aylesbury Hospital. He lived, however, to see the completion of the schemes of rehanging the two local peals of bells in 1935.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at St. Mary's Cemetery, Old Linslade, and during the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung as a mark of respect, was brought home on the back 'eight' of All Saints' Church: Miss D. Lidbitter (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, P. Vickers 2, F. Dedman 3, W. Botsford 4, F. Plummer 5, E. Bilson 6, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 7, W. Jeffs 8. Ringers of 2, 3, 6 and tenor belong to St. Barnabas' belfry, Linslade.

ASHOVER CHURCH BELLS.**A RESTORATION APPEAL.**

A public meeting was held in the Parish Room, Ashover, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, October 14th, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Nodder, M.A., to consider a report received from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., bell founders, Loughborough, on the condition of Ashover church bells.

It is now 34 years since two additional bells were added and the rest of the peal thoroughly overhauled, and in consequence of local reports to the Rector that some attention to them was necessary, the bell founders were invited to make an examination, as a result of which it is revealed that wear and tear has made necessary certain work which would involve an immediate cost of approximately £50. In addition the bell founders pointed out that practically the whole of the bearings are showing wear to such an extent as will render it necessary for these also to receive attention and renewal within a comparative short period. In view of this they strongly advised that the bearings should be renewed at the same time and thereby avoid the double expense of providing the necessary tools, tackle and appliances for carrying out the work of complete restoration.

At the meeting it was decided to accept Messrs. Taylor's estimate of approximately £140 for the complete work of restoring the peal to a first-class condition, including the placing of the bells on ball bearings, and to endeavour to raise the necessary money by public subscription.

It was considered that anyone who had visited the old-world village of Ashover, and was interested in its delightful old church and beautiful peal of bells, which have a tenor of about 18 cwt., might like to subscribe to this worthy project which is immediately being taken in hand. Any subscriptions thereto would be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. A. W. H. Bowler, Eastwood View, Ashover, near Chesterfield, who has been appointed treasurer of the fund.

HERTS ASSOCIATION 'FAMILY PARTY.'

At a meeting held at Abbots Langley, a peal tablet was unveiled recording the first peal rung on the bells by an entirely local band.

Owing to the large number of ringers who did not attend, the meeting resolved itself into a family party, having tea in the beautiful dining room of the old vicarage. The afternoon and evening were spent in a very social way, ringing in various methods (Surprise and otherwise), and an excellent tea given by Mrs. Geddes.

The peal board was unveiled by Miss Glenister, who rang in the peal. It is a great pity that greater support was not given to the meeting in this charming church.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Lyminster on Saturday, October 17th, when 23 members were present from Arundel, Angmering, Billingshurst, Haeco, Warnham, Tarring and the local band. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. P. Duval, D.D.).

Tea was served at the Vicarage and was followed by the usual business meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies who served the tea.

The Vicar, in replying, said he was pleased to see so many young ringers present, and that ringers would always be welcome in Lyminster.

Ringling continued till 8 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

EIGHT METHODS IN SERVICE TOUCH.

On Sunday, October 11th, at St. Mary's, Willesden, for harvest festival: For morning service, 1,280 changes Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Riding 1, C. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. B. Hartley (first in the method) 4, Miss K. M. Bradford 5, H. Kilby 6, E. H. Kilby 7, T. J. Lock (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1,312 changes of Spiced Surprise Major in eight methods, consisting of 256 Ealing, 192 London, 160 each of Bristol, Wembley, Rutland, 128 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire: C. E. Lankester 1, J. A. Trollope 2, G. M. Kilby 3, T. J. Lock 4, Miss K. M. Bradford 5, J. H. Riding 6, H. Kilby 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

In connection with the harvest festival celebrations at St. Andrew's Church, Felkington, Lincs, on Saturday, October 10th, 720 of London Surprise: P. Humphrey 1, F. Humphrey 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, J. Botham 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6. Also 720 spliced of Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

A wedding took place at Portishead Parish Church on Saturday, September 26th, when Miss Gwendolin J. B. Staddon, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Staddon, of Portishead, was married to Mr. Leonard A. Simmons, third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Simmons, of Bedminster, Bristol. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. S. Briggs (Rector of Wraxall), assisted by the Rev. Preb. H. W. Jukes (Rector of Portishead).

The Portishead band of ringers, of whom the bride has been a member for several years, rang before and after the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of ivory satin and lace, with a veil and headdress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white heather and Harrissi lilies. She was attended by a quartette of bridesmaids, who included the Misses V. and K. Simmons (bridegroom's sisters), Miss B. Staddon (bride's sister) and Miss A. Brown (aunt of the bride). The two latter are ringers.

After the ceremony a reception was held, at which some 50 guests were present, among whom were Mr. A. N. Staddon and Mr. R. Staddon (brothers of the bride), who carried out the duties of groomsmen and who are both members of the Portishead band of ringers, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown (uncle and aunt of the bride), who belong to the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild of Ringers, Bristol. Among the many presents were a magnificent oak chiming clock, suitably inscribed, from the Portishead bellringers, a tea service from Preb. H. W. Jukes and Mrs. Jukes, and an Italian rug from members of the Brotherhood, where the bride assisted in the orchestra.

5.082 GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

BY W. MATTHEWS, MACCLESFIELD.

23456

65324 2-5

52364	11 in and out with 4
35264	7 in and out with 4
23564	7 in and out with 4
36524	11 in and out with 4
62534	11 in and out with 4
56234	7 in and out with 4
43652	11 in and out with 3

Last seven courses four times repeated, omitting last course of all for 23456. Round by calling 10th and 11th before.

Rung at Macclesfield on October 13th, 1936.

A DEVONSHIRE EXCURSION.**VISIT TO LITTLE KNOWN TOWERS.**

We cannot bring the sunshine to others without enjoying it ourselves. Thus we thought, when heavy rain pelted around our 'chara' as we journeyed, away on the borders of Devon and Somerset, in the hunting preserves of the Dulverton pack, where in a bygone generation 'Passou' Jack Russell used to hunt.

The genial secretary of St. David's, Exeter, band (Mr. Gardner) was our guiding light, and all that the members of a party of 20 ringers, wives and friends had to do was to enjoy what sunshine there happened to be about. A case of bottles occupied a small corner near the driver's seat. Mr. Gardner made certain of no 'dryness' in the bus.

We left St. David's at 8.30 and our host led us—literally so, as he occupied the front seat—along the Exe Valley, through Tiverton to Washfield. The little grey tower frowned over a bit of landscape of inviting beauty, a churchyard of wondrous tidiness and a little grey church of Perpendicular style, containing a fine screen and a good Norman font. In a very unobtrusive corner of the 'god's acre' lie the mortal remains of 'Prinny,' Dr. Dangar, of St. Luke's. Readily the six tuneful bells responded to Grandsire Doubles.

Journeying onward o'er hill and dale, through trackways old and winding, wherein our bus brushed bracken on each side, and even brought us safely through a ford, we came by dint of determination on the part of our driver to East Anstey. On our way we passed the Gibbet Moor, on which the last gibbeting of a man in Devon is said to have occurred. At East Anstey we found in the Perpendicular church, perched on a hill, a very musical peal of six bells. The Vicar welcomed us, and though he argued that the tenor, contrary to our better judgment, was about 14 cwt., he produced evidence which proved that it was but 7½ cwt.

Molland, our next stopping place, is only a few miles from East Anstey as the crow flies, but the meandering journey took our driver fully half an hour, sometimes very hazardous driving. The ancient edifice, however, was worth his pains. It is a relic of the centuries worth gold to our great church, and if only the tall box pews, more common a couple of centuries ago, are preserved to future generations, it is worth while. Molland has a fine peal of five bells, with tenor near 18 cwt., and were they an eight what a glorious volume of melody would float across the valley below! The tenor was a handful to turn in in Doubles, and our 'Ringing Master' Richardson found the fourth a bit troublesome. The Vicar, who welcomed us, is evidently a votary in the footsteps of Parson Jack Russell.

High Bray was reached by a drive through the Bray Valley, with its towering coppices and woodlands, which reminded us of Lynton. The church stands on a hill, and many a time did our driver reverse to get round the bends and land us safe and true outside the churchyard gates. The sextoness seemed quite displeased that the party would not ascend the grey square tower to view the pastoral scene. We saw the Bray Vale beneath. High Bray bells responded well to our efforts, and our Doubles must have charmed the ears of the little maids who cleaned their Sunday boots beside the cottage door. But friend Searle was much concerned with his rope, and the huge knot he tied dangled precariously near his 'spectacles' at backstroke. Or was it at Charles when we attempted our Doubles on the five? However the locals contented themselves with such 'prodigious' ropes in length and size puzzled Mr. Ridler (of Thorverton).

We found Charles after a rambling route and many inquiries by our forbearing driver. It is away up somewhere, with South Moulton somewhere north or south, and it stands on a hill and overlooks a wonderful valley. The five bells go well and are very musical in what appeared to be a minor, with tenor about 8 cwt. And by the southern porch he rested and heard the Doubles on his village bells. How truly Gray's Elegy paints village life! Yes, the old sexton sat on a tombstone and heard half-pull ringing, perhaps for the first time in his life. Our driver questioned if ever the people of Charles had seen 'the pictures.'

I heard remarks of 'more civilised roads,' 'back to civilisation,' as we approached Filleigh. And we saw flannelled cricketers on the Castle Hill (Earl Portesque's) grounds as we passed on to the church, where we found a musical ring of six.

Tea at Barnstaple and the run of 40 miles along the Taw valley brought us to St. David's at 8.45. Mr. Ridler safely in the 9.30 for Thorverton, and 'Good night,' ended a very joyous day.

Thank you, St. David's band; thank you, Mr. Gardner! F. C. S.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church on Sunday, October 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. J. Ellis 1, F. Ramplin 2, A. Alderton 3, S. Jennings (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, E. Scarfe 6, B. Elmer 7, G. House 8.

OVERSALL, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Matthew's Church on Friday, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Cotton 1, L. Freeman 2, H. Adams (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Clayfield 4, W. Brooker 5, W. E. Clayfield 6, W. H. Curson (conductor) 7, H. Curson 8.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS.—On September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Corbin 1, Miss V. Marsh 2, L. H. Pink 3, W. C. Shute 4, E. Hoare 5, G. Wareham 6. First quarter-peal for treble, 5 and 6 ringers. First quarter-peal 'inside' for the 2nd ringer.

NOTICES.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Pott's Café, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. —H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS and LADIES' GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Joint meeting at Cotgrave, near Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells recently rehung. Buses from No. 4 platform at 2.30, 3, 4, and 5.30. —I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. —A meeting will be held at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) recently rehung by John Taylor and Co., available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Room 5 p.m. All welcome. —C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

AT ASHTON, near Northampton, on October 31st, by permission of the Rector, a meeting of ringers at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. —A ringing practice has been arranged at Maids Moreton (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 31st, from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. —Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends, particularly learners. —Ernest Cooper, Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—All ringers are welcome at the meeting to be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, during the quinqucentenary celebrations on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available 3-4 and 4.30-9. —C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. —Next meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. One shilling will be charged. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. —A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at Five Bells Hotel at 5 p.m. —W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Election of district officers and other important business. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, the 27th. —Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The restored ring of 5 bells at Leamington Hastings, near Rugby, will be rededicated on Sunday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be at the disposal of visiting ringers after the service. —M. Melville, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sunday service ringing: Nov. 1st, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practice: St. Clement Danes', Nov. 9th and 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. and St. Mary, Lambeth, Dec. 1st, at 8 p.m. —T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). —Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Nov. 5th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th (election night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHALFORD, GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Friday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. —A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea following. Nominations for district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Notifications for tea to reach me by Wednesday, Nov. 4th. —F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cott., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 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 Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, not later than Nov. 4th. All welcome. —M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch. —The next general meeting is at Winfarthing on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available at 2.30. Service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Barber, at 4.15. Tea at the Fighting Cocks at 4.45, followed by business meeting. —Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Nov. 4th? —Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Conover, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea, will they please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd?—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Nov. 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea and business after. The District Committee will be elected at this meeting. May we have a good attendance?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Black Bull at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District) **AND THE LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A joint quarterly meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Parish Institute, at 5. Business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, Nov. 4th?—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ibstock (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Good bus service from Coalville. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6), St. Alphage (6) from 3 p.m., and the Cathedral (12) after tea. Service at St. Stephen's 5 p.m. Tea (1s.) at St. Stephen's Parish Room. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, before Wednesday, Nov. 4th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Symonds-bury on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Methods: Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. All members and friends intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Nov. 4th.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Nov. 3rd.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Froome, Mordiford.

SOCIETY FOR ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—An Armistice Day Service will be held in St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Nov. 8th, at 11 a.m. Ringing from 10 till 11. All ringers cordially invited to attend and make this a representative service.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to November 9th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, E. P. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. 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, L. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young, who will send names of ticket holders to Mr. Hughes on the 10th for the plan of allotted seats. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Please turn up and make it a meeting.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Bells (8). Service 5.30. Tea 6d. Meeting 6.30. Will all who hope to be present please notify the branch secretary not later than Nov. 11th? The new president of the association will be present.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

HALBERTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 (tenor 17 cwts.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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ALRESFORD, HANTS.—Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the ring of eight bells will be on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 11 a.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Winchester. The peal has been restored, including re-hanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea and meeting.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Details later.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. E. Cooper, hon. sec. of the Doncaster and District Society, is now 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

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DEATH.

CUFFLIN.—On Oct. 25th, at 38, Bradgate Road, Anstey, Leicester, Alfred, beloved husband of Louisa Cufflin, aged 69 years; for about 33 years towerkeeper at St. Mary's, Anstey.

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MARKET HARBOROUGH.—On Sunday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Marjorie F. Miller (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss Marjorie I. Barrow 2, L. E. Rudd 3, C. A. Manning 4, F. Wallington 5, R. March 6, J. C. Chester (conductor) 7, W. Kilsby 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church for morning service on October 25th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Reverse and 360 Plain Bob, called alternately: 1. Rolls 1, W. Woodley 2, G. J. Berry (conductor) 3, E. T. Barrett 4, R. Walker 5, D. Jaycock 6. First quarter-peal in three methods by a local hand at this church. First quarter-peal in three methods by all except ringer of the 4th and the conductor. First quarter-peal in three methods as conductor.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 4th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Davies (Stanton-on-Hine Heath, first quarter-peal) 8.

STOCKPORT.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Church of St. George on September 29th on the occasion of the consecration of the Mission Church at Adwood: C. Harris (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Holton (first quarter-peal) 2, H. Meakin 3, L. G. Burgess 4, F. Twigg 5, P. Laffin 6, H. Ashton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. F. Bailey 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Tuesday, September 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Violet Shorter (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 1, R. Lathbury 2, A. E. Pitstow 3, F. Dench 4, L. E. Pitstow 5, Roland Ridgewell (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 6, A. L. Simmonds (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Parish 8.

BANSTEAD.—At All Saints' Church for evening song on Sunday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Cheesman (first quarter-peal) 1, S. R. L. Dearle 2, A. J. Adams (first quarter as conductor) 3, J. Hobden 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, H. N. Pitstow 7, E. Wooloff 8. Rung for the 13th birthday of the treble ringer. The conductor is aged 15 years.

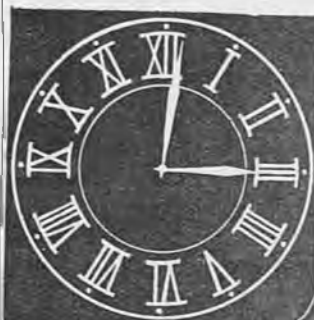
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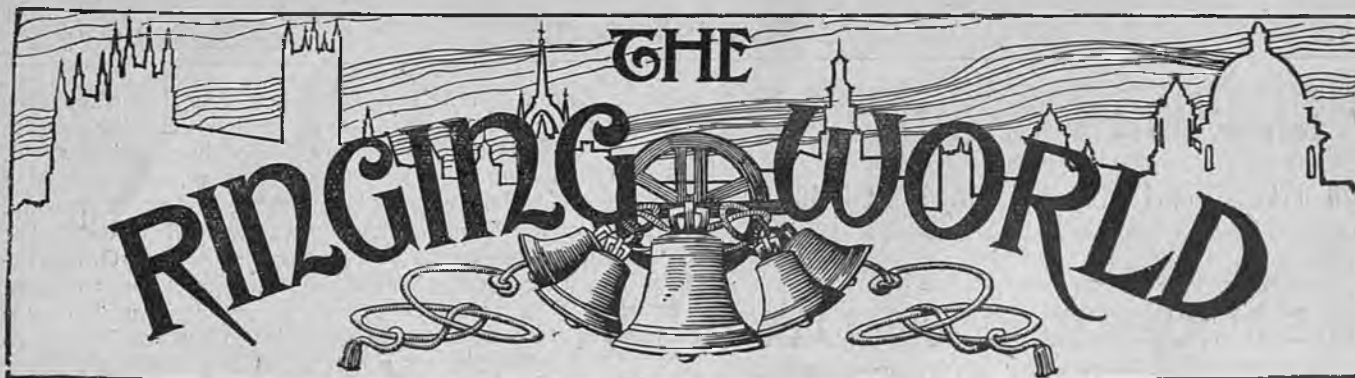
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Summing up the evidence which these cases have produced, there are two main causes—old hands dying off and none to replace them; younger ringers lured away by other attractions or demands upon their time. In almost every case it is the older men who, with undiminished loyalty, are doing their best to keep the bells going in face of many discouragements. Despite this disconcerting state of affairs, however, we imagine that it is no new phase. For hundreds of years the people of England have been told that the country is 'going to the dogs.' But it hasn't gone yet—in the sense that the phrase is here used. Pessimists who hear of the falling off of interest in the belfry may tell us that ringing is going to the dogs, too, but it is a long way from that. This is no new failing. Always there has been an ebb and flow in individual towers, and those who have been able to maintain a full company over a long period of years have indeed been fortunate. In the mass, the number of ringers is well-maintained, although it must not be forgotten that the number of church bells in the country is rapidly increasing. Nevertheless, it is regrettable that bands long noted for their regular and devoted service are gradually breaking up from some cause or other, and the bells becoming more and more silent in these places.

When a band begins to fall to pieces because, while having apparently ample personnel, the members just absent themselves from their duties, and put other claims first, there is every reason for sympathy with the remaining ringers, who are 'let down' through no fault of their own. Slackers in the belfry are difficult to deal with, if an appeal to their loyalty has no effect. Their

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loss means a definite set-back for a time, but often they are men whose interest in the belfry has been the ringing alone. When that fails there is nothing to hold them. This type can only be held by constant new interest, and if they are to be 'caught' before they finally slip away, the rest of the band must show a new spirit of enterprise and build up a progressive programme. Once the slackers have gone, there is nothing for it but to begin again, and in making a new beginning it is safer to use as material those who are Churchmen first and are prepared to become ringers afterwards.

Where the losses are due to the attrition of years or removals, there is nothing left but to begin once more at the bottom and build up. As everyone knows, this takes time and patience. Actually it ought to be guarded against at all times. No tower should be without one or two beginners. Only a small proportion remain permanently attached to the art, and it needs this small proportion to cover the gaps as they occur. In the tower where you find no learners, you may soon find no ringing.

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Tenor 23½ cwt.

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FRED E. RICHARDS 2	ARNOLD ROTHERY 6
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CHARLES T. COLES 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
ALFRED PRIOR 3	PHILIP H. AVEY 7
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On Tuesday, October 27, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BRADFIELD ... Treble	*NORMAN PALMER 5
ALBERT A. EASTON 2	GEORGE S. PIPER 6
SYDNEY C. DRIVER 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT 7
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On Thursday, October 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM CROSS Treble	JOHN E. ROOTS 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
WILLIAM SEBLEY 4	*THOMAS J. CLARK Tenor

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A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND BRISTOL
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	†FRANCIS D. BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment on the anniversary of the birth of Miss O. L. Ashbrook, also on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. John Henry Taffender, second son of the conductor and brother of the ringer of the 4th, to Miss Marjory Ethel Aylott, which took place earlier in the day at Streatham.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, October 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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

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HAROLD J. POOLE 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
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Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

RONALD SUCKLING Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	H. WALTER SMITH 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SENGLEY.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

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

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This composition is now rung for the first time and contains the 6th the extent right at 12 course ends.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	JOHN E. MORETON 5
JAMES DRAYCOTT 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 6
PERCY STONE 3	JOHN GIBBONS 7
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH 4	WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Francis W. Moyle, M.A., who was instituted and inducted to the living on October 29th. The band wish to thank him and Mrs. Moyle for their kind hospitality after the peal.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

* WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE <i>Treble</i>	* HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 5
JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 2	* RICHARD F. ROE ... 6
* EDWIN LLOYD ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
* ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	* KENNETH A. ROE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS MARGARET REYNOLDS <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 7
HARRY GOODGER ... 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.
Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Charles Caudwell.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK BRADLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	* WILLIAM F. VARNAM ... 5
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
EDMUND C. CHASTY ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.
* First peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.
At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 5
ALBERT RELFE ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
CHARLES BRASIER ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	HAROLD HINSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and 6th, also on the anniversary of the tenor man's wedding day.

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

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 15.	Tenor 16 cwt.
RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 5
ERNEST WILSON ... 2	* WALTER H. RAXTER ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
ALLEN MORGAN ... 4	† JAMES F. NASH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. Quar-terly peal for the branch.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Three Hours.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

* TOM COLLINS ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY KILBY ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 6
* WILFRED G. WILSON ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.
* First peal in the method. Mr. Turner has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, October 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.	Tenor 8 cwt.
* P. GEORGE GOLDER ... <i>Treble</i>	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4
* ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
HAROLD SMITH ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. G. KEY.
* First peal of Minor and first in the method. A birthday compliment to H. Howell. First peal on the bells since they were recast.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
* MISS ALISON M. GODDARD <i>Treble</i>	† CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... 4
WALTER M. GODDARD ... 2	† W. ARTHUR CROWDER ... 5
JAMES W. GODDARD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal 'inside.' Mr. W. M. Goddard's 50th peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of Plain Bob, 120 of Canterbury Pleasure, six of Grandsire and six 240's of Pitman's and five of Morris' arrangements.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS BEAVER ... <i>Treble</i>	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... 2	JAMES T. RANDLE ... 5
ALBERT E. JONES ... 3	FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by I. P. HYETT.
A compliment to A. E. Jones on his birthday.

BARNBY, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
* JACK VESSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD HARVEY ... 4
ARTHUR MULVEY ... 2	THOMAS VESSEY ... 5
HAROLD DENMAN ... 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.
* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the harvest festival.

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RUSSELL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 6 six-scores of Plain Bob and 36 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings).

*SAMUEL E. WEBB Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 4
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 5
HARRY V. PARDOW 3	JOHN H. D. RATCLIFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by N. G. LEECH.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, comprising 720 each of: (1) Hereward Bob and Double Bob; (2) Thelwall Bob and Childwall Bob; (3) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. J. PARKER ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
MISS MARIE R. CROSS 2	R. GORDON CROSS 5
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal. First peal in twelve methods by all the band and first in twelve methods on the bells.

THORNFORD, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

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 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. CHUBB Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
HAROLD C. R. VINE 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 5
E. T. PAUL FIELD 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

Twenty-fifth peal together by ringers of 2nd and 4th and by ringers of 3rd and 4th. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from five and 11 minutes quicker than the only previous peal on them, in which the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 took part. Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells from 3 to 5. After the peal the band was very hospitably entertained at the Grange by Mr. and Miss Weld-Smith.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 4
HARRY BAKER 2	*WILLIAM WENBAN 5
*PERCY PAGE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal in four methods. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung, after meeting two short for Treble Bob Major, to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the first peal for the above association, rung at this church on October 31st, 1881 (Bob Major). Also a birthday peal for Mr. C. H. Sone. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 50th peal for the association, rung in 49 towers, conducted 26, and 150th tower in the county in which he has rung.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*JOHN MOULE Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 4
*HARRY KING 2	*GEORGE DAWSON 5
*PHILIP H. AVEY 3	*ALFRED PRIOR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

CALVERHALL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb.

*REGINALD W. CHESTERS ... Treble	FREDERICK PRICE 4
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENBURST.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, cast by Taylor and Co., 1879. A birthday compliment to W. J. Chester and E. V. Rodenhurst.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure, Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Single Court and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	JACK MILLHOUSE 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 of Kent Treble Bob and 1,440 of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK ROLFE Treble	HARRY J. MEE 4
CHARLES FREDERICK MEE ... 2	EDGAR RIVERS 5
LESLIE RIVERS 3	CHARLES MEE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Hon. Vera Churchman (daughter of Lord Woodbridge) and Mr. Peter William Barnett.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, four of St. Simon's, 12 of Plain Bob, 10 of Stedman and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 23 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
HAROLD SMITH 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
NORMAN G. LEECH 3	*ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles in five methods for all.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SERVICE TO BE HELD AT ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET.

A quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Romford on Saturday, October 24th, and was fairly well attended. Touches were rung in various methods during the afternoon, and a service was held, conducted by the Vicar, who, in his address, gave the ringers a hearty welcome and spoke of the necessity of pulling together.

Tea was partaken of at the new dance hall close to the church, to which about 25 sat down, and afterwards ringing for 7 o'clock service took place. At the business meeting, held in the belfry, the proposed dinner of the society was discussed, and it was decided to hold it on March 13th. A letter was read by the Master (Mr. G. Cross) from the Vicar and Church Council of Shoreditch inviting the members to a ringers' service on Sunday, November 8th, at 11 a.m., and another from the Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, suggesting a service for ringers on Sunday, December 13th, to be held in the evening. Notice of this service appears in the advertisement columns.

Two new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. E. J. Butler, proposed by the Master and seconded by Mr. A. Pye, for all the trouble he had taken to arrange the meeting at such short notice. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist for their kindness in making the service a success were also passed. Ringing in various methods afterwards continued till 9 p.m.

UNION TRIPLES. ITS ORIGIN AND HISTORY.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

Union Triples is an off-shoot of Grandsire and this is how it came about. In 1718, John Garthon, of Norwich, after 'long study and practice,' composed the first tune peal as Grandsire Triples. But he did not take the plain course as the unit and try and extend it to a five-thousand by means of bobs, as a modern composer would have done. What he did was to take the six-score he knew as Grandsire Doubles and apply that to seven bells, using the system of hunts which was then the recognised plan of composing extents, and had come down from the Plain Changes.

Stedman had thoroughly explained this system, and Garthon probably had the 'Tintinnologia' and certainly the 'Campanologia.' He found that in Doubles a bob is called at every lead end except when the half-hunt (the fifth) is Before. On seven bells that gave him a three-lead course in which the half-hunt (the sixth) dodges in 6-7 down and 4-5 up, and produces a five-course block in which the quarter-hunt (the seventh) completes its revolution. Neither on five nor on seven bells does the half-hunt go into the hunt, but the conditions for composition by hunts are fulfilled as they are not fulfilled in the plain course. So far all was plain sailing; but now he had to fix the path of the quarter hunt (the fifth). He must not interfere with the bobs when the half-hunt is dodging in 4-5 or 6-7, and he must not call a bob when that bell is before, for that would at once make the peal false. So he introduced a fresh sort of bob, which he called a Hic, in which fifth's place is made when the treble is leading at handstroke. With nine of these Hics, used exactly as the bobs are used in the Standard 720 of Plain Bob Minor, he joined together six of the five-course blocks producing a quarter peal. But the quarter hunt only fell into half its full number of positions, and so a complementary quarter peal was necessary in which the quarter hunt fell into the missing positions; and these two quarter peals, with the

234567	1	2	3	543267	1	2	3
247563	—	H	—	537264	—	H	—
273564	—	H	—	574263	—	H	—
734265	—	—	—	743562	—	—	—
345762	—	—	—	432765	—	—	—
452367	—	—	—	325467	—	—	—
427365	—	H	—	257364	—	—	—
275463	—	—	—	274365	—	H	—
753264	—	—	—	745263	—	—	—
534762	—	—	—	453762	—	—	—
342567	—	—	—	532467	—	—	—

Each twice repeated.

two corresponding ones with the changes out-of-course, gave him the extent of the rows. To link the four quarter-peals together he used a Q Set consisting of two Hics and two doubles made alternately at the ends of the quarter peals.

31	245	67
13	425	76
31	452	67
13	452	76
31	425	67
13	245	76
31	254	67
13	254	76

The peal has three sorts of calls, and after some years it was superseded and became obsolete. Men who knew nothing about it began to despise it as false and worthless, and even in modern times after it has been rediscovered and printed, it is usually looked upon as a crude and immature production. But it is anything but crude. It is a very fine composition, worthy to be ranked with Holt's ten-part and Thurstans' Stedman Triples; and it did more than any peal except Annable's Bob Major to influence and develop early composition. It has three sorts of calls if we look at it as a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which the plain course is the unit; but that is not how Garthon and the early ringers looked at it. He had to extend Grandsire Doubles, using hunts (originally Grandsire Doubles was a particular six-score, not a method with plain course and bobs and singles), and according to his promise, the regular succession of two bobbed leads and one plain on seven bells could not be altered. They were the method, and his plain course was really the block of 210 rows. The Hic was his bob, and the two Doubles were the minimum number required to change the nature of the rows. W. D. Croft, in his notebook, gives what is evidently a copy of a manuscript by Garthon and there it is stated that, 'we never call anything but the extreams (i.e. the Hics) in this peal.'

In less than three weeks after the performance at Norwich, the Union Scholars rang the peal at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East. The ringer of the seventh was Robert Baldwin, who apparently was the conductor. He tried to simplify Garthon's composition by reducing the number of different calls used, and as he could not get rid of the Hics or the Grandsire bobs, he got rid of the Grandsire plain leads. What he did in effect was to treat the B block as the plain course and the Hic as the bob, though in practice the names were reversed, the Hic being considered as the plain lead. At the time, and until quite recently, men did not understand the distinction between a plain lead and a bobbed lead. Annable more than once says, 'you can have it which way you please.' In Union Triples the bob making bells are the bells in 3-4-5 at the handstroke of the treble at the so-called plain lead.

By means of one Grandsire bob and two Hics, Baldwin obtained a three-lead course, which fixed the path of the half-hunt, and a block of five courses (210 changes), which fixed the path of the quarter-hunt. This block he extended to a peal by using the same composition as in Garthon's peal.

Following their custom, the Union Scholars called the new peal after their own name, and, though so far as we know, they did not ring it (at least not the full five-thousand), the method had a considerable amount of popularity in London during the first half of the 18th century. Annable called the first recorded peal on February 17th, 1728, at St. Lawrence Jewry for the College Youths, but as it was only claimed as the first in that tower, it is probable that others had been already rung, which are now forgotten.

The method was also rung to some extent as nine bells, and the Cumberlands scored the first peal of Caters (6,410) on December 26th, 1786, at Shoreditch. Baldwin used the same Double as Garthon had used, but ringers preferred one made at back-stroke in 2-3, when the treble is leading full, after the manner of the common Grandsire single; and using this, some unknown man produced a very simple and regular 5,040 of Triples which is given in the 'Clavis.'

After a while the method fell into disuse, but it was revived to some extent in the closing years of the 19th century, mainly through the influence of men like C. D. P. Davies, A. B. Carpenter, W. H. Thompson and J. J. Parker. The interest these men took in the method was due to its composition, not on account of any particular merits in actual ringing.

During the controversies which followed the appointment of the Methods Committee in 1899, it was condemned as unsymmetrical, and is little rung at present.

A good deal of heat was generated during the controversy over Union Triples, especially between such doughty protagonists as C. D. P. Davies and H. L. James, and, as usual, the truth was not wholly on one side or the other. The method is unsymmetrical only in its so-called plain course; the real plain course (the B block) is perfectly symmetrical, and so does not offend against the rule. But it consists of only three leads, and there is another rule which says that a method must have as many leads in its plain course as there are working bells. Is this a sound and necessary rule? Certainly it is for Minor and Major, but I am not sure if it is for Triples and Royal. My opinion in this matter has developed during the years, as you can see by comparing the Methods Report, which I wrote in

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Danbury on Saturday, October 24th, 42 members and friends attending from 13 towers, viz., Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Ford End, Danbury, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Writtle, Little Waltham, Sudbury and Colchester.

The association's form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. S. Hopkirk), who gave a very interesting address. The lesson was read by the Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips), and the singing accompanied by the organist, Mr. Beckett.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, served by friends of the local ringers, the Rector presiding.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, it was decided to hold the annual meeting, which will be at Great Baddow, on Saturday, November 28th.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of the bells and for taking the service, to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, and to the organist, was proposed by the Master and carried with applause.

The Rector, in reply, welcomed the ringers to Danbury, and hoped they would soon come again.

Handbell ringing followed and further ringing at the tower, and the bells being lowered at 9 p.m. brought another enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

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1903, with the preface to the 'Collection of Triples Methods,' which I wrote in 1935. But that is not the real plain course.

On the whole I think that Union Triples does comply with necessary rules. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Is Union Triples a method which has proved itself worthy in actual practice? Mr. Goldsmith, who has rung it, says it has, and I, who have never struck a blow of it, cannot gainsay him. But I should hardly think it is in the same class as Oxford Bob and Double Court, and on the whole I think we did well to leave it out of the 'Collection of Triples Methods.'

[Union Triples was the subject of an article 'For Beginners' in our issue of August 14th.]

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BELL ROPES MUFFLES, &c.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to recast the peal of eight at Glodwick, Oldham.

Mr. Albert Smithers, a ringer at Dunsfold, Surrey, since 1892, when the three old bells were recast and three new ones added, died last week. He had been a member of the choir for many years. He was a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and formerly of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild before the splitting up of the diocese.

Mr. F. E. Pitman is in Edward Surgical Ward, Farnborough Hospital, Kent, where he has been operated on for appendicitis. He is making excellent progress and hopes to be able to handle a rope again before Christmas. This is the first time he has missed Sunday service ringing since he started ringing nine years ago at Southampton.

The bells at Ilchester Church, Somerset, are to be restored and rehanging in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The dedication of the bells at Halberton, Devon, is to take place on November 21st, instead of the 14th as at first announced.

The marriage took place in London last week of Mr. James E. Davis and Miss E. E. Hardcastle, who are making their home at 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham. Mr. Davis has, for more than 40 years, been prominent in London ringing circles, and Miss Hardcastle is a well-known member of the Ladies' Guild. Their many friends will extend to them cordial congratulations and good wishes.

SHOULD LADIES RING WITH HATS AND COATS ON?

A SUGGESTION TO THE LADIES' GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I cannot see how a lady can ring comfortably with a coat on any more than a man can. There is no law against a female removing her coat in church, but there is against removing her hat.

St. Paul's words in I. Cor., xi., 5, 'But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head,' has been extended to mean, she must in no wise enter a place of worship with uncovered head, whether praying or prophesying or not, or whether a service is proceeding or not, or whether ringing or not, as a belfry is considered part of the church.

The difficulty with the ladies is, their fashions in hats are always changing. Sometimes a wide-brimmed hat or a Marina which is fatal to good ringing, or one of those charming little helmet hats of a few years ago, which were ideal for ringing, and very becoming withal.

If ringing ladies would adopt a special ringing hat, something like those brimless helmet hats, or a beret, the problem would be solved at once. They need not be worn out of doors, but folded up and carried in a handbag.

A specially designed ringing hat for use by the Ladies' Guild would be on a par with the old school tie.

J. MAURICE TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton, Northants.

BELLRINGERS' SERVICE.

A HAGBOURNE COMMEMORATION.

The bellringers' annual service at Hagbourne, Berks, was held on Sunday, on the ninth anniversary of the dedication of the bell frame. After the service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): F. H. Abbott 1, H. K. White 2, W. V. Webb 3, H. Bishop 4, J. Sawyer 5, R. G. Rice 6, A. H. Webb (conductor) 7, E. Sawyer 8.

Hagbourne has a fine peal of bells, and the local newspaper, which publishes the following verses, says it has been authoritatively stated that the bells of Hagbourne are the second finest peal in England.

When good Queen Bess was on the throne these bells of ours were cast,
By unknown founders, working in a day that's long since past.
They graved them with the maker's name and many an ancient rune,
But the hand of God was with them when they chipped them for the tune.

He knew that through the ages, in the spot where they were hung,
Their voice would be His messenger whenever they were rung,
And if at times the pulpit should appear to lose its power,
For ever pure and true would be the message from the tower.

The villages that lie around, they boast about their peal,
And never for a moment own the jealousy they feel,
But they listen—how they listen—when the distant music swells,
And old and young together say, 'There go the Hagbourne bells.'

Yes, the Hagbourne bells are ringing, there's a wonder in their song,
For other things have altered as the ages pass along,
But who can doubt the future, and who can be afraid?
For the Hagbourne bells are ringing as the day when they were made.

FIRST 720 OF CAMBRIDGE.

At the Church of SS. James and Basil, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Sunday, November 1st, for evensong, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: Stanley Walker 1, T. W. Crowe 2, N. Fairman 3, D. Reay 4, K. Arthur (conductor) 5, P. Wishart 6, R. Crosby 7. First 720 in the method by all and on the bells.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL TOWER.

PROVIDING FOR WORLD'S HEAVIEST
RINGING PEAL.

Cirder Foundation Like Railway Bridges.

BY E. H. LEWIS.

A number of members of the Lancashire Association and their friends, who had come to Liverpool for the annual dinner on Saturday, availed themselves of the opportunity to see the progress that has been made with the central tower of Liverpool Cathedral.

The party was met by the clerk of the works and were first taken through the drawing office. Here a sectional model was displayed, showing the arrangement for hanging the bells. Then they climbed 179 feet to the floor of the ringing room. On the way up and on arrival one was impressed with the immensity of the building. The tower is 75 feet square inside. In such a tower it would be possible to hang on one level twenty-five rings of eight bells each with a 14 cwt. tenor, or sixteen rings of ten bells each with a 25 cwt. tenor! The weight of the tenor of the ringing peal is to be four tons and a 10 ton bourdon bell is to be allowed for. So very special arrangements have to be made to support the 16 tons of swinging bells of the peal with so large a span.

The crown of the vault is about 170 feet from the floor, about the same height as that of Boston Stump. Clear of the vault by a few feet are the bottom edges of the huge girders that are to carry the load of bells. These four girders are trussed steel structures, placed in pairs diagonally across the tower. The ends rest on other shorter girders which cross the angles of the tower. They look like two full size railway bridges, each with twenty feet clear track-way, about 85 feet in span and twenty feet deep, interlacing where they cross. Like railway bridges the ends are mounted on rollers to allow for expansion. The twenty foot square at the intersection of the two bridges will ultimately be the ringing room.

Over the girders will be a floor and ten feet higher another floor, supported from the girders by reinforced concrete pillars. On this second floor will be the 'bell-frame,' which is not a frame in the ordinary sense of the word, but a series of wedge-shaped concrete pedestals arranged in a circle. These pedestals will each carry two bearings and all the bells are to swing in radial planes—that is, towards and away from the centre of the tower. All the wheels are to be roped on the inside of the wheels so that the ropes will fall in a perfect circle in the ringing room.

At present the tower walls are a few feet above the tops of the girders, and ultimately they are to reach a height of over 300 feet.

The general impression gained was that everything connected with the bells had been very carefully worked out, that they should not be more difficult to ring than St. Paul's, and that, like St. Paul's, it will not be a tower for beginners.

Some of the party expressed regret that the lift was not yet installed, but they were all very grateful to Mr. Claude Davis for making the visit possible, and to the clerk of the works for his kindness in meeting them.

SILENT DRAYTON BELLS.

PARISHIONERS PETITION FOR THEM TO BE RUNG.

The bells of Drayton Parish Church, Berks, associated so intimately with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was Vicar there for many years, have been silent for some time past, owing to lack of ringers. They were heard again last Saturday, when visiting ringers rang a peal of Stedman Triples, but of service ringing there is now none.

In the past, appeals for ringers have been made, but with little result. Fifteen parishioners have now petitioned the Vicar (the Rev. B. J. Littlewood) to arrange to have the bells rung, but the problem is one for which the Vicar is at present unable to find a solution. In their memorial the parishioners say:

'We, the undersigned parishioners and worshippers at Drayton Church, are anxious to know if you will arrange to have the bells rung and chimed as in the past. We think it lamentable that such a beautiful peal of bells, hung for the use of the parish, should be silent.' Those signing the memorial state that the following are generally admitted facts: First, that the bells of Drayton Church used to be rung and chimed regularly for every church service. Second, the bells are a beautiful peal, known far and wide among campanologists for their full tone and easy handling. Third, these same bells are now mostly silent; 'it is lamentable, and more than lamentable, a standing witness to the want of energy and enthusiasm of possible young bellringers in the parish, a sad reflection upon the spirit and the motives of the present day, when compared with the past.'

The memorialists go on to point out that both in 1932 and 1933 appeals were made in the Parish Magazine for volunteers, but that there was a very feeble, half-hearted response, though experienced instructors were found who would have been more than willing to teach. They also made reference to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, some time Vicar of Drayton, who was the first man to ring in over one thousand peals, and whose example did much to popularise ringing and introduce change ringing in out-of-the-way places.

The Rev. B. J. Littlewood wrote in July in the magazine: 'It is a sad reflection to know that the Drayton Church bells, which were once the pride and joy of its expert bellringing Vicar, no longer make an appeal to the possible church bellringers of Drayton of the present day. Sunday after Sunday of late the belfry has been silent, save for the momentary chiming of one bell, announcing the hour of divine service. Eight beautiful and far-famed bells hang in the church tower waiting to be rung. It is almost impossible to believe that an equal number of persons from the younger generation in Drayton cannot yet be found who are willing to come forward and learn the art of bellringing.' He extended an invitation to those who are included to do so. The position still stands the same to-day.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ARMLEY RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

The October meeting was held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, and was very well attended. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Felkirk, Guiseley, Edinburgh, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Howarth, Idle, Lindley, Low Moor, Pudsey, Rothwell, Ripon, Rotherham, Selby, Sheffield, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company. There were visitors from Brighouse, and Mr. R. Deal, of London, was also present. An Edinburgh member, Mr. J. Marshall, came from Chesterfield, where he is at present working.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 7.30 p.m., when the business meeting was held, with the president in the chair.

On the motion of Mr. R. H. Vigor, seconded by Mr. W. Barton, four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield), G. Armitage (Pudsey), S. Longbottom (Queensbury) and H. Edwards (Low Moor).

The usual vote of thanks was accorded, proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior, seconded by Mr. R. H. Vigor.

The President then spoke of the record of service of Mr. Joseph Thackray, of Christ Church, Armley. When the church was built Mr. Thackray was one of the first children to be baptised in the new church, and during November, 1936, Mr. Thackray completes 50 years of ringing at this church.

It was resolved that the secretary should send the society's congratulations to Mr. Thackray.

The next meeting is due to be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 28th. The Ladies' Guild (Northern Section) asked that this should be made a joint meeting, and no objection was voiced to this arrangement.

THANKSGIVING DAY RINGING IN VANCOUVER.

BACK TO THE BELFRY AT 73.

On Canada's Thanksgiving Day, October 12th, the bells of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Rosary (R.C.) were rung to a number of touches of Grandsire Triples, including a quarter-peal, from Parker's Twelve-part: A. C. Limpus 1, Arthur King 2, Reginald Pitman 3, W. Sampson 4, Matthew G. Bennett 5, A. B. Lomas (conductor) 6, J. Watts 7, Tom Greenaway 8. Mr. J. Watts, who is now 73 years of age, has just joined the band after an absence from ringing of some 25 years. In shorter touches Mr. Bond, now over 74, handled the tenor well.

BELL TONES.

LECTURE BY SIR WILLIAM BRAGG.

At a conversazione held at the Institute of the Royal Society of Great Britain last Friday evening, Sir William Bragg gave another of his popular lectures on 'Sound.' He took bells and their tones as his specific subject, and illustrated it in a simple and most interesting way by the use of various modern scientific apparatus. The leading exhibits, however, were two bells of about 5 cwt. each, which had been kindly lent by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and Messrs. Taylor and Co. respectively.

The lecturer briefly described the tones which he produced from tuning forks, gongs, Chladni's plates, etc. Turning to the bells, he then elicited and amplified, through the microphone, their chief tones, viz., the hum-note, fundamental, nominal, third ('tierce') and fifth ('quint'). In describing these he spoke of the extraordinary blend of sounds (often very complex) which unite to form that familiar bell tone which reaches our ears. As an instance of the difficulty of the subject he said that it seemed there are certain tones heard by the ear which have yet to be located on the bell, if indeed they exist there at all.

Sir William then explained on the piano and by musical staves on a blackboard the two accepted methods of tuning—the 'Simpson,' with its minor third exemplified in the two bells they had there that evening, and the pre-Simpson, with its major third but flattened seventh, illustrated by a gramophone record of the great bell at Cologne. He remarked, in striking this seventh, that it was impossible to get the proper value from a piano of such tones.

In conclusion, a brief reference to the method of tuning a bell was made, illustrated by a model apparatus, and the audience also heard records of a 'ring' of eight bells and of the famous Lavenham tenor.

The distinguished company present listened with close attention and pleasure to the well-known lecturer, who was heartily applauded at the end. Sir William Bragg, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said that they were all much indebted to the bellfounders and others who had helped to make the lecture a success.

Among those who were present were Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNGSTERS AT CLERKENWELL MEETING.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday last, proved an attraction, despite the wet weather. Punctually at three o'clock the bells were raised, and until tea time were kept going to many methods. It was regretted that the indisposition of the Vicar prevented the advertised service being held.

An excellent tea, prepared by Miss G. Bailey and other local ringers, was much enjoyed, after which the usual business meeting took place. Two new members were elected, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields chosen for the next meeting on December 5th.

As regards the special method to be practised, it was suggested by Mr. Goodship that Cambridge Court Bob he given another trial, it being held that one practice was insufficient to get a thorough grasp of any method. After a discussion, it was agreed that Cambridge Court Bob should be the special method for the next meeting.

Mr. Goodship welcomed the Master of the association, Mr. A. W. Coles, who was present for the first time after his illness.—Mr. Coles, who was received with applause, said that he felt much better, and trusted that the cure would be permanent enough for him to earn for himself a few blisters!

Mr. T. J. Lock explained the absence of the vice-president, who had a long-standing peal engagement at his home tower, where he was entertaining visitors. This was accepted by the members present.

The hon. secretary was asked to convey the sympathies of the meeting to Mr. Henry Folkard, of Ealing, who is seriously ill.

The chairman, Mr. A. W. Coles, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Parker, for the use of the bells; also to Mr. E. W. Sawbridge (churchwarden) and Mr. R. W. Rixon; and to Miss Bailor and friends for preparing such an excellent tea. This was carried with applause.

The bells were afterwards kept going—the new method, Cambridge Court Bob, being much in demand—until after 8 o'clock. Upwards of 40 members and friends took part in the ringing during the afternoon and evening a feature of the meeting being the large number of enthusiastic youngsters present.

NEW ALRESFORD'S NEW BELL

On Sunday, October 25th, New Alresford bells, which have been rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the treble having been recast, were reopened. The treble was rededicated by the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Robertson, at the close of the morning service. A few rounds were rung by the local band after the dedication, and call changes at the close of the service.

On Sunday, November 15th, a special thanksgiving service will be held at 11 a.m., when the Bishop of Winchester will preach. The bells will be available from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FARNHAM DISTRICT AT YORKTOWN.

A pleasant gathering of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, when, despite a drizzling day, a fair number of members were present to try the newly-restored bells. On the previous Sunday the ring of eight, tuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., had been dedicated, and those who attended the meeting found a much improved peal which went entirely to their liking.

The very bright service, which was attended by choirmen and boys, who led the singing, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. T. Waithman), who, in his address, spoke of the lessons of All Saints' Day.

The Vicar presided over tea in the Parish Room and was supported by Mrs. Waithman, the Guild treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett), the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), the district hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer), and members from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Leatherhead, Seale and Yorktown.

At the meeting which followed three new members of the Bagshot band were elected to the Guild (Messrs. Welton, Briant and Wigmore), and a vote of thanks was accorded to the organist and choir, who were guests of the Guild at tea, on the motion of the district hon. secretary.

Mr. P. Eldridge proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local band and congratulated the church on the completion of the bell restoration scheme.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to hear the opinions which had been expressed by ringers of the improvement effected in the bells and the success of the restoration. He had been impressed by the number of people, and particularly sick people, who were unable to come to church, who had expressed their pleasure at hearing the bells once again. The bells had been much missed during their enforced silence. The sum of £383 had been expended on the scheme and they had raised £303 12s. 8d. They hoped to clear off the remaining £79 7s. 4d. by the end of the year (applause). He understood that the steeplekeener would now be almost out of a job, as far as looking after the bells was concerned (laughter). He (the Vicar) said to the bellhanger, 'I suppose the bells will want greasing sometimes' and the bellhanger replied, 'Yes, about once every ten years' (laughter). The Vicar added, amid renewed laughter, that he asked the bellhanger to send him a postcard as a reminder when the time came round for the greasing to be done.

A 'retiring' collection for the bell restoration fund, amounting to 14s. was taken.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major.

RECTOR'S VIEW OF RINGERS' DUTY.

'ACT OF WORSHIP' TO RING BELLS FOR SERVICE.

The Southern Division of the Sussex County Association held a quarterly meeting at Uckfield. About 24 members and visitors were present.

The Rector (Canon J. C. le P. Hatten) gave an interesting and unusual address on the subject of the ringers' duty to the church, in the course of which he thanked the ringers for their services. He stressed the great amount of time they were required to give up if they rang twice on a Sunday and also attended the church service. He made clear that although ringers were always most welcome to stay to the service after ringing, having done their duty in the belfry, no one could take exception to their leaving the church afterwards. In his opinion, it is just as great an act of worship to ring the bells as to attend the service, and it is unreasonable to expect ringers to give up such a great deal of time as attendance at two ringings and two services would entail.

The Rector also presided at the business meeting, which followed tea. J. Bently, R. West and G. Stoner, of Burgess Hill, were elected ringing members, and the Rector an honorary member.

A vote of thanks for the use of the bells and for the address was heartily endorsed by the members present.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise, several ringers scoring their first success in a new method.

VANISHED BELLS TO BE REPLACED.

One hundred and twenty years ago the old church in Taynton, Oxfordshire, had a ring of six bells. Then two mysteriously disappeared after being sent to a firm to be recast and have never been replaced. However, the Parochial Church Council are now obliged to put in a new bell frame, and, if enough money is subscribed (£260), they will replace the missing pair.

Half the necessary funds have already been contributed and further contributions should be sent to the Rev. G. R. Parkinson (Vicar of Great and Little Barrington with Taynton).

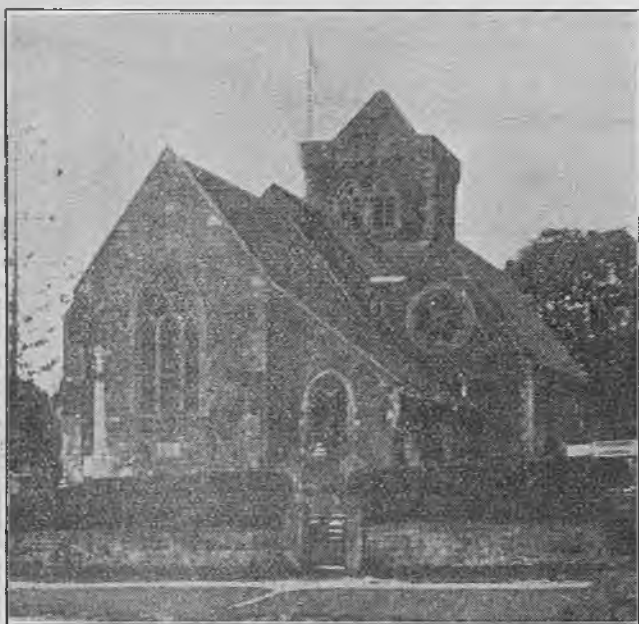
LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 1st, for service, a quarter-peal of Minor (790 New London Pleasure, 360 Woodbine and 180 Oxford Bob): W. Williams 1. R. Williams 2. A. Woolston 3. A. Phillips 4. W. F. Lawrence 5. S. Carter (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to R. Williams, a very promising young ringer, who, much to the regret of all, is leaving the village.

SURREY VILLAGE BELL SCHEME

RINGER'S GENEROUS GIFT TO FUND.

The bells of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chiddingfold, one of the most picturesque of Surrey villages, have been recast and slightly increased in weight. The old ring of eight, cast by no fewer than seven different founders, between circa 1480 and 1894, were, as may be imagined, a very 'mixed' lot, and as the frame, built originally in the seventeenth century for five bells and subsequently added to, first for the addition of a sixth bell and then for two further trebles, had become decrepit and showed signs of having been attacked by the death-watch beetle, opportunity has been taken to make a 'clean sweep' and instal new bells in a new frame.

The work has been carried out in a highly satisfactory manner by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and Chiddingfold can now boast of a very tuneful ring, which should prove a joy to ringers and villagers alike. The old 5th bell was cast by Roger Landon at Wokingham, about the year 1480, and bears the inscription, 'Sancta Trinitas. Ora Pro Nobis,' together with the 'R.L.' founder's shield and the 'Lion's Head' foundry stamp. On account of its antiquity and antiquarian interest, this bell has been preserved and is hung 'dead' to be used as a minute bell. It is replaced in the peal by a new bell, cast 'To the glorious memory of the reign of King George V., 1910-



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, CHIDDINGFOLD.

1936.' The other seven bells have been recast and by additional metal the peal has been raised from a total weight of 46 cwt. to 50½ cwt., the tenor being now 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp, against the 10 cwt. 3 qr. in G of the former bell. The new bells are tuned on the five-tone harmonic principle and are hung in cast iron framework, on a double foundation of steel girders, which span the tower in both directions and thus help to tie the walls together. The whole of the girder work has been cased in concrete and looks an extremely massive job. All the latest improvements have been embodied in the fittings, which include cast iron headstocks, ball bearings and ball bearing pulleys.

IN MEMORY OF ZEEBRUGGE HERO.

A large portion of the cost of the restoration has been borne by Mr. E. O. C. Halahan, himself a ringer and a member of an old Chiddingfold family. Two of the new bells have been inscribed in memory of his parents, the late Capt. Henry Crosby Halahan, D.S.O., R.N., and Mrs. Halahan. Capt. Halahan was killed in action at Zeebrugge Mole in the valiant St. George's Day episode of 1918. One of the other bells has been given by Mrs. Tate, of Chiddingfold, in memory of her husband, the late Mr. A. H. Tate.

The villagers of Chiddingfold filled their church almost to overflowing on the occasion of the dedication of the new bells on Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. J. Gray and Mr. H. C. Nash, D.S.M., represented the Zeebrugge 1918 Association. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin), the lesson was read by Capt. Crispin, R.N., and the ceremony was performed by Bishop Golding-Bird (Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Guildford). With the Rector and churchwardens the Bishop proceeded to the tower at the west end, where Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing the

founders) presented the rope attached to the pre-Reformation bell to Mr. R. J. B. Osborn (Rector's warden), who, in turn, handed it to the Bishop, requesting him to rededicate the restored peal of bells. The customary prayers followed, and the Bishop then delivered the rope to the Rector, committing the bells to him as a sacred trust. The Rector then chimed the bell, and, as the procession returned to the chancel, the peal rang out in rounds, rung by the local band, Mr. Oliver Halahan taking part.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of the importance of worship, prayer and praise. The primary call of the bells, he said, was 'Come, come, come!' and England would never be a really happy country until it found its way back to the altar.

After the service the opening touch on the bells was rung by Chiddingfold, Haslemere, Godalming and Guildford members of the Diocesan Guild, and afterwards touches were rung by many visiting ringers.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

At a largely attended social gathering the Rector said the churchwardens had asked him to express the gratitude of the whole parish to those who by subscriptions had helped to the realisation of their peal of bells. Where all had given so freely he would mention no names except that of Mr. Oliver Halahan (applause). He had given most generously and on such a scale that it must have involved considerable sacrifice. It was to his initiative and generosity that they owed the achievement of their ambition in regard to the bells. They would remember him and his gallant father and devoted mother in memory of whom he had made the gift. The Rector thanked Mr. Hughes for the craftsmanship and skill of his firm, and thanked Major Hesse, of Haslemere, the Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, for his advice and guidance. He thought Major Hesse would agree that the diocese of Guildford had another peal of bells of which it might well be proud (applause). They were glad to know that someone from their own parish (Mr. Carter) had been associated with the work in the concreting of the girders.

The Rector announced that the Bells Fund now stood at £525 17s. 6d., of which £10 16s. 8d. was the collection in church that evening. The collection included £1 5s. 9d. given by the children of the day schools. The churchwardens had asked him to stress the point that the money for the bells had been collected without anything in the way of an appeal, beyond a general appeal in the magazine. There had been no begging.

Mr. Osborn, on behalf of Chiddingfold churchpeople, presented Bishop Golding-Bird with a crook and a walking stick, both ash, grown and made in Chiddingfold. He thanked the Assistant Bishop for his visit.

Speeches were also made by the Rural Dean (the Rev. E. J. Seymour, of Hambledon) and Bishop Golding-Bird, who thanked the people of Chiddingfold for their gifts.

The ringers took their share in the proceedings by ringing a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

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The first peal was rung at West Wycombe on September 5th, 1936.

FOR BEGINNERS.

THE VALUE OF RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

The Minor methods which we suggested you should figure out for yourselves last week were: (1) The method with 'places across the treble' only, Double Court; (2) the same method with, in addition, 2nd's place when the treble leads, Hereward Bob; (3) the method with 'places across the treble' plus 5th's when the treble lies a whole pull behind, London Bob; and (4) this method, with 2nd's place added, when the treble leads, Double Oxford Bob.

If you drew the diagrams and marked the places where the treble crosses the working bell, you can write out your own tables if you wish to learn the method by the rule of 'passing the treble,' but there should not be any real need. The diagram is the best way of learning a method.

In ringing any 'treble-dominated' method, the position of the treble is a guide of infinite value. Even the experts, who can ring a peal in a Surprise method, without having seen a row of figures of it and need only the diagram, rely quite a lot on where they pass or dodge with the treble. The treble is a finger post all the time.

To begin with, of course, you may not see where the treble is until you actually come to strike over it, but careful observation will in time enable you to see exactly what its position is, even if it is at the other end of the bells. Thus there are many ringers who, if they are not sure where next to dodge in, say Grandsire or Bob Major, just keep an eye on the treble to see when it leads.

The point we want to emphasise is that whether you ring your methods by memorising separately each piece of work after you pass the treble, or whether you carry in your mind the whole outline of the work as shown in the diagram, the places where you pass the treble should be thoroughly learned.

There is this difference between the two methods of memorising a method. If you ring solely by 'passing the treble,' you may not be quite sure where you will next meet it until you actually come upon it, then if you are not quite certain of your own position you may get hopelessly lost. If you ring by diagram, with the position of the treble definitely marked, you will at least know where to expect it. If you all ring by passing the treble and the treble gets out, you all get out; if you ring by diagram and the treble goes wrong, you can probably put him right.

Ringings by diagram has this further advantage. You have the whole course in your mind's eye, and, as it were, can look far enough ahead down your path to see exactly where you are going before you come to the actual work. If you rely entirely upon a descriptive table (if we may so call it), in which you have to wait until you meet the treble before you know what next to do, your vision is very largely restricted.

Try, therefore, to learn your new methods by diagram. You will find in all of them that one half is the reverse of the other—which substantially reduces your task—while in some cases it resolves into four similar quarters turned about, either upside down, or back to front.

Take Double Oxford as an example. You will find that you have a three-pull dodge on the front before leading. Then, after making 2nd's, you have a three-pull dodge after leading. One is the reverse of the other. The same thing happens at the back before and after the whole pulls behind, with 5th's place sandwiched in between.

The work in 3-4 consists of a dodge, places across the treble and a dodge. The places coming down are the reverse of those going up.

Thus, with very little effort, you can grasp the details of the work in the course, and all you have to do is to commit their sequence to memory. You have a help in knowing where to look for the treble by the fact that if you meet the treble before a certain piece of work in one half of the course, you will meet it in the corresponding place after the reversed version of the work in the other half of the course. If you meet it, going one way, in the centre of a piece of work, as you do in the place-making in Double Oxford, you will meet it in the centre of the reverse piece of work going the opposite direction.

Study your diagrams, therefore, and ring your methods by their aid. When you have drawn your 'graph,' mark on it the place where each bell starts. Learn this as well and you will find it a great aid to something more advanced later on. 'Tables' do not lend themselves anything like as well to this knowledge as do diagrams.

A NEW PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE.

A COMPOSITION FROM NEW ZEALAND.

The following interesting peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung on Saturday for the first time, at Hyde, Cheshire, conducted by John Worth. It is by Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, an old Cheshire ringer, and contains the 6th its extent at home at twelve course ends, and in 5th's place for the other seven course ends.

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53462 — 1	54326 In & 5th's	52436 In & 5th's
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THIRTY-THREE YEARS AS TOWERKEEPER.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR ANSTEY RINGER.

After a long and painful illness, patiently borne, the death took place on October 25th, at 38, Bradgate Road, Anstey, Leicestershire, of Mr. Alfred Cufflin. For about 33 years Mr. Cufflin was the highly respected towerkeeper at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, a position which his father held for many years before him. During that time deceased taught many youngsters how to ring a bell, and he always did his utmost to make visiting ringers welcome.

Only six weeks previously the bells Mr. Cufflin loved so well had been reopened after the 6th, 7th and tenor had been recast and a few minor repairs carried out to the others of the ring.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, October 28th. The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's Church and was partly choral. The interment took place in the Anstey Cemetery. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one from his fellow-ringers and one from the Parochial Church Council. Messrs. R. F. Elkington and F. Jordan represented the ringers at the funeral. Deceased's two ringing daughters, Mrs. Mary L. Disney and Miss Eileen H. Cufflin, and his son-in-law, Mr. Alban Disney, were amongst the chief mourners.

In the evening, as a last token of respect, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, by the following members of the Midland Counties Association, six of whom are members of the local band: S. H. Harrison 1, A. Disney 2, R. S. W. Smith 3, E. H. Hutton 4, I. J. Wade 5, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 6, R. Barrow 7, F. Jordan 8. Also 240 Stedman Doubles with 4-6-8 covering, with Miss I. Simpson and Messrs. C. W. Hopkinson and S. Sleath taking part.

AMBITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—All ringers of the right-thinking type will agree with the first paragraph of your leader of the 30th ult. But how many with ambition in this present age are really appreciated? There is one big bugbear to ambition: Immediately a ringer shows any signs of it, he is up against another class of ringer (generally men who have held the limelight in the past), who are afraid that his ambition is going to outwit them in various degrees and positions in the fraternity. This class of ringer should be the last to complain of depleted hands; instead, he is usually the first. Often one hears the old cry, 'We can't get ringers.' It would be truer to say, 'We can't keep ringers.' Experience has convinced me that the man with only a lukewarm interest is the one most appreciated. Scathing, but true. In and around Northampton there are over a score of such ringers. In addition to others who have had ambition but have 'packed up' in disgust. At the same time, there are towers with eight or more bells where it is no uncommon thing to hear three chimed for Sunday services, and, when rung, more often than not only to Doubles. It is a deplorable state of affairs, but one which, after all, cannot be wondered at. Ambition we all know is essential for success, but when it cannot be taken in the right spirit it is no use complaining of the present sad state of affairs in many belfries, where in time one can foresee there being neither ringing nor ringers.

Northampton.

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SATISFACTION OF AMBITION ATTAINED.

Mr. James George, who has not yet recovered from his serious illness, but whose interest in everything relating to ringing is unimpaired, writes to congratulate us upon what he describes as 'an excellent leading article' in our last issue. 'Too many young ringers,' he says, 'are only satisfied to stay in their own towers. The attainment of ambition of the proper kind is a great satisfaction to any ringer.'

His many friends will be glad when Mr. George has sufficiently recovered to be in the belfry again, so that he may achieve further ambitions.

BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—On Sunday, October 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Martin 1, A. O. Lewis 2, H. F. Martin (conductor) 3, R. Lewis 4, F. B. Martin 5, S. J. Jones 6, F. Crump 7, H. Norbury 8. The first quarter-peal of Stedman rung for Sunday service by an entirely local band at this church.

LATE NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe (5 bells), on Saturday, November 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify not later than Tuesday of those requiring tea.—G. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Rothersthorpe on Saturday, November 14th. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome.—J. Dean, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Late Notice.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, Cambs, tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Day's followed by meeting.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th (election night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea following. Nominations for district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cott., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 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 Street, Blackburn.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Conderover, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmore, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Nov. 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea and business after. The District Committee will be elected at this meeting. May we have a good attendance? — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Black Bull at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ibstock (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Good bus service from Coalville. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District) AND THE LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A joint quarterly meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Parish Institute, at 5. Business meeting to follow.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6), St. Alphage (6) from 3 p.m., and the Cathedral (12) after tea. Service at St. Stephen's 5 p.m. Tea (1s.) at St. Stephen's Parish Room. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., 6d. each.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Froome, Mordiford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lincoln District, at Welton (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Ringing 2-9 p.m.—G. M. Mayes, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—St. Brides', Fleet Street.—Ringing for Divine service on Sunday next, Nov. 8th. Tower open from 5 p.m. till 6.30. (12 bells). A ringers' service will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock. All ringers heartily welcomed. Usual Sunday service ringing at Shoreditch on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at 5.30 p.m., and on Thursday, Nov. 26th. Practice from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to November 9th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, E. P. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. 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, L. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young, who will send names of ticket holders to Mr. Hughes on the 10th for the plan of allotted seats. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harworth (6 bells, tenor 10 cwt.) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. East Midland buses: From Worksop, No. 23; from Retford, No. 2 to Bawtry; 21 or 23 to Harworth; from Doncaster, No. 21. Please endeavour to be present and send me a card for tea.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ollerton Road, Retford, Notts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Please turn up and make it a meeting.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Bells (8). Service 5.30. Tea 6d. Meeting 6.30. Will all who hope to be present please notify the branch secretary not later than Nov. 11th? The new president of the association will be present.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 12th inst. if requiring tea.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—Meeting at Emberton, Nov. 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting, for the advancement of the art of change ringing, will be held at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Bath Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. All welcome.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will those who will be present kindly notify T. Wilmot, 43, Flower Street, Castle Northwich, before Thursday, Nov. 12th?—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Elm on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Everyone welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Nov. 14th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Tea in Church Room at 5.15 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iyer Heath, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston, Lancs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Ackworth on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. E. Lamprey, Sidney Place, Ackworth, near Pontifract, by Wednesday, Nov. 11th? A hearty welcome to all.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Davenport, Northants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Bishopwearmouth Parish Hall. Please advise Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street. St. Ignatius' bells available after tea. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Warehorne on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s.). Please make every effort to attend and ensure a successful meeting.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec., 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle 4.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Edenbridge (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the ring of eight bells will be on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 11 a.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Winchester. The peal has been restored, including re-hanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.—Sunday morning ringing, Nov. 15th, 10 a.m. to 10.55. Visitors to London, for College Youths' Dinner, welcome.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, at Reigate Parish Church, Surrey. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all requiring tea please notify W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey, by Monday previous to meeting?—E. K. Fletcher and W. Claydon, Hon. Secs.

HALBERTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 (tenor 17 cwt.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Powick (3 miles from Worcester on Malvern Road) Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 17th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, near Worcester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Nov. 21st. Details later.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers will be made welcome. Intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, Nov. 21st (NOT Nov. 14th as originally fixed). Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Nominations for district officers 1937 must be made at this meeting. Please send me numbers for tea by Nov. 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea and meeting. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Norwich, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

KIRBYMOORSIDE, Nr. York.—The ring of 6 bells which has been recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Whitby on Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 5.30 p.m.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Details later.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. Lord has removed from 142, May Street, Scunthorpe, to Campana, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES.—At Holy Trinity Church, on October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Lodge 1, R. Fairlie 2, J. Flood 3, A. E. Peglar 4, W. G. Turner 5, A. Fairlie 6, S. Edwards 7, T. Lowe 8. On October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Brown 1, J. Flood 2, W. G. Turner 3, A. E. Peglar 4, R. Fairlie 5, A. Fairlie 6, S. Edwards 7, T. Lowe 8. Both conducted by A. E. Peglar, and rung, after meeting short for Bob Major, as a farwell to W. G. Turner on his departure for London, after two years' connection with the Llandudno tower.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, September 27th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (O. Charge's): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, G. A. Bacon 2, F. F. Mortlock 3, W. Dudley 4, N. S. Baybutt 5, T. H. Wilson 6, L. Fryke 7, L. Offord 8. Specially arranged for the ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6, who hail from Prittlewell, Essex.

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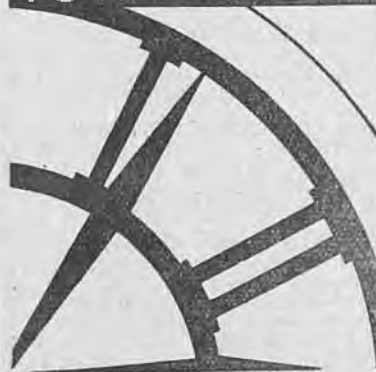
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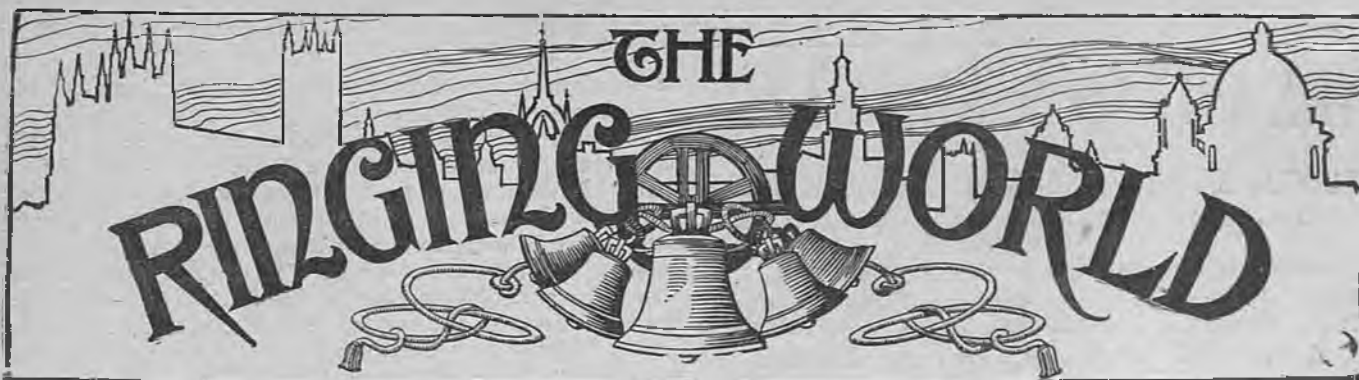
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OBJECTIONS AND REMEDIES.

Last week we recorded a case where parishioners had petitioned a vicar to have the church bells rung again, after a period during which, owing to the lack of ringers, only one bell has been chimed for services. This week comes news of an opposite kind—a memorial signed by a considerable number of people in Taunton—to have ringing, both at St. Mary's and St. James' Churches, considerably restricted. Both these churches are in the thickly populated portions of the town. We also refer in this issue to the silence of a celebrated peal of bells in London, a silence broken only on very rare occasions. Until Sunday evening these bells had not been rung for service for years.

It is always gratifying to know, as in the case of Drayton, that the parishioners miss the bells when they are not rung, and that they have sufficient interest in them to seek to get ringing restored. At the same time it is of no use to be blind to the fact that the situation in populous districts is different and difficult. At Taunton, apparently, the chief objection is to early morning ringing and peals; at St. Bride's the objection is to ringing at any time. When ringers pursue their art all the world about them can hear, and for that reason when bells are situated in thickly populated districts ringers in their own interests should exercise their craft in moderation, just as they expect the public to show toleration. We do not suggest for a moment that the ringing done in the two towers in Taunton is not done in the strictest moderation, but we do know that no toleration is shown towards ringing at St. Bride's.

While agreeing that the public must have consideration and that ringers would damage their own interests in ignoring substantial and reasonable objection to the sound of the bells, we hold that the church authorities could do a vast amount to placate the public and maintain the use of their bells if they would adopt the simple expedients that are so constantly advocated by those who really know what they are talking about. The brick-ing up of louvres, or the use of sound resisting material in the windows of the bell chamber, has been proved to have all the results desirable. To point to one of many instances that could be quoted: Bradford Cathedral, which stands right over the General Post Office. It was impossible to conduct business in this latter building when the bells were ringing and ringing would have had to stop if nothing had been done to moderate the sound. The louvres, however, have been effectually blocked, the sound finds its way out through the roof; the bells can

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We have often been staggered to find, when new bells have been put up or expensive restorations carried out, that while hundreds of pounds have been spent on the bell work, for the sake of a little extra money the bells have been left to become an almost immediate source of annoyance to surrounding residents. It should, we contend, always be part of a bell restoration scheme to provide for the moderation of the sound, outside as well as inside the tower. Moreover, in every populous area where the bells are over noisy, it should be the business of the ringers to urge upon the church authorities the need for carrying out a scheme of their own volition, instead of waiting for pressure outside, which in these days of growing feeling against noise of all kinds, will assuredly come sooner or later.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

No. 1 JOHN CARTER'S BROADSHEET.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	WILLIAM TILLET ... 8
CHARLES MEE ... 3	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 11
HARRY R. ROPER ... 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 100th peal on twelve bells. Ring to celebrate the 85th birthday of R. H. Brundle, also a birthday compliment to H. E. Smith and F. J. Tillett.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... Treble	HENRY G. MILES ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	JOSEPH MARKS ... 8
RONALD A. TOFFIN ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... 10
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... 11
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6	JAMES H. RUMLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	FRED PRICE ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 10
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 11
*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. William C. Dowding has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. Albert Walker's 200th twelve-bell peal on tower bells.

FIRST 720's ON THE BELLS.

The bells at Wareborne, Kent, have just been increased from five to six by the addition of a new treble, and on Saturday the first 720's of Minor were rung upon them. These were two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent, the ringers being P. Page 1, R. H. Maile 2, E. J. Barrett 3, P. A. Corby 4, H. S. Blackett 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. WRIGHTSON Treble	*F. LINGWOOD 5
†R. BELL 2	†D. F. MAY 6
J. PICKERING 3	R. L. PATTERSON 7
H. B. DITCHBORN 4	*I. SEWELL Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR.

Conducted by D. F. MAY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal on the bells since they were recast in 1932.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

This method, now rung for the first time, is named Newcastle Surprise as a compliment to members of the Durham and Newcastle Association in appreciation of the welcome and help given to the band who toured that district this year. The author of the method and five of the ringers who took part in the peal were on the tour.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Guild and by all the band. A peal of welcome to the Rev. F. J. Okell, vice-chairman of the Chester Branch, recently instituted to this living, and a compliment to his youngest daughter, who was christened on the previous Sunday.

ABERDARE, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ELVAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.

J. EMM Treble	*A. SCRIBBINGS 5
E. EMM 2	G. MEAD 6
F. CHAVE 3	W. ROWSELL 7
G. KERLEY 4	†B. SHELTON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROWSELL.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal. The conductor is from Llantrisant, the remainder are all service ringers of St. Elvan's. This is the first peal since the bells were rehung by Gillett and Johnston, and a wedding compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer, who was married to Mr. A. Coulter at Weston-super-Mare on October 5th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER F. TYLER ... Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	EDMUND MOUNTNER 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* 50th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CYRIL DOBNEY ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
FRANK RICHARDSON ... 2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 6
RALPH G. LEY 3	JOHN W. CARTER 7
ERNEST T. KING 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 6th and tenor. All are members of the local band.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, 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 27 cwt.

*WALTER L. PROSSER ... Treble	ROBERT E. COLES 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	THOMAS J. SETTER 6
†EDWARD BARKLEY 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
GEORGE TALBOT 4	SKYMOOR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Cardiff.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
HORACE MOULT 2	†E. JAMES TOVELL 6
*WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	GEORGE WALKER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples in the method. † First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WALTER MARTIN ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
WALTER RUFFLES 2	ALBERT E. WHITING 6
FRANK RUFFLES 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. Price.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-A-Becket,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM GORRINGE Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
JAMES G. POWELL 4	LUTHER J. HONNES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal for the Guild by the Kent County Association. The composition, No. 122, is rung for the first time.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
JOHN E. BALLARD Treble	F. GORDON COOPER 5
* CHARLES W. MONDAY 2	HARRY E. BALAAM 6
ERNEST P. AUSTIN 3	JOHN CHESTER 7
ROBERT G. C. FLEW 4	JOHN B. WOODLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY E. BALAAM.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor. Ring as a birthday compliment to J. B. Woodley, who has rung his first peal at the age of 60.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
* JOSEPH WHITTAKER Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
WILFRID STEVENSON 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9 cwt.	
HAYDEN D. BBINS Treble	WALLACE DOBBINS 5
GILBERT HOWELL 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
DANIEL J. WILLIAMS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
* LATIMER O. WILLIAMS 4	* JOHN H. HANTON Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for ringers of treble and tenor. Ringers of 6th and 7th from Aberavon, the rest belong to the local band.

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At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
MAURICE SMITHER 2	ALFRED H. PULLING 6
ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 3	WILLIAM T. BRESSON 7
RAYMOND PHILPOIT 4	WILFRED BARILETT Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

* F. C. WILSON Treble	G. S. LEE 4
L. T. PARKIN 2	* F. PICKERING 5
* F. S. WILSON 3	* H. MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

* First peal of Minor. Ring as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd, 3rd (21st) and 6th.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4
JOHN ANDERSON 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF 3	ADAM DRAS Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

The conductor's 150th peal.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.	
JOHN J. WEBB Treble	H. ERNEST COX 4
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
ALFRED T. POULTON 3	ERNEST GARDINER Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

* HARRY MEANS Treble	JACK RICHARDSON 4
FRED WIGMORE 2	WALTER FREEMAN 5
TOM BUSH 3	LEWIS BUSH Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS BUSH.

* First peal.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Treble	† CLAUDE NONN 4
* MISS BERTHA REEVE 2	FRANK E. WISEMAN 5
* MISS ELEANOR REEVE 3	HARRY R. ROPER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with 10 callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHARLES HARVEY Treble	*LESLIE B. COLES 4
†F. CECIL MOGFORD 2	*WILLIAM BAILEY 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	*STANLEY BATER... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSEWELL.

* First peal and first attempt. † 25th peal. The ringers of 1, 5 and 6 are the first men of the parish to ring a peal. The conductor's first peal for six years, after a long illness, it being the 18th anniversary of his wedding day.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

THOMAS HILL Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
HOWARD HOWELL 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 5
HAROLD SMITH 3	GILBERT HARDING Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung on the front six of the peal of ten.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HAROLD JUDD Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods. Mr. G. E. Feirn has now 'circled' the tower. Rung for the patronal festival.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: Original, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, College, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILFRED HARVEY Treble	GEORGE L. HALL... .. 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2	MARTIN WALKER... .. 5
†RONALD BOWNESS 3	GEORGE DORBS Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' The extent of Original contained 160 bobs and two singles. Rung for the patronal festival.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4
FRANK VARTY 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
ERIC GILBERT 3	LESTER L. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

L. L. Gray has now rung peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus. Rung to celebrate the 22nd wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

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On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS VESSEY Treble	JACK MILLHOUSE 4
*ARTHUR MULVEY 2	FRANK VERNON 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

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

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob and eleven 240's of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2	*ERNEST F. SALMON ... 4
JOHN J. WEBB Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods. Rung for evening service.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SEDGEBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 12 in F.

MISS KATH. M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire—J. William Heath.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT COTGRAVE.

LADIES AND SHERWOOD YOUTHS JOIN HANDS.

A very pleasant meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern Branch) and the Sherwood Youths was held at Cotgrave on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Beeston, Breaston, Colston-Bassett, East Kirkby, Farndon, Long Eaton, Mansfield, Newark and Nottingham (St. Mary's).

The ringing, which commenced about 3 o'clock, was continued until shortly after 8 o'clock, save for an adjournment for a short service in the church, conducted by the Rector, and tea, kindly arranged by Mrs. Walter White.

Ample justice having been done at the table to the good things provided, a course or two on the handbells was rung before a return to the tower.

During the meeting methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, also an attempt for Cotgrave Alliance, but owing to this being sprung on some of the ringers at very short notice, it was not an unqualified success—but better luck next time.

This may be said to have been a very successful meeting, expressions of pleasure and enjoyment and hopes to come again being heard on all sides.

RINGING FOR 62 YEARS.

At Pirbright, Surrey, on Nov. 1st, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the 79th birthday of Mr. D. Cheeseman, who has been a ringer at this church for 62 years and verger about 45 years: Hazell Thompson (first 720) 1, F. Martin 2, J. Avenal 3, J. Thompson 4, F. Cherryman (conductor) 5, W. Thompson 6.

Recently the band lost Mr. G. H. Rose, who died on September 15th. He had been a ringer at Pirbright for nearly 50 years, and 720 Bob Doubles was rung with bells half-muffled in his memory: Phyllis Sayers 1, J. Avenal 2, F. Martin 3, J. Thompson 4, F. Cherryman 5, W. Thompson 6.

For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Faggetter, old and respected inhabitants of the village, the same band rang, on August 23rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. This was Miss Sayers' first 720.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A SEVEN-METHOD PEAL OF MINOR.

In recent articles we have referred to methods which internally are similar in construction, but are varied by the addition or omission of 2nd's place when the treble leads and 5th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind, and we have shown, we hope, the value of the diagram as a means to learning the methods.

Now, in the methods of this type diagrams can be utilised in an interesting way. Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, who was the author of the Central Council's handbook of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' explains how he gets four methods from one diagram. It is based on the linking up of the half-leads by the 5th's and/or 2nd's places. Mr. Dyke worked out a course of Cambridge Minor on squared paper, filling up with black each square into which the bell would fall throughout the course. He then cut it into half-leads. These half-leads can be joined together in four ways, thus producing, in addition to Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose at a few seconds' notice.

These are four Surprise methods, but the same thing can be done with plain methods, and if you like to make out a diagram of Double Court in this way, you can cut it into ten pieces by dividing it between the blows of the treble in front and behind, and by rearranging them produce a diagram of either of the other three methods at will.

While on this subject of similar methods of Minor there are two others, simple variants of those already given, which you might like to study, as, with them and the other four based on Double Court, and a 720 of Plain Bob, you have seven 720's for a peal in seven different methods.

Lytham Bob and Thelwall Bob are very like London Bob and Double Oxford. Everything is the same except in the dodging on the front. In London Bob and Double Oxford two bells meet in 1-2 when the treble goes away and dodge continuously until the treble returns.

In Lytham and Thelwall these bells lie still over each other in turn in the middle of the lead. At first sight it looks rather a tricky piece of work, but in reality it isn't if you examine the work of the two bells in combination.

The bell that takes the treble off, leads, has one blow in 2nd's (part of a dodge), leads another whole pull, then has a whole pull in 2nd's, and one blow at lead (also part of a dodge), then it passes the treble and goes away to its dodging and place-making in 3-4.

The bell coming on to the front from 3-4 does the work in the reverse order. It has one blow at lead (part of a dodge), makes 2nd's and leads a whole pull, then one blow in 2nd's (part of a dodge) and leads another whole pull, as the treble comes to lead again.

Let us put down a lead of Double Oxford and Thelwall so that you may examine the difference. We will separate the two front bells to make it clearer, and the two back bells so that you can also see better the place-making across the treble in 3-4.

Double Oxford	Thelwall
12 34 56	12 34 56
21 43 65	21 43 65
24 13 56	24 13 56
42 31 65	42 31 65
24 36 15	24 36 15
42 63 51	24 63 51
24 36 51	42 36 51
42 63 15	42 63 15
24 61 35	24 61 35
42 16 53	42 16 53
41 26 35	41 26 35
14 62 53	14 62 53
14 26 35	14 26 35

The lines across indicate the half leads.

These figures show what little difference there is between the two methods, and it should be simple when you have learnt Double Oxford to go straight to Thelwall.

Lytham is Thelwall without the 2nd's place when the treble leads and has the same relation to it that London Bob has to Double Oxford. The second 'lead head' of the course, that is the row under the bottom line, will be 164523, and as 6th's place is thus made when the treble leads, the bob has to be made on the three back bells instead of the three front ones.

Whatever the method of Minor, the bob is made in 4th's. If the method has 2nd's place, one bell runs Out and the other In, as in Bob Minor. But if, when the treble leads, 6th's place is made instead of 2nd's, then at a bob the bells behind have another dodge together instead of separating. The work which they then take up varies, of course, with the method.

The calling of these two classes of methods should not give the conductor difficulty, for just as he can get a 720 in methods with 2nd's place by calling the 6th Wrong, Right, Wrong, twice repeated, and doubling it by singles called at the last plain Right in each half, so, in methods with 6th's place when the treble leads, 720's can be obtained by calling the 6th In, Out In, and a single at the last plain Out in each half.

Now, what about practising for that peal in seven methods?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EVENTFUL DAY AT LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Lancashire Association and their friends when they assembled in that city for the fifth annual dinner on Saturday, October 31st.

Early in the afternoon many members of the party visited the Liverpool Cathedral in order to see the progress that has been made with the central tower. An account of this visit by Mr. E. H. Lewis appeared in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.'

Later the members of the association and their friends were the guests of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool in the Town Hall. In the unavoidable absence of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, the guests were received by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman F. T. Richardson) and Mrs. Richardson, supported by the president of the association (the Rev. A. Scott). After tea a short address of welcome was given by Alderman Richardson. The president and the Rector of Liverpool replied. Alderman Richardson conducted the party through the building, pointing out the objects of interest. The music was supplied by the Liverpool City Police Band.

About 180 were present at the dinner in the Bear's Paw Restaurant. The president of the association presided. Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Liverpool (owing to indisposition), the Bishop of Manchester, the Rev. Canon G. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. W. S. Mann, the only surviving founder of the association.

After the toast to the King, Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, proposed 'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association.' Mr. Lewis referred to broadcast ringing and said that many did not appear to know when ringing was fit for broadcasting, because they did not seem to be able to hear good striking. In order to achieve better striking, Mr. Lewis urged more practice on handbells. After attaining perfect striking on handbells it would be much easier to obtain good striking in the tower, and Mr. Lewis urged ringers not to be satisfied until their ringing in the tower was as good as the best handbell ringing they had heard.

Mr. George R. Newton, responding, unfolded the story of the association and of great achievements in the past. He referred to the fact that bells were now silent in towers that had been famous for good ringing and deeply regretted that such a thing had come to pass. Mr. Newton went on to say that the strength of an association should be judged by its standard of peal ringing, and they did not seem to get the same class of peals as they did 30 or 40 years ago. He assumed that it was due to the loss of many of the best men.

LIVERPOOL RECTOR'S SUGGESTION.

The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by the hon. treasurer of the association, Mr. Claude I. Davies, and the Rector of Liverpool (the Rev. David Railton) responded. Mr. Railton said that he did not think that people fully appreciated bellringing until they went to places where they could not hear them, and he thought a sure way of making bellringing appreciated by the general public would be to stop all ringing for a period of some months. He would never forget his feelings on hearing the bells of Folkestone Parish Church on his arrival from France after the war. Mr. Railton went on to suggest the extended use of bells to occasions other than Sunday services. The coming Coronation would afford an opportunity of seeing how the people of the country valued bells; they would be ringing out over the world and symbolising what could not be expressed in words, the meaning of our constitution and hopes for the future.

The President, in replying to 'The Health of the Chairman,' proposed by Mr. F. R. Williams, president of the National Guild of Police Ringers, thanked the association for the honour that they had conferred upon him by electing him president in the place of the late Canon Elsee. He realised that no light task awaited him in succeeding a man respected and beloved by all and one who had been president of the association for over 45 years. Mr. Scott referred to the speeches of Mr. Lewis and Mr. Newton, and said that it was the duty of the present members of the association to achieve the same standards, if not better ones, as those mentioned by Mr. Newton. That meant each individual member of the association becoming as efficient as possible, including the president. After expressing the thanks of the company to those responsible for the success of the evening, Mr. Scott ended his remarks by saying that the president was at the service of the association.

Messrs. Crompton and Blundell, of the Liverpool Cathedral choir, and Mr. T. Christie entertained with songs and duets, Mr. C. Sharples by handbell tapping, and Mr. and Miss Booth with handbell ringing.

The arrangements of the dinner were admirably made by Mr. Claude I. Davies.

WEDDED 61 YEARS.

At St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, Worcestershire, on Sunday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Caters (1,259 changes), composed by Mr. J. George: T. Whorton (first quarter-peal) 1. H. Goodman 2. J. Goodman (conductor) 3. W. Goodman 4. J. S. Mason 5. N. G. Leech 6. W. Green 7. H. Sheppard 8. R. Goodman 9. G. Guest 10. This was rung to celebrate the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodman, parents of the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The ringer of the 9th is a grandson.

LORD MAYOR'S GRAMOPHONE BELLS.**MANCHESTER'S SUBSTITUTE AT THIS YEAR'S CIVIC CEREMONY.**

The new Lord Mayor of Manchester took office to the accompaniment of gramophone bells. The bells at Manchester Town Hall are now at Loughborough Foundry, where they are being recast and formed into a ring of twelve. The bells have long played a part in the civic celebrations on November 9th, and in order that tradition might be maintained, a gramophone record of the bells of St. George's, Stockport, were amplified from the Town Hall tower. Grandsire Caters and 'firing' had been recorded, and by the use of two records and two turntables the bells could be reproduced continuously for as long as desired.

ALDENHAM'S FIRST LOCAL PEAL.**LORD ALDENHAM PRESENTS PEAL BOARD.**

On the eve of All Saints, a peal tablet was dedicated at Aldenham, Herts, by the Vicar, recording the first peal rung on the bells by an entirely local band. After prayers and a psalm, the tablet was unveiled and a touch of Triples rung by the band who took part in the peal.

The tablet is of polished oak lettered in black, a simple, dignified record.

With the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. A. P. Coote and H. P. Harland), the ringers and one or two guests enjoyed an excellent tea at the Village Club.

Mr. Inwood, on behalf of the society, thanked the Vicar and wardens for their kindly interest, and the conductor for his services in enabling them to ring the peal.

Mr. C. H. Horton replied, and the Vicar, in well-chosen words, gave an account of the bells and expressed his appreciation to the band who ring for Sunday services. He encouraged them to advance to higher methods.

The tablet was presented by Lord Aldenham and the company entertained by the wardens.

This beautiful church is chiefly of the Perpendicular period, with some Early English and decorated work, roof carved and painted. It dates from 1480. The font, an oak chest and some brasses date from about 1250: there are also several interesting tombs. The bells were cast originally in 1683. The tenor (15 cwt.) was cast by Chandler in that year; the 7th, 6th, 5th and 4th old bells were recast in 1885. The three smallest (undated) were cast by Mears between 1780-1850 and a sanctus by William Whitman. The tower was erected about the 13th century.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH AT SCUNTHORPE.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at the new Charter Town of Scunthorpe on October 31st. Owing to weddings, the bells were not available until 3.15, after which hour, however, the fine peal of eight were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Members attended from Bigby, Grimaby, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, Barton-on-Humber and the local tower. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson) and Mrs. Richardson were present, also ringing friends from Treeton and Lea.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Charles Steele, who gave an excellent address. Mr. Ramsey presided at the organ. Thirty-two afterwards sat down to tea. The president (Archdeacon Parry) presided over the business meeting, supported by the Vicar and Guild Master. It was decided, providing it can be arranged, to hold the district committee meeting at Waltham on Saturday, January 9th.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. J. Bray) said that he should like to see representatives from all the towers in the district at the committee meeting.

The President expressed pleasure at the presence of the Guild Master and Mrs. Richardson, seeing that they had such a long distance to travel.—The Master, in reply, said he made an effort to attend as many meetings in the Guild as possible.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and those who had made the arrangements, were passed, and a similar vote to the president for presiding brought a very happy meeting to a close.

The President mentioned that the meeting was unique in that four members of the Central Council were present.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, November 7th. Ringing was very good and ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise. Members were present from Cambridge (Great St. Mary's and St. Bene't's), Chatteris, Haddenham, Wilburton, Over and the local company. As a service had been arranged for 6.30, the Rector (the Rev. Canon A. C. Hair) consented to omit the 4.30 service, the Guild service taking the place of evensong. Canon Hair gave an interesting address, basing his remarks on the one word 'Unity.'

Further ringing took place afterwards until about 8.30.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of eight bells at St. Cuthbert's Church, Darlington, are to be recast and rehung in a new frame, with new fittings, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Within a fortnight three rings of eight have been dedicated in the Diocese of Guildford. First the restored and retuned peal at Yorktown, next the recast peal of eight at Chiddingfold, and, last Friday, the octave at Shalford recast from the old six.

No fewer than 97 visitors have signed the visitors' book during the past twelve months in the tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn. It shows the popularity of this church in the centre of London, where a very loyal band regularly carry out Sunday service ringing.

The death of Mr. Albert Henry Terry, aged 64, a signalman, who was due to retire next March, took place at Shilton, Coventry, on November 1st. He was a chorister and bellringer at Shilton Parish Church.

Mr. Taylor, of Alleale, has suffered a severe blow in the death of a son, who was tragically killed in a motor-cycling accident near his home.

Three much travelled ringers were present at the opening of Leamington Hastings bells on November 1st, namely, J. H. Shepherd, A. P. Cannon and W. A. Stote, with 2,854, 552 and 592 towers respectively to their credit.

Shalford, Surrey, where a new ring of eight bells was dedicated last Friday, is one of the few places where the ancient village stocks can still be seen outside the churchyard gate.

The 'Grand Old Man' of Ipswich, Bob Brundle, has recently completed his 85th year. Last Saturday he celebrated the event by ringing the 5th at St. Mary-le-Tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques. It is a wonderful performance for a man of that age, and ringers throughout the Exercise will join in congratulating him.

On Sunday, November 22nd, at 6.30 p.m., a peal tablet will be unveiled and dedicated at Milnrow, Lancs, by the Rural Dean (the Rev. S. Hutchinson). This tablet is to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. John Fitton, who was a ringer at Milnrow for 64 years. He was present at the reconstitution meeting of the Lancashire Association.

Mr. Arthur E. Sharman, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, has been elected to the Town Council of Dunstable.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, secretary of the Salisbury Guild, will be away from home until December 10th. Guild correspondence should be addressed to the assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

RINGING AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The report of Canon J. O. le P. Hatten's address at the Uckfield meeting gives rise to certain reflections. Do let us clear our thinking of humbug; however sincerely we, as ringers, strive to live up to the pattern of Christ, our thoughts while we are ringing are centred round the method and the striking, the co-ordination of mind and muscle in an agreeable pursuit. Even though our art is consecrated to the worship of God, is it true to say that it is, in itself, a sufficient act of worship?

True worship has God as the Central Figure, and organ, choir and ringing are meant but to prepare and direct our minds thither, all working together as part of a pattern. To divorce ringing from the pattern and call it as great an act of worship as the service itself does not seem to me to be aiming very high.

May I presume to suggest a better way to Canon Hatten and to other clergy: give us laymen a service which is thrillingly alive with the spirit of Jesus Christ, where we may see the vision of the transformation that Glorious Manhood can make in us, and we shall stay to such a service because we want to, and not from any sense of mere duty.

LESLIE J. MALINGS.

Deddington, Oxford.

'BURTON' SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The second and third sections of this method in your issue to-day are very much mixed up, but as the other six sections are 'Brighton' Surprise there is no doubt that this is the method intended.

'Brighton' Surprise was first published in 'Bell News' about September, 1899, and the first peal, with a fourth's place Bob, was rung many years ago, conducted by Mr. F. Bennett.

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

[In the figures printed in our last issue one line was accidentally misplaced: 42813675 should have appeared after 24186357.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

Similar information has also been supplied by Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, and Mr. S. H. Hoare. The latter points out that the first peal was rung on October 29th, 1913, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London.

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET. SCENE OF BENJAMIN ANNABLE'S TRIUMPHS.

Famous Bells that are now Seldom Rung.

Many Cumberland Youths and several Cumberland Ladies assembled at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, on Sunday evening, when they had the now rare opportunity of ringing these famous bells for service. The bells had not been rung on Sunday for a long period.

They were rung last year for the Silver Jubilee and on Lord Mayor's Day. This year they were open on the occasion of the Central Council meeting and were rung for Lord Mayor's Day on Monday, as well as on the previous evening. Next year's programme, it is said, will comprise ringing for the Coronation celebrations and Lord Mayor's Day. In the intervals the ropes are removed from the wheels and stored—a necessary precaution to prevent rapid deterioration.



THE STEEPLE OF ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH.
From a Photo by F. E. Dawe.

The pity of it! A notable peal of twelve bells unring for the purpose for which they are intended—the services of the church. The excuse is that they are in the heart of London's newspaper land. But the heart of London's newspaper land does not throb on Sunday mornings. Even if it has begun to beat again by the evening—well there may be some newspaper men who would not be any the worse

(Continued in next column.)

PETITION AGAINST BELLS.

TAUNTON RESIDENTS' PROTEST.

There is an agitation in Taunton for restricting the ringing of the bells at the Churches of St. Mary and St. James. A petition, containing 240 signatures of people living or working in the neighbourhood of the churches, has been sent to the Vicar, churchwardens and Church Council.

Special attention is drawn to occasions when the bells are rung as early as 6 a.m., or 7 a.m., and to the 'prolonged bouts of ringing for three or four hours, with hardly a break,' and the petitioners ask that this should be discontinued.

The Rev. W. H. Heaton-Renshaw, Vicar of St. Mary's, writing in the current issue of the Parish Magazine, points out that the petitioners include occupiers of offices, such as those in Hammet Street, who are not normally at work during the times which are the subject of complaints.

Others who have signed the appeal, however, are nearby residents.

'Bells have been rung at both churches for many centuries, long before any of the present houses, shops or offices were built, so it is no new matter,' the Vicar observed.

'It deserves attention, however, and it will be considered at the Church Council when next they meet.'

ARMISTICE RINGING.

PYTOHLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Armistice Sunday, for matins, a quarter-peal of Doubles, viz., 240 Plain Bob, 360 Canterbury, 360 Old Doubles, 300 Grandsire: Cecil Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Hicks (longest touch on an 'inside' bell) 2, S. Munton (conductor) 3, E. Coleman 4, G. Brown 5. All are local ringers. The bells were half-muffled.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints, for Armistice remembrance and thanksgiving service, on Sunday afternoon, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, J. Parish 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

GRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, November 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Groombridge, jun. 1, D. M. Sharp 2, A. J. Hopper 3, E. Barnett 4, F. H. Oxenham 5, C. A. Hopper 6, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 7, J. C. Cooke 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the brothers Hopper. All are members of the local band.

HISTORIC PEALS

(Continued from previous column.)

for a reminder of the things for which the Church stands. And the bells are the only sounds of this kind that are likely to reach them.

St. Bride's tower is one of the most beautiful of Wren's steeples, and it has the distinction of being the first London tower to contain a peal of twelve bells. In 1710 Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast a peal of ten for St. Bride's, with a tenor of 28 cwt., and on January 11th, 1717, what is supposed to have been the first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung was accomplished on these bells by the Society of London Scholars.

In 1719 Rudhall added two trebles to make a ring of twelve, and an old tablet records the following performance:—

On Tuesday, the 10th January, 1724, the SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS rung completely a peal of 5,060 GRANDSIRE CINQUES, being ye first that ever was done. Ye Persons that performed the Same were as follows, viz.: Wm. Woodruff 1, Benj. Annable 2, Edward Chadwell 3, John Ward 4, Jno. Pearson 5, Robt. Catlin 6, Robt. Carter 7, Wm. Thompson 8, Wm. Jackson 9, Peter Merrygarts 10, Matth. East 11, Thos. Rowland 12. Abraham Goodwin, Aaron Jex, Churchwardens.

On November 22nd, 1725, the College Youths rang at St. Bride's what is believed to be the first peal of Bob Royal, composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable, and on February 26th, 1726, they rang the first peal of Bob Maximus. The ringers were William Woodruff, Robert Catlin, Edward Chadwell, John Ward, John Hardman, Francis Geary (who afterwards became an Admiral), John Dearmore, Samuel Jeacock, William Laughton, Peter Merrygarts, William Thompson, Benjamin Annable. It is recorded that 'all the persons who rung in this peal left the church in their own carriages.' Fleet Street, in those days, it is said, used to be thronged with carriages full of gentry who had come to hear the music of the bells. But times have changed; apparently no one wants to hear them now.

Benjamin Annable, who died on February 1st, 1756, was buried at St. Bride's, and the following panegyric appeared in the newspaper account of his death and burial:—

'A few nights ago was buried under the tower of St. Bride's Mr. Benjamin Annabel, the best ringer that was ever known in the world. 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 Rastell in Physic, a Hardwick in Wisdom and Law, a Handel in Music, a Shakespear in Writing, a Garrick in Acting. O rare Ben.'

Other early peals on the bells in addition to those mentioned were 5,104 Grandsire Cinques by the Union Scholars in 1751, and 5,232 Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths in 1777.

The 5th and 6th bells were recast by Samuel Knight in 1736, but the rest are still the bells cast by Rudhall 226 years ago.

HOBART CATHEDRAL'S NEW TOWER AND BELLS ELABORATE CEREMONY FOR DEDICATION.

Many Archbishops and Bishops to Attend.

Great interest was created in Hobart, Tasmania, when the bells for St. David's Cathedral arrived by the s.s. 'Port Alma.' They are 13 in number, with a tenor of 15 cwt., and eight will be hung for ringing. The erection of the bells, to the specifications and drawings of the founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, is being carried out by Messrs. Johnston and Wells, Engineers.

A Hobart paper, referring to the arrival of the bells, said, 'Passers-by paused to view closely the four great bells which, of the total of thirteen, had been newly moved from the wharveside to the tower foot. The bell coming in for closest scrutiny was that around which, beneath the house sign of its Loughborough founders, ran the inscription, 'Each clime or step from earth to Heaven till ye reach the great white throne.'

'CLIPPING THE CATHEDRAL.'

Elaborate preparations are being made for the dedication of the tower and bells on Sunday, December 6th. The service is to be attended by the Archbishops of Melbourne and Sydney, Bishop Stephen, and the Bishops of St. Arnaud, Bendigo, Newcastle, Gippsland, Goulburn and Riverina, as well, of course, as the Bishop of Tasmania (Dr. Hay).

The visit of all these ecclesiastical dignitaries will be made the occasion of great church gatherings. Every day from Saturday, December 5th, when the proceedings begin with a *Conversazione* in the City Hall, to Thursday, December 10th, has its special events.

The service for the dedication of the bells takes place at 3.30 on Sunday afternoon, December 6th, when the preacher will be the Archbishop of Sydney, and the tower and bells will be blessed by the Bishop of Tasmania during the picturesque ceremony of 'Clipping the Cathedral.'

In this ceremony the choir, followed by members of the congregation, will go in procession through the cloisters round the building, and will join hands, thus encircling the Cathedral Church. A second procession of leading lay officials of Tasmania will follow, headed by His Excellency the Governor and the Lord Mayor, followed by the visiting Bishops' wives and their hostesses. A third procession will consist of diocesan lay officials, members of the Synod, the Diocesan Council, the Church Trustees, headed by the Cathedral Board and the Church Advocate. A fourth procession will comprise the visiting Archbishops and Bishops and their chaplains, and the last procession will consist of the clergy of the Diocese of Tasmania, headed by the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter.

After the blessing of the tower and bells, the bells will be rung by the St. David's ringers and the ringers of Holy Trinity Church.

The St. David's ringers consist of the Dean's servers, 16 in number, and they have been receiving every help in learning from the Holy Trinity Association.

HOLY TRINITY ASSOCIATION.

The ringers at Holy Trinity continue their activities. They have been strengthened by Mr. S. Smith, a former Suffolk ringer, and are now ringing Grandsire Doubles.

At their recent annual meeting, when the Rev. M. J. May, precentor of the Cathedral, presided, a healthy state of affairs was revealed. The funds have a balance of £4 2s. 11d. The officers were re-elected, except that Mr. S. Smith takes the place of Mr. S. Taylor as Deputy Ringing Master, the other officials being: Patron, the Lord Bishop of Tasmania; president, Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Quarmby; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Taylor; hon. secretary, Mr. A. R. Wilson.

The bells of Holy Trinity Church will be 100 years old in 1946, and the meeting formed a committee to report on the bell frame, which shows signs of needing attention. The committee consists of Messrs. B. McElwae, A. Taylor, J. Newell and A. R. Wilson.

Holy Trinity Church has lost a valued member by the death on Sunday, September 13th, of Mrs. Rupert Taylor, mother of Mr. S. Taylor, and Mr. Malcolm Taylor, who is at present in this country. Feeling reference was made in the sermons, and as a mark of respect the church bells remained silent that day until after evening service, when they were rung muffled. Sunday School was abandoned and a children's service held instead.

A BAD GOING TENOR

At Broughton, Northants, on Saturday, November 7th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Doubles at the Church of St. Andrew as a compliment to the new Vicar (the Rev. Esmonde T. Lang), who was inducted the previous day. After ringing a well-struck quarter a late call put a premature end to the peal.

Owing to the bad going of the tenor bell another attempt was deferred to a later date. The ringers were: Cecil Sargent (Broughton) 1, George Brown (Pitcheley) 2, Sidney Rowney (Broughton) 3, Sidney Munton, conductor (Pitcheley) 4, Fred Randall (Broughton) 5.

BELLS OF LEAMINGTON HASTINGS.

IN USE AGAIN AFTER QUARTER OF CENTURY.

Not for 26 years, with the exception of the day the Armistice was signed, have the church bells been rung at Leamington Hastings, owing to their unfit condition. A fund was started some years ago for the restoration work, but as interest in the subject fluctuated a great deal, very little was done until the present Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Wigram) was inducted in 1928. He revived the lost interest, and by private house whist drives and social events the fund grew slowly till at last, by a bequest from Canon Cartwright, followed by a gift from the children of the late Canon and Mrs. Sitwell, the moneys aggregated to the amount required.

A tablet is erected in the belfry, which bears the words: 'These bells were rebung in 1936 at a cost of £350 by the parishioners, assisted by a bequest from the late Canon Theodore John Cartwright in memory of his marriage in this church, and a gift from the children of Canon Degge Wilmot Sitwell and his wife, Rosamond Shuttleworth, in memory of their happy family life.'

The particulars of the bells are:—

Treble.—8 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1851.

Second.—9 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1851.

Third.—11 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb. Founder's Mark (Hugh Watts, Leicester). I.H.S. Nazarens Rex Indeorvm. (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.) Fili Dei Miserere Mei. 1620. (Son of God, pity me.)

Fourth.—12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb. Founder's Mark (Hugh Watts, Leicester). Cvm Sono Si Non Vis Venire Nunquam Ad Preces Cypres Ire. 1631. (If you won't come at the sound of the bell, you will never be willing to come to prayers.)

Tenor.—15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. Founder's Mark (Hugh Watts, Leicester). God save the Kinge. 1615.

Sanctus.—0 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. Abraham Dracy. 1677.

The restoration work was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The bells were rededicated on All Saints' Day, which was the patronal festival of the church. The Rev. E. S. Powell (Vicar of Staverton) performed the ceremony and with the following words gave them into the care of the Vicar and the churchwardens: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

Subsequently a plain course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of the Warwickshire Guild: C. H. Webb (Rugby) 1, J. B. Fenton (Rugby) 2, M. O. C. Melville (general secretary) 3, J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) 4, W. A. Stote (Coventry) 5.

In the course of his sermon, the Rev. E. S. Powell said: 'Let me take this opportunity of congratulating you as a parish and a congregation on the rehanging of your church bells. It is a great work which has at last been safely and satisfactorily accomplished.'

In conclusion, the preacher said: 'Once more you have your bells set high in their steeple—well, truly and safely hanging. You will be looking forward, longingly and hopefully, to hearing these bells regularly ringing. You have not spent all that money in order that one should only be rung or that five should be tolled or chimed, but so that they should give forth their full voice, which they can only do when rung in the manner they are intended.'

'Bellringing requires a great deal of application and perseverance on the part of those who practise it. You will have to get learners, but you must not expect them to be able to ring so well in a few weeks as those you have heard ringing just now. In Leamington Hastings you are only a small community, but I ask you, now you have done this first part of the work, that you will really do something more than one generally hears bellringing described—a call to worship—but believe that the ringing in itself is an act of praise to God and an act of worship. I would ask as many of you as possible to be practical and persevering ringers.'

Immediately after the service, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the same five ringers, and then, in turn, other ringers from Rugby, Warwick, Banbury, London, Clifton, Nuneaton, Swindon, Brinklow, Dunchurch, Monks Kirby, Chilvers Coton and Staverton tried the ropes.

The ringers were entertained to tea after the service by the Vicar and Mrs. Wigram and Major and Mrs. Anson.

Several learners have already volunteered to become ringers, and arrangements have been made for their instruction.

ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.

The 13th annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild was held on Saturday, October 31st. 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, also for their gift of bread for the harvest festival.

The cash statement was adopted and the officers elected as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. U. W. Wildney; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton. After the business meeting, music, song and handbell ringing followed.

NEW OCTAVE IN GUILDFORD DIOCESE.

SHALFORD'S SIX BELLS RECAST INTO EIGHT.

The dedication of a new ring of bells at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Shalford, near Guildford, has given the Guildford Diocesan Guild area another ring of eight. The tower previously contained a peal of six, but when their restoration became necessary, it was decided to recast them into a lighter ring of eight. The scheme was promoted during the incumbency of the Rev. David Railton, now Rector of Liverpool, and to him is due very largely its success.

A large congregation attended the dedication service on Friday evening, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Guildford. The Vicar (the Rev. M. Tobias) conducted the service and the lesson was read by the Rev. D. Railton. The Bishop went to the ringing-chamber for the act of dedication and was accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Railton, the Bishop's chaplain and the churchwardens. The waiting congregation learned of the completion of the ceremony by the sound of the bells, rung in rounds by the local ringers.

BISHOP AND MINISTRY OF CHURCH BELLS.

In his address the Bishop said the ministry of church bells had always seemed to him a very interesting subject. The words which told about it from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam' were well known. The bells held together all the memories of a man's life, following him with strength, quiet and inward peace. The very familiarity of the sound of the bells of their old home, their village, their town, had preached them something of that strength and quietness of spirit that came from things that were familiar.

Was all that just sentiment? He had two answers. The first was that it was local patriotism—the love of one's own place in which certain familiar sounds such as the sound of the church bells of the old home struck a note that was better than they first thought.

'You people of Shalford,' said the Bishop, 'are proud that the bells should ring out again. That is local patriotism; the love of one's own place. It is a feeder to the patriotisms that are greater—the love of country and the love of mankind.'

In the world to-day, he said, the trouble was that many people had the fault that they had no root in any place which really belonged to them.

The best citizens were those who knew that true citizenship was not belonging to a country which had no boundaries, but the country which was beyond those present confines of time and space. Every time the bells sounded from tower or steeple something was being led to the heart and mind of men about that different citizenship. The great note which should be struck in this age was the confident sound of Christian faith. These bells as they rang out would make that a note of confidence and hope about the position of our church in that age.

After the service touches were rung on the new bells, which have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

BELLS' INTERESTING HISTORY.

Shalford bells have a long history. The Inventory of Edward VI.'s reign indicates that the church then contained five bells, whose weights were said to be 14 cwt., 13 cwt., 12 cwt., 10 cwt. and 8 cwt., with 'a lettill bell callid a sawnce bell conteynnyng bte extynacion xxv lb. weight.'

These bells were recast in 1613 by Richard Eldridge, of the Wokingham Foundry. They bore this appeal in rhyme:—

1. Lord, plead my cause against my foes,
2. Confound their force and might,
3. Fight on my part against my foes,
4. That seek with me to fight.

The tenor, apparently recast later, was inscribed, 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis, 1636. R. E. and J.W.'

In 1789 John Warner, of London, recast the bells into six with a new set of inscriptions:—

1. Thy glory, Lord, we will resound,
2. To all the listening nations round,
3. And with our tongues,
4. Our voices raise,
5. To Thee, O God,
6. In songs of praise.

The tenor was recast by John Warner and Sons in 1866.

Once more the bells have new inscriptions. The following appear on the new eight:—

- Treble.—Sing we merrily unto God our strength.
- 2.—Let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.
- 3.—Sing ye praises with understanding.
- 4.—O praise the Lord with me; and let us magnify His name together.
- 5.—He hath put a new song in my mouth.
- 6.—O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise.
- 7.—O come let us sing unto the Lord.

Tenor.—The tongue of the dumb shall sing. This bell and five others were recast in 1936 to make this peal of eight bells. The parish gave this bell in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of H.M. King George V. in 1935.

The new tenor is 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., the necessary new bell metal having been added to make up for loss in melting. In place of the old timber frame, which has been scrapped, is a new massive cast-iron framework on steel foundation girders. Modern fittings have, of course, been installed throughout, and everyone who heard them was delighted with the tone of the bells.

AMBITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The experience of Mr. P. Amos must be unique. In no Exercise is merit more openly recognised than in change ringing. My limited experience teaches me that most of the best ringers are always ready to help 'lame dogs over stiles' by whispering into the ears when their footsteps falter. I cannot agree with the term jealousy being applied to ringers whose names often appear in the pages of 'The Ringing World.'

Until 1895 I was a 'stony' ringer. In 1930 I happened to stray into an eight-bell tower and timidly essayed to 'drum' the tenor. Becoming interested, I learnt to ring the treble in Grandsire, Minor and Major, then inside, followed by Kent and Stedman Triples. This particular band had no practices whatever all the time, and I learnt these methods under the guidance of old hands at Guild meetings mainly. It is not true that the remarks of Mr. Amos are universally correct. Pencil and paper helped, but the bugbear of rope-sight had to be got over by practice. Courses in Kent (inside) came as a first shot, and I trust Double Norwich will be similarly successful when attempted.

Opportunity will arise when Mr. Amos will be enabled to prove his ability and recognition, but in the meantime let him master Cambridge, Superlative, London, etc., on paper. The Pyes, Bennetts, Shepherds, Harts and Co. will most certainly give help and opportunity, even for peals when his reputation is established.

AN OLD RINGER.

[Our correspondent, whose modesty impels him to withhold his name from publication, is 63 years of age and did no change ringing until five years or so ago.]

A MOTTO FOR RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—Your article on 'Ambition,' followed by that on 'Maintaining the personnel,' will give ringers something to think about. Ringers who are content to ring for services at their own church may be in a groove, but surely not a bad groove. Apparently the ringers of Drayton are not content to ring for services at their own church.

Mr. George wisely refers to ambition of the proper kind. Now just what is the proper kind? In my opinion it should be the ambition of every ringer who does not belong to a regular service ringing band to join one and use his art for the service for which it is intended. Of course, I know some cannot, but there should not be so many ringers who are unattached and yet have ringable peals in their own parish. The men who do the service ringing not only give service, but are responsible for the church keeping the bells in order, without which there would be no chance for 'stunt' peals.

Secondly, I think it should be the ambition of ringers to ring music, that is to strike well and understand what rhythm is. We have heard of ringers who are responsible for putting a single note in the right place in a simple major scale who do not know the sound of the bell which they are ringing. The only explanation I can think of is they have been so engrossed in learning new methods since they learned to pull the rope that they have had no time to listen to the result of their studies. The motto of every ringer should be:—

Service before self.
Music before method.

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Somerset.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RINGERS 'DISCOVER' WINFARTHING.

What the Rector of the parish described as a 'difficult place to find' was 'discovered' by a number of ringers on Saturday last, when members from the North, South and West Branches of the Norwich Diocesan Association, together with visitors from Newmarket, spent a pleasant afternoon and evening at Winfarthing.

A number of methods from Doubles to London Surprise were rung on the six bells. The Rev. C. H. Barber, Rector of Winfarthing, conducted a short service.

Following a hearty tea at The Fighting Cocks, during which the members did ample justice to the delightful spread of home-made cakes and pastries, a short business meeting took place. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Saxlingham Nethergate on January 23rd.

The Chairman thanked the Rev. C. H. Barber for his address and for the use of the bells, and in reply the Rector expressed his pleasure at having the association's meeting for the first time at Winfarthing. So many people had failed to find the village that he was glad to see so many present, from so far afield as Dersingham, Fakenham and Newmarket. Continuing, the Rector amused the company with his stories of a certain wedding and a certain Sunday School, and said he would be glad to hear similar yarns with regard to bell-ringing.

The Branch Secretary expressed his thanks for the support he had received from all the members, and referred to the members and friends who had set out from Dersingham, Fakenham, Newmarket, Norwich and Wymondham and had helped to make the meeting such a success.

RINGING IN THE WEST COUNTRY. EFFORTS OF NEW CORNISH BAND.

A few weeks ago, an account of the dedication of Mullion bells was published in 'The Ringing World.' These bells had been silent for many years, owing to structural defects which rendered them unsafe, consequently their restoration has caused great excitement and enthusiasm in the village.

Since the dedication, ringing has been going on apace, and the interest and enthusiasm the ringers is as marked as ever.

Unfortunately, the patience of the villagers with the unavoidable crashes of the ambitious novices is wearing rather thin, but it is hoped that they will bear with them a little longer, as really they are a very promising band, and Mullion will soon be as proud of its ringers as it is of its bells.

There are 17 ringers in all, six of whom are absolute beginners. All six show great promise, and one of them rang very successfully in rounds a fortnight after he started to learn.

The more advanced have been ringing for a few months, and can ring call changes on four bells fairly skilfully, and though the striking is not always as accurate as it might be, it is rapidly improving. All are very keen to master the intricate art of change ringing, some so much so that they want to plunge right into it, not realising that little headway can be made until they have gained proper bell control. Sad to tell, these very enthusiasts are sometimes responsible for the inaccurate striking in call changes.

Sunday service ringing is carried out regularly and efficiently, and possibly at no very distant date the rounds and call changes of to-day will be superseded by touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, that is if the band continue to progress as rapidly as they are doing at present. They are, we understand, receiving 'postal tuition' in change ringing from a friend in a distant county. Good luck to them!

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CHERTSEY DISTRICT OFFICERS NOMINATED.

A meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Esher on Saturday. The attendance was not large—there were less than 20 ringers present—but the opportunity was turned to good use, in the practice of six-bell methods.

The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Hone), and an address was given by the curate (the Rev. W. A. Hopher), who also presided at the organ.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Guild Treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett), the following were nominated for district officers: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmons (Mr. H. J. Chaffey retiring); hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. There were three nominations for two ringing members on the Executive Committee and three for the one vacancy among the honorary members on the committee.

The Rev. W. A. Hopher was elected an hon. member and the Rev. C. Price (Hersham) a ringing member.

It was decided that the district should endeavour to organise ringing for the Coronation in the towers which at present have no ringers and help in those bellries with depleted bands. It was announced that practice night at Hersham had been changed to Wednesday.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and curate and to Mr. Bristow, the local captain, for the arrangements made.

Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and a variety of Minor methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung. It was gratifying that on this occasion ringers from the district towers were present in larger numbers than usual.

AN 'EDWARD' CORONATION PEAL.

THE SUGGESTED RINGING AT THE ABBEY.

Mr. Edward A. Knight, of Stanwick, Northants, writes supporting the suggestion that a band of eight Edwards should ring a peal on Coronation Day. 'Nothing,' he says, 'could be more fitting than for eight Edwards to ring after the ceremony, on May 12th, of the Coronation of His Majesty the King—Edward the Eighth. I am interested and hope to see a team of Edwards ringing at the ancient Abbey tower.'

The proposal is, of course, an interesting one, and one which, if it could be carried out, would be very appropriate to the occasion, but we ask those who support the idea, and especially the Edwards, not to build their hopes too high of attempting a peal at the Abbey. There are very considerable restrictions there, not only as to the ringing, but also as to who may ring, and on such an occasion as the Coronation the authorities will be doubly particular. Knowing something of the difficulties that would have to be surmounted, we can hardly believe that permission would be granted for a band of 'outsiders' to go there for a peal on Coronation Day. We think the Edwards would do better to concentrate upon getting a band for a peal at some other London church.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.'

VICAR FOR 50 YEARS.

As a compliment to the Vicar of Stratford-upon-Avon (Canon Melville) on the 50th anniversary of his induction, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Saturday, September 19th: 1. H. Print 1. H. Brookes 2. H. Price 3. F. Lyne 4. F. Kinchin 5. C. R. Steed 6. V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7. H. G. Preedy 8. First attempt for a quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 4.

AN ANCIENT SUFFOLK SOCIETY.

HALESWORTH RINGERS' RULES FRAMED IN 1539.

The fact that the rules of the Halesworth (Suffolk) ringers go back to 1539 was mentioned at their annual dinner and meeting, held in the Church Rooms on October 27th. The chair was taken by the president (the Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., R.D.), supported by the churchwardens (Admiral E. F. Bruen, C.B., J.P., and Mr. C. J. Goodwin), Mr. T. Wilson (Porthcawl), Messrs. Clifford Goodwin, A. J. Orford and E. Bastin (hon. members), Messrs. G. Pearl and F. Aldred (sidesmen), Mr. Fred C. Lambert (hon. secretary) and Mr. A. H. Took (hon. treasurer).

The only toast was that of 'His Majesty the King.'

The chairman welcomed those present as guests of the Parochial Church Fund, to whom it was a pleasure to provide the means.

In his report the hon. secretary referred to the Jubilee and, later, the lamented death of King George V., which were chiefly responsible for the omission of last year's function. They had, however, carried on steadily, and had maintained ringing for every Sunday service until now. Regret was recorded at the loss of two vice-presidents—Capt. H. C. Rush by death, and Miss Rose Stanford by removal to South Africa. The bells, rehung in 1930 by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, were going as well as ever. Incidentally, Mr. Lambert said, they had with them that evening the first and last subscribers to the estimated cost (£300) for such repair—Messrs. E. Bastin and W. Kemp. Messrs. Pearce, Jolly and Kemp, though each over 70 years of age, were still regular ringers, and Mr. Tom Wilson, whose father, the Rev. T. Linton Wilson, had just passed away, was a member of the company 30 years ago.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of £1 13s. on the right side, a matter for thanks and congratulation.

All the officials were re-elected, and the president handed to Mr. Gordon Wright his diploma as a full member, while Messrs. A. Foster, J. Thurlow and S. Ekins were registered as probationers.

The Chairman expressed high appreciation of the 'freemasonry' among ringers, and trusted the present happy all-round feeling would long continue.

Admiral Bruen, a vice-president, gave a highly interesting and stirring address on 'What I saw at the Battle of Jutland.' He regarded Admiral Jellicoe as a born commander and strategist, and Admiral Beatty as a leader of tremendous personality.

Remarking that the primary rules of the Halesworth band of ringers were framed in 1539, revised in 1770, and been in present form since 1896, Mr. F. C. Lambert proceeded to give the history of individual bells and towers in the neighbourhood in his inimitable and instructive style.

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FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, November 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Bowden 1, *Mrs. King 2, *Mrs. Tomlinson 3, E. King 4, H. Miller 5, J. Nash 6, J. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. *First quarter in the method at the first attempt.

WATFORD.—On November 1st for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. N. Leman 1, W. Norris 2, E. Fisher (Congresbury, Somerset, first in the method and first attempt) 3, E. Bullock 4, H. G. Cashmore 5, F. H. Crook 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, W. G. Paul 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, October 4th, at St. Thomas' Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. A. E. Whatmore, by Philip Lees, A. D. Fellows, A. Reynolds, A. E. Whatmore, K. I. Pardoe, J. William Smith, C. William Cooper and E. S. Bushell. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 minutes, conducted by Mr. A. E. Whatmore, by J. William Smith, D. W. Turner, P. W. Gibbs, W. Farley, K. I. Pardoe, A. L. Dunn, A. E. Whatmore and A. Reynolds. First quarter-peal of Stedman by a local band and all of the above are regular Sunday service ringers.

BROMLEY, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung in the morning for harvest festival service at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, on Sunday, October 4th: W. Lyddiard (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, M. P. Oakshett 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, P. S. R. W. Ridgeway 4, J. Lyddiard 5, A. Purdom 6, J. Hurrell 7, H. Blackett (conductor) 8.

NORWICH.—On Friday evening, October 2nd, at St. Giles-on-the-Hill, for harvest festival service, 1,376 Bob Major: Miss W. E. Ditcham (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss G. Lunnadine 2, Miss D. Ditcham (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, G. Sayer 4, G. Mayers 5, E. Shorten 6, A. Warner (conductor) 7, C. Bird 8.

THE FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at St. George's, Gravesend, on June 12th, 1920, conducted by the late Mr. W. H. Judd and published in the Kent County Association Report on page 76 (1921), was F. Robinson's composition of 5,184 reduced to 5,024, and, as such has been proved false, this peal therefore will be withdrawn from the association's peal list, with apologies to the band.

F. M. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.—Sunday morning ringing, Nov. 15th, 10 a.m. to 10.55. Visitors to London, for College Youths' Dinner, welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The by-meeting at Hollingbourne will be held tomorrow (Saturday) and not on the 21st as advertised last week.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th (election night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Nov. 14th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Tea in Church Room at 5.15 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harworth (6 bells, tenor 10 cwt.) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. East Midland buses: From Worksop, No. 23; from Retford, No. 2 to Bawtry; 21 or 23 to Harworth; from Doncaster, No. 21. Please endeavour to be present and send me a card for tea.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ollerton Road, Retford, Notts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Elm on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Everyone welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton (8 bells), on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6d. Meeting 6.30. The new president of the association will be present.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Please turn up and make it a meeting.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 p.m.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—Meeting at Emberton, Nov. 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston, Lancs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Edenbridge (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the ring of eight bells will be on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 11 a.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Winchester. The peal has been restored, including re-hanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, at Reigate Parish Church, Surrey. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all requiring tea please notify W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey, by Monday previous to meeting?—E. K. Fletcher and W. Claydon, Hon. Secs.

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HALBERTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 (tenor 17 cwt.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Powick (3 miles from Worcester on Malvern Road) Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 17th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, near Worcester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers will be made welcome. Intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, Nov. 21st (NOT Nov. 14th as originally fixed). Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Nominations for district officers 1937 must be made at this meeting. Please send me numbers for tea by Nov. 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, instead of Leigh, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swithland on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Usual service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday previous. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road. All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., Rhodene, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The bells will be available at 2.45. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MEETING AT BUSHEY HEATH (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at Amy's Tea Rooms 6 p.m. Another tower will be arranged for after 7 for ringing.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—By the kind invitation of the Rector, the next meeting will take place at Allesley, Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea in the Rainbow Inn at 5 p.m. This is the last meeting of the year, so please let us have a good finish to 1936.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good turn up is requested. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., may be obtained at Hutchinson's Café, Market Place, Ripley.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at West Kirby (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, November 21st. St. Peter Mancroft bells available 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Michael at Coslany from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s., at The Curat House at 5.30. Will all members and friends requiring tea kindly advise Miss H. W. Bill, 74, St. Stephen's Road, Norwich, by Nov. 18th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 18th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The fine peal of 8 will be available from 5 o'clock onwards, so please come along.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Usual Sunday service ringing at Shoreditch on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at 5.30 p.m., and on Thursday, Nov. 26th. Practice from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. A ringers' service will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The diocesan collection will be presented at the Cathedral on Monday, Nov. 23rd. Bells ready at 6.30 p.m. Service at 7.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker.

KIRBYMOORSIDE, Nr. York.—The ring of 6 bells which has been recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Whitby on Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 5.30 p.m.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and a short business meeting. Nominations for district officers will be required at this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 28th, at St. Giles', Oxford. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All those requiring tea (1s. per head) please notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Miss M. Reynolds, Dis. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. each). Meeting in the School Room at 6 o'clock. The Rev. A. Scott will conduct the service. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Colley, 14, Ashbourne Road, Eccles, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Nov. 24th, to W. Claydon, Hon. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D., Vicar of Otterton. Tea at 4.45 p.m., free to members. business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 23rd.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by kind invitation of Herne ringers. If you are coming, please send your names in to Mr. C. Hadlow, Hicks Forstal Farm, Sturry, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, Nov. 26th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible, and not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. 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, Pye Street, Bishops Stortford.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Details later.

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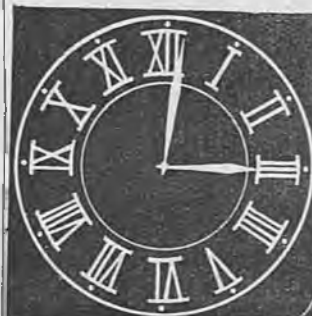
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In Saturday evening's proceedings there was one speech which stood out among a number of good speeches. It came from one of the newest ringers in all that big assembly of experienced men, and it created a marked impression, both by its matter and the manner of its delivery. It had a touch of humour and the hall mark of sincerity. The Rev. G. A. Ellison, son of the Rector of London's famous church, St. Michael's, Cornhill, and curate at Sherborne, made the main theme of his reply to a toast an appeal to ringers to interest boys and young men in the art of ringing on two grounds, because they were losing the art of amusing themselves, and for the sake of the discipline which change ringing provides. Mr. Ellison admitted only a very short experience of parish life, but there is no doubt he has quickly put his finger upon one of the things which makes for restlessness among the present generation. Many people in these days do not know how to provide their own amusement; they prefer others to entertain them and, in being entertained, they lack the controlling force which the discipline of study and team work gives.

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On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 7
†HAROLD P. READ 2	†WILFRED ANDREWS 8
†REGINALD A. REED 3	†EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 9
†REGINALD C. H. CONOLLY 4	†WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 10
†WILLIAM M. STONE 5	GEORGE PRESTON 11
†A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 6	HARRY J. GILLARD Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.
† First peal 'inside' on twelve bells. W. E. Cheater's 100th peal.
Rung as a farewell to R. C. H. Conolly, who is leaving the diocese
for Watford.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FRED WIGMORE Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
*WALLACE COUSINS 2	JOHN G. AMES 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	*WALTER H. FREEMAN ... 8
GEORGE LADD 4	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 9
*CLAUDE COUSINS 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

T. ALLRED Treble	R. ALLRED 6
K. WELSBY 2	F. GRINDY 7
*C. RIDYARD 3	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 8
W. JONES 4	J. H. RIDYARD 9
E. YATES 5	*R. JONES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday peal to the Right Hon.
the Earl of Ellesmere.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

BENJAMIN BEEBE Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	*FRANK MEASURES 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN THOMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First Surprise peal. Rung as a compliment to Miss Mavis White-
head, daughter of the 3rd ringer, on her third birthday.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SR... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

LINDLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK FISHER Treble	FRANK RHODES 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL 2	JOE C. MELLOR 6
JOHN TURNER 3	ARNOLD ROTHERY 7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES 4	HENRY H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. C. MELLOR.

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

First peal on the bells after rededication.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

STEPHEN L. PARRY Treble	JOHN MEADOWCROFT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	*IVAN KAY 6
OGDEN MOORES 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
ALWYN TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Simpson (friend of the conductor), who embarked on the R.M.S. 'Orford' on the same day to return to Adelaide, Australia, after a visit to the old country extending over six months.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED WIGMORE Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
ALFRED BACON 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON.

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the Ely Diocesan Association.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HAROLD ASTBURY Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
BRYAN FERNYBOUGH 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
JOHN MATTHEWS 4	ERIC B. ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. E. Armitstead), also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. H. Crawley, of Barrow, son of the conductor.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK POSTONS Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
HARRY LEWIS 3	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS 7
FRANK FOX 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

* First peal. Rung for the 18th anniversary of the Armistice. The above band are all ex-Service men except the treble ringer, who kindly stood in at the last moment in place of an ex-Service man who was unable to ring owing to illness.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church on Thursday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Smoothy 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, R. Clements 3, J. Negus 4, L. Flitton 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. G. Lilley 8. A birthday compliment to A. G. Lilley.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL 5
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
*ALBERT WORSFOLD 3	BERNARD V. COLLISON 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Peter's. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
JOHN BASS 2	JOHN WILLIAM SMITH 6
KENNETH I. PARDOE 3	CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WILLIAM SMITH.

First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of Armistice.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORMAN V. HARDING ... Treble	*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
*DEREK M. SHARP 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	HARRY HOSKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* 25th peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN Treble	HARRY WAIN 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	*JOHN E. BLAY 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD 7
JOHN V. CROSS 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by GEO. NEWSON.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie, of Great Baddow, on the occasion of the christening of their baby daughter.

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TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt.	
*A. ALEC WALKER Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT 5
WILLIAM G. GIGG 2	JACK ROY 6
*HERBERT H. WALKER 3	JAMES HUNT 7
PERCY MERSON 4	*WILLIAM T. JEANES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate 'Remembrance Day.'

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY W. BADGER Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	FREDERICK N. SNEYTON 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Superlative and first attempt.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOSEPH WHITIAKER Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
*KENNETH LEWIS 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
*ALAN J. BROWN 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

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

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRED GLEDHILL Treble	†RALPH WILLIAMS 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL 2	HENRY H. SMITH 6
JACK FISHER 3	ARNOLD ROTHERY 7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES 4	FRANK RHODES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the dedication festival of the church. This composition (No. 301, composed March, 1882) is now rung for the first time.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	HAROLD PEARCE 5
EDGAR WHITELEY 2	†RONALD SQUIRES 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	†WILFRED HALLIWELL 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (426). Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* 400th peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Harry Wilde (a respected member of the local company), to Miss Marjory A. Newsome, which was solemnised previously to the peal.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 1st, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, viz., 240 each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire, all called differently. Rung for the patronal festival and in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of the diocese: Alfred Hicks 1, George Brown 2, Reginald Williamson 3, Sidney Munton (conductor) 4, Ronald Coleman 5.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL Treble	*JESSE HARRISON 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	Cecil C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*MRS. HARRY T. CHANDLER Treble	HARRY T. CHANDLER 4
†REGINALD BOWEN 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 5
TREVOR JONES 3	ROBERT FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal, and first lady to ring a peal in the District. † First peal 'inside.' First peal rung in the District since its name has been changed from Presteigne to Kingston.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with four different callings.

*ERNEST BENION Treble	ARTHUR F. BOYCE 4
*ERIC A. STEVENSON 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
VICTOR M. ORMEROD 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GUNNELL Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	CHARLES YOUNG 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb.

LESLIE W. JARVIS Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 3
ALBERT RELFE 2	ARTHUR H. LEWRY 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

A birthday peal for A. H. Lewry. It was rung on the 34th anniversary of his parents' wedding.

ELM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED WIGMORE Treble	*JOHN WARD 4
ROBERT W. CROFTS 2	LEWIS BUSH 5
HAROLD BURTON 3	RODOLPH WELBOURNE Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled for Armistice Day.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT).

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*FREDERICK A. NICHOLAS ... Treble	ALBERT E. EVEREST ... 4
FREDERICK G. BODMIN ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 5
EDWARD E. TIDY ... 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten 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 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury; (3) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD MARCON ... Treble	*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	GEORGE E. FBIRN ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 3	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in 14 methods. First peal in 14 methods in Lincoln District. In this peal there were 172 changes of method, 126 bobs and 14 singles.

BURNLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

WILLIAM MCCLEAVE ... Treble	*WILLIAM GRAY ... 4
WALTER STEPHENSON ... 2	HARRY ENTWISTLE ... 5
*ALSTON GREENWOOD ... 3	FRED BENTLEY ... 6

*JOHN TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY ENTWISTLE.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the church, which was dedicated in November, 1836, also for the retirement of Mr. Tom Redman, who has been a ringer at this church for 47 years.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOSEPH SWAIN ... Treble	ERNEST W. RILEY ... 4
*ALFRED G. GORDON ... 2	HAROLD FRADGLEY ... 5
HAROLD DOUGHTY ... 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal, at the age of 68. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Minor rung in the tower by a resident hand of Sunday service ringers. Rung to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Church, 1136-1936.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over)

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RESTORATION FUND GUARANTEED.

The appeal of the Provost and churchwardens of St. Philip's Cathedral Church, Birmingham, for funds for the repair of the bells in time for the Coronation has been assured of success. In a letter to the Press last week the Provost and wardens announce the promise of Sir Charles Hyde to make up the balance of subscriptions to the £2,000 needed, and they express the hope that the work may be completed before the Coronation.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. It was a real pleasure to visit this beautiful church in a charming suburb of the city of Liverpool. The bells of Woolton are equally beautiful, well in keeping with the church, and the going is very good. A representative gathering kept the bells going most of the afternoon and evening to many methods. The Rector of Woolton conducted the service in the church and the Vicar of Gateacre gave the address. The other clergy present were the president of the association (the Rev. A. Scott) and the Rev. J. A. Briggs, of Fazakerley.

The business meeting followed tea, with the Rector of Woolton presiding. The Rector extended a welcome on behalf of the branch to the president on the occasion of his first visit to the branch after his appointment. A hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. J. A. Briggs, a member of the association, who has recently joined the staff of the parish of Fazakerley in Liverpool.

The sincere thanks of the branch were extended to Mr. Claude Davies for his hours of labour in making such a success of the annual dinner of the association.

Two new members were admitted.

The President expressed the thanks of the company to the Rector of Woolton for the use of the bells and for his welcome, and to all responsible for a happy and successful meeting.

LADIES' GUILD AT CANTERBURY.

NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE DINNER.

The only factor against an enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild at Canterbury was the weather, although even that did not stop a goodly number attending from far and wide. London sent strong support, and from the other extreme came two from Hastings.

St. Stephen's was the centre of the meeting, but some of the braver souls, under the guidance of Mr. B. Luck, visited the two six-bell towers which were also open, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphage.

A service was held at St. Stephen's, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Barnes). Being a service for ladies, the local ladies' choir and lady organist assisted him in this function. The Guild's new service forms were used.

Tea followed in the Parish Rooms, and was much appreciated. The party of 40 was joined by the Rector.

A message of goodwill and best wishes for an enjoyable meeting was delivered from Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who was sorry that he was unable to be present.

A short business meeting was then held, Mrs. Deal presiding.

Five practising members were elected, i.e., Miss D. Colegate (Sevenoaks, Kent), Miss N. Scopes (Enfield), Miss H. Snowden (Halestead, Essex), Mrs. G. Trendall (Peabmarsh, Essex) and Miss H. Oakshott (Hayes, Kent). One honorary member, Mrs. Shorter, of Walton-on-Thames, was also elected.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Broxbourne, Herts, on Saturday, January 2nd.

Mrs. Fletcher announced that the jubilee anniversary dinner of the Guild would be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 1937, also that the new badges were selling very well.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of St. Stephen's and the other incumbents for the use of the bells at the various churches, to the organist and choir (not forgetting the organ blower), and to the ladies who provided tea. A very hearty vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. B. Luck for all the trouble he had taken in his endeavour to make the meeting a success—including his visit to the railway station.

After the meeting great haste was made to the Cathedral, as the bells were available for only a limited time. Ringing there included rounds, Stedman Cinques, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Triples on the back eight, but about 8 p.m. a rope broke and so 'goodbye' was said to any further operations.

BISHOP'S VISIT.

On Sunday, November 15th, before morning service, on the occasion of the first visit to St. Andrew's Church, Cobham, of the Lord Bishop of Guildford, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Holden 1, W. Faulkner 2, J. Mills 3, W. Holden 4, G. Shotton 5, W. James (conductor) 6.

FOR BEGINNERS.

BACK TO STEDMAN DOUBLES.

What's wrong with Stedman Doubles that it finds very little place in peals? Stedman Triples is a popular method. Of the peals of Triples rung in the first nine months of this year, nearly 40 per cent. were Stedman. Of the peals of Doubles in the same period, only just over 11 per cent. included Stedman, while nearly 60 per cent. consisted of Grandsire only. That does not seem right to us, for it cannot all be due to the fact that many beginners start their peal ringing career with Grandsire Doubles. There must be some other reason. Is it that five-bell method ringers 'funk' it because it has no 'treble' as a guide?

One thing appears certain, that five-bell method ringers ought to give more attention to it. Stedman Doubles is worth ringing, especially as a variant from the plain methods, and should be studied by all those whose opportunities of ringing on higher numbers is limited. For it has this advantage, that when the opportunity comes to ring on a higher number of bells, there should be as little difficulty in ringing Stedman Triples as in going from Grandsire Doubles to Triples—assuming, of course, that Stedman on five bells has been properly mastered. We would like to encourage the ringing of Stedman by beginners.

It is not really a difficult method to learn, even though it has no treble to guide you. The most important thing is to memorise thoroughly the 'Slow' work.

As you know, the extent of changes on three bells is six and Stedman is constructed in groups consisting of six changes. The three bells in front ring these six changes, the others dodge. When the six changes have been completed one of the three bells moves away, and another takes its place.

The 'sixes' are formed in two ways, one being the reverse of the other, but for practical purposes all that the beginner need remember is that they are alternately 'slow' and 'quick.' The 'slow' six is a six into which a fresh bell enters the slow work, which detains it in front for five sixes; a 'quick' six is a six produced by a bell (called the 'quick' bell) running straight in to lead and out again, it being thus in front for that one six only.

The 'slow' work consists of two 'whole turns' (distinguished as 'first' and 'last'), in between which are two 'half turns' (distinguished also as 'first' and 'last'). A whole turn consists of a whole pull at lead, one blow in 2nd's place followed by another whole pull at lead. With only one blow in between them it follows that the whole pulls must be made in opposite ways; that is, if one is handstroke and backstroke, the other must be backstroke and handstroke, and vice versa.

A half turn consists of one blow at lead only—made in the same change as the whole-turn bell strikes one blow in 2nd's. Before, between and after each of these pieces of work 3rd's place is made, and the work occurs in this order, after leaving the dodging in 5-4 (down).

3rd's, first whole turn,
3rd's, first half turn.
3rd's, last half turn,
3rd's, last whole turn,
3rd's, (before dodging 4-5 up).

In the first whole turn lead at back and hand, make a blow in 2nd's, then lead at hand and back.

In the first half turn lead one blow at handstroke.

In the last half turn lead one blow at backstroke.

In the last whole turn lead at hand and back, make a blow in 2nd's and lead at back and hand.

These five sixes show the complete slow work by the 4th:—

	23145	34251	34512	41325	41253
Handstroke	32415	43521	43152	14235	14523
Backstroke	234	453	341	124	415
Handstroke	243	543	314	214	451
Backstroke	423	534	134	241	541
Handstroke	432	354	143	421	514
Backstroke	34251	34512	41325	41253	15432

The way in which a 'quick' bell comes in and out can be observed by examining the work of the 5th in the second column and of the 2nd in the fourth column. These are 'quick' sixes; the others are 'slow' sixes. Notice how, in a quick six, each bell leads a whole pull at hand and back, while a 'slow' six begins and ends with a half pull, causing the two intervening bells to lead at back and hand.

As each bell leaves the front it goes to 4-5, where it has a double dodge up, then it lies a whole pull behind and has a double dodge down. After that it goes into the work in front in 'the opposite way to which it came out.' In other words, if it was a slow bell last time, it returns as a quick bell; if it was quick last time it goes in slow next.

The full extent of 120 is produced by two singles, the first made in either of the first ten sixes and the second by the same two bells 60 changes later. The bell that is already behind, after lying its whole pull, strikes one blow in 4th's, has another whole pull behind

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BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE TAUNTON PROTEST.

The towers of St. Mary's and St. James', Taunton, concerning the ringing at which a protest has been made to the church authorities, are situated about 200 yards apart. We are informed that the agitation against the bells was initiated by a retired military officer who came to reside between the two towers about three years ago.

The St. James' band attempt a peal once in three months, and if the ringing exceeds two hours it is treated as if it were a peal, so far as attempts are concerned, and the three months is allowed to elapse before another attempt is made. The early ringing is done on the King's birthday and St. James' Day, when the bells start at 6.15 a.m. and ring for half an hour. The time is fixed to enable the men to get to their employment at 7 o'clock without 'losing time.'

SOME PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Not knowing anything of the circumstances at Taunton in regard to the objections to ringing, one wonders if the many practices that are held are not often greater causes of annoyance than peals or service ringing. Especially may this be the case with Guild or combined practices.

Quite recently I have had pleasure and appreciation expressed to me on the occasions of ringing for a wedding and for a peal; and questions and obvious displeasure about the ringing at a subsequent combined practice.

The unavoidable bad striking, the constant stopping and starting, the clashing of the bells preceding a ragged finish as the bells are set, is, to my mind, far more likely to cause annoyance and give ground for objections than any well-struck peal. A brass band does not hold its practices in the High Street, and, if we are to make progress in our art and bring young ringers on, we must devise some means of making our practices, especially the long ones, less of a nuisance to those who are enforced listeners.

I venture to make some practical suggestions:—

- (1) Keep learners to lashed bells until they can ring rounds or call changes perfectly.
- (2) Make more use of handbells for learning new methods.
- (3) For Guild and combined practices avoid as far as possible towers in a thickly populated area.
- (4) Try and introduce a means of semi-silencing the bells as at present in use at a certain tower in London.

Wokingham.

W. J. PAICE.

A SUGGESTED 'ARRANGEMENT.'

Sir,—As one who commenced ringing at St. Mary's Church, Taunton, 40 years ago, I am naturally interested in reading in this week's 'Ringing World' the 'Taunton Residents' Protest' for restricting ringing on the bells at St. Mary's and St. James' Churches.

These two towers are practically within a stone's throw of one another, and the petition to restrict the ringing, in my opinion, is not altogether unreasonable, especially on the part of those residents in the vicinity of the two churches:

St. Mary's, 12 bells, tenor 30 cwt. in C.

St. James', 8 bells, tenor 20 cwt. in E flat (or E).

However good the striking, the disconcerting musical effect when these two peals of bells are ringing together can easily be illustrated by two handbell bands ringing at the same time Cinques or Maximus (tenor key C) and Triples or Major (with an E or E flat tenor). Even rounds is sufficient.

Here I would respectfully suggest that some arrangement be made by the two church authorities, in conjunction with the Ringing Master of each tower, whereby the bells, especially for Sunday service, would be rung alternately. Say St. James' in the morning and St. Mary's for the evening service, or vice versa. This I feel sure would avoid a great deal of annoyance.

Regarding peal ringing, the best arrangements where complaints are concerned is to fit silencers to the clappers, as is successfully done elsewhere in thickly populated districts, or brick up the louvers, etc., as you suggest in your leading article in this week's 'Ringing World.'

My Taunton friends will know I offer these suggestions in good faith and in these modern times they are worthy of consideration.

Birmingham.

ALBERT WALKER.

(Continued from previous column.)

strikes another blow in 4th's and then has yet another whole pull behind, following which it dodges in 5-4 (down).

The bell that comes up has one blow in 5th's, a whole pull in 4th's and another blow in 5th's. It then returns to the work in front. As a result of the single both bells go in the same way that they came out.

One other thing, if you are new to Stedman. It is this: The ordinary start of the method is not with the beginning of a 'six.' It begins like Grandsire, and a new six starts with the third change.

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21354

23145

32415

The continuation you will find in the figures given above.

THE SUGGESTED 'EDWARD' CORONATION PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to encroach upon your space in order to express my point of view concerning the suggested Edward peal at Westminster Abbey on Coronation Day next year.

Now, sir, since you approve of the proposal, I was dismayed to find you throwing cold water on it, and consider the attitude you adopted in last week's 'Ringing World' to be very regrettable and hardly worthy of your paper.

Apparently you have formed your opinion because of your 'knowing something of the difficulties which would have to be surmounted.' But I contend that even this knowledge is no excuse for letting the matter drop.

Now I assume that opposition to the suggestion will have only two sources, that of the regular Abbey ringers, and that of the authorities or the powers that be. And I am convinced that if the first of these is overcome, the other will automatically fall into line. Maybe this will not be so simple as it sounds, but 'difficulties are made to be overcome,' and I am as yet unconvinced that those which stand in the way of the proposal are insurmountable.

If, then, this reasoning is correct, the thing to do is to win over the opposition which may (I don't say that it will) come from the regular ringers.

I can imagine and sympathise with their perhaps jealous feelings in handing over the bells to a team of Edwards on such an important occasion. But if there is a general approval of the suggestion throughout the Exercise, and this, I think, can only be ascertained through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' then surely not even the jealous regard the regular ringers might have for their position will stand in the way of the peal being attempted.

In conclusion, may I be so bold as to suggest that a compromise could be effected by the Abbey ringers 'ringing them out' immediately after the service for, say, half an hour, and then to let the Edwards carry on?

EDWARD S. T. FARR.

Windsor.

NEW BAND'S PROGRESS.

At Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, before morning service, on Remembrance Sunday, November 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung with bells half-muffled and tenor covering: Ben Grice 1, George Fletcher 3, Percy Hindmarsh 4, Walter E. Fendall 5, Harry Wood 6, Gerald Swallow (conductor) 7, Eric Fletcher 8. This is a new band of young ringers recently formed. The ringers of treble and third have only been ringing a few months. It was the first 720 and first attempt for all except ringers of 5th and 7th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.**

The Devizes Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on November 7th. Representatives attended from Bratton, Bishop's Cannings, Bradford, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Rowde, Southbroom, N. Bradley, Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury and Warminster, and visitors were welcomed from Bath, Blagdon, Batheaston and Swindon.

The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Clarke) conducted the Guild office, Mr. Bowyer officiating as organist. Tea was served at the 17th century cafe, The Three Gables.

At the short meeting which followed, with Mr. E. F. White presiding, sympathetic reference was made to the loss Mr. W. Baxter, of Trowbridge tower, had sustained by the death of his son, and the secretary was asked to send a letter to him expressing the sympathy of the members.

Mr. E. Parker, now residing at Holt, was elected a ringing member of the Guild.

Holy Trinity tower, Bradford, put forward an application for a course of instruction in Stedman Triples, and it was decided to forward this to the hon. general secretary of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were expressed to those who had helped in the success of the meeting.

During the evening Christ Church bells were available, and ringing continued at both towers until 8.30.

Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The next meeting of the branch is due at Warminster on December 5th.

'BURTON' SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As you have already been informed that the method rung at West Wycombe on September 5th was Brighton, and not Burton, it only remains for me formally to rectify my report, which should read: Brighton Surprise Major, first in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

H. WINGROVE.

Dear Sir,—I offer Mr. Baker an apology for unwittingly infringing on his method 'Brighton Surprise,' and to the band whom I misled into calling it Burton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Hertford County Association and any other ringers who care to pay a visit to Hitchin to-morrow have the opportunity of ringing on a lovely eight. A meeting of the association is to be held there and particulars will be found in our notice columns.

The restoration of the bells at Eckington Church, near Sheffield, is to be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, seems to have an inexhaustible supply of 'new' peals of Treble Bob Major. One, heard for the first time, was rung on Saturday at Longwood, Yorks, but it was composed in March, 1882. Nearly 55 years between being composed and rung!

Among the associations and guilds represented at the College Youths' dinner on Saturday, in addition to the members of the society itself and of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association, were resident members of the following: Bath and Wells, Ely, Essex, Gloucester and Bristol, Guildford, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Llandaff and Monmouth, Middlesex, Midland Counties, North Staffs, Oxford, Peterborough, Salisbury, Scottish, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire.

A peal of Stedman Caters at All Saints', Poplar, was lost in the last course on Saturday through the clock weights crashing.

The popular hon. treasurer of the College Youths is well known for the large size in pipes which he favours. On Saturday he mounted one so big that he was mistaken for the official saxophone player of the society. No one offered him 'a pipeful o' baccy'—it would have been too expensive.

A peal by Bank officers was to have been attempted at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, but as one of the company, coming from a distance, missed his train, they were short of staff. Happily they were able to enlist the services of a Civil Servant on the spot, and the Middlesex Association gained another peal of Superlative and three new members. The rest of the company feel indebted to E. A. Barnett for standing in at a moment's notice.

The ringers who visited Australia two years ago will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Murray, wife of Mr. James Murray, of Melbourne. She died after only a short illness. Mr. Murray conducted the first peal in Australia, rung at St. Philip's Church, Sydney, in 1890, and nearly 45 years later took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Truly local! Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Chandler rang together in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lyonsall Parish Church, Herefordshire, on October 30th. At this church they were baptised, confirmed, married, learned to handle a bell and rang their first peal.

Mr. George Popnell has now left Tredegar Hospital, where he was detained for some weeks after an accident while crossing a mountain. He is still 'on crutches,' but his many friends will be glad to learn that he is making good progress.

George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, has won distinction. He is nearly 80 and on Saturday rang his first peal of Grandsire Cinques! W. H. Symonds, a member of the Hereford Cathedral band, took part in a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday—his first peal of Stedman, at the age of 72 years. At the age of 68, Joseph Swain, of South Normanton, has rung his first peal. Boys will be boys!

The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Basingstoke, recorded in our last issue, was John Chesterman, not Chester as printed.

The ringing at Stratford-on-Avon, recorded last week as for the 50th anniversary of the Vicar's 'induction,' was for the jubilee of his 'ordination.' Canon Melville was appointed Vicar in 1908.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The authorities at Bowden are considering bricking up the louvres. At present the sills are about 3ft. below the smallest bells when raised. Can any reader with similar experience offer suggestions, particularly as to the height necessary? Roughly the louvres are 8ft. wide and 12ft. high, space from frame to roof of tower about 24ft.

D. VINCENT.
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A YORKSHIRE VETERAN.

FIRST YORKSHIRE RINGER TO SCORE 400 PEALS.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Queensbury, Yorks, on Saturday, rung for the marriage of Mr. Harry Wilde, a member of the local company, and Miss Marjory A. Newsome, was also notable for the fact that it enabled Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford ('Joe' to his conferees), to achieve a long cherished ambition of his very eventful ringing career, to be the first Yorkshire ringer to ring 400 peals. These are made up of 398 for the Yorkshire Association, one for the Lancashire Association and one for the Shropshire Association.

In spite of his advancing years, Joe rang his bell like a young man and was heartily congratulated by the band on his performance. Although he does not compare with some other stalwarts of the Exercise as regards the number of peals, his total represents a long period of hard toil, and many are the ringers who have been encouraged by his very cheerful word of advice.

In conversation with him after the peal, he said he has never failed to be a subscriber to the weekly ringing paper since one was first published some 55 years ago. Long may he be spared to enjoy the rest he so well deserves.

W. A.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CELEBRATION OF THE 299th ANNIVERSARY.

Twenty-Four Guilds and Associations Represented.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and ringing friends from many parts of the country gathered in London in large numbers on Saturday for the 299th anniversary dinner of the society. Ringing took place at several city churches during the afternoon, and, following the custom of recent years, a service was held at the Church of St. Michael, College Hill. It was at a church (destroyed in the Great Fire) which stood near this site that the first College Youths used to practise.

The church was filled, and the service, which was delayed a quarter of an hour, had to be somewhat curtailed. The Rector (Canon Douglas) officiated, and the address was given by the Rev. E. G. Turner, Vicar of St. Giles', Cripplegate. He spoke from the words,



MR. E. P. DUFFIELD,
The Retiring Master, Who Presided.

'I will awake the dawn,' Psalm cviii., 2 (R.V.). He said he had asked Canon Coleridge if he would give him some suggestions for the address, and the Canon had given him two cautions. The first was, 'If you don't know anything about bellringing, don't say anything about it,' and the other was, 'Mind you are short.' The speaker went on to speak of the effect of bells at the Armistice and on other public occasions. On the eighth bell at Cripplegate Church, he said, was the inscription, 'Peace and good neighbourhood.' That was a message which they needed more than ever to give the world to-day. They needed to practise them in their own lives and they were the things that men and nations needed.

At the close of the service, in which the hymns, 'O God, our help' and 'All people that on earth do dwell,' were heartily sung, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells in the chancel by J. Thomas, E. H. Lewis, T. Groombridge, jun., and W. A. Cave.

THE DINNER.

Afterwards a company numbering nearly 250 dined together in the Queen's Room of the London Tavern, with an overflow in the ante-room. It was one of the largest gatherings of the long series.

The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield), who was supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), the Rev. R. French,

M.C. (Rector of Stepney), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and Master-Elect of the College Youths), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. G. Turner (Vicar of Cripplegate), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus'), the Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), Capt. H. J. Cann (Brookwood), Canon Douglas (St. Michael's, College Hill), the Rev. G. A. Ellison (Sherborne), the Rev. J. Wall (Cornhill), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. W. E. Troke, Mr. H. Tanner (Dean's verger, St. Paul's Cathedral), etc.

Mr. E. A. Young was in the vice-chair, and among those also present were the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the society), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), Mr. L. Porter (Junior Steward), Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. H. R. Newton (Trustees). Other old members who attended were Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. W. D. Smith and Mr. J. C. Mitchell, each with a membership of over half a century.

The visitors from outside the London area included Messrs. A. Thompson (hon. secretary, North Staffs Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), J. Corbett (hon. treasurer, Guildford Diocesan Guild), R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association), S. Palmer (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association), W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian, Central Council), S. Armstrong (hon. secretary, Sussex Association), F. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent County Association), J. A. Trollope (vice-president, Middlesex Association), Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. A. J. Wright (Reading), and others from Wrington, Bristol, Reigate, Crayford, Dartford, Chislehurst, Woodford, Guildford, Croydon, Beddington, Brasted, Kettering, Mells, Yeovil, Wilbersey, Poole, Broxbourne, Manchester, Bolton, Ipswich, Reading (St. Laurence's and St. Mary's), Bushey, Enfield, Great Bentley, Hitchin, Cambridge, Eye, Windsor, Thame, Newcastle (Staffs), Sheffield, Derry, Loughborough, Swindon, Caversham, Banstead, St. Albans, Leatherhead, Heston, Wootton Bassett, etc. The London towers, represented by large contingents, included St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Southwark Cathedral, St. Lawrence Jewry, Ealing, Walthamstow, Barking, Lewisham, etc.

During dinner the Master 'took wine' with the senior past Master (Mr. F. E. Dawe), and with three generations of College Youths, Messrs. T. Groombridge, T. Groombridge, jun., and P. Groombridge (father, son and grandson), who were present. After the repast the loyal toast was drunk and the National Anthem sung.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE TRICENTENARY.

The Master proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and remarked succinctly, 'No Church, no Ancient Society.' When twelve months ago they assembled on a similar occasion, he said, they had fresh in their minds the part they, as ringers, had played in celebrating the Royal Jubilee. Within about two months of their gathering they were playing a totally opposite part; they had to perform the sad office of associating themselves with the passing of a beloved monarch. Just as they rose to the occasion in 1935, so they did in 1936, and they were looking forward to playing their part again in 1937 (hear, hear). Another thing which would be exercising their minds, and especially the minds of their officers, during the coming year would be the fit ways and means of celebrating a great event in the life of that Ancient Society. It might interest them to know that already a committee of four had been appointed, whose job it was to consider the manner in which the tercentenary should be celebrated and to make such recommendations as they might think necessary. They would thus see that they were not allowing Time to defeat them in making such preparations as would be adequate to the occasion. They had not forgotten the invitation that was thrown out to them—it was virtually an invitation—two years ago by the Archdeacon of London (to hold a service in St. Paul's Cathedral).

Proceeding, the Master apologised for what he described as 'an unfortunate happening' that afternoon, when, owing to the failure to keep an undertaking by the custodians of the society's property, the regalia and the mace were not available for use at the service, and the service itself was delayed for the service books. This created a good many little difficulties, and he apologised to the Rector of St. Michael's that this not only caused delay in the commencement of the service, but also threw it out of gear. He assured him, however, that it was no fault of the society.

What is the Church? asked the Master, turning more particularly to the toast. He was prepared to recognise that when they proposed that toast they thought of the body ecclesiastic, and they were very pleased to see that body so well represented there by so many influential members of the Church (applause). He could not, however, resist the urge to regard it from a wider viewpoint. One way in which he looked upon the Church was as the guardian of religion. What was religion? He would say religion was a belief in a Higher Authority, which Authority must guide their every course of action and relationship, whether political, social or moral, whether national

or international, so that they came back very nearly to the point where they brought in, as was customary on many such occasions, 'Church and State.' He suggested that if they had a Church which had no 'truck' with the State there was something wrong with the Church, and yet whilst the Church must bring its influence to bear on the affairs of the State—if it did not he thought it was sadly failing—the Church must not be responsible to the State for the conduct of its affairs, and he hoped the day would never come when the State would be allowed to have a voice in guiding the conscience of the Church (applause). They saw to-day totalitarian States where the Church was not its own master; its conscience was controlled by the State; its aims, its allegiances, were subordinated to the ambitions not of a democracy, but of a caucus. A Church such as that was a sham and a mockery; indeed, it was worse than no Church at all, because a Church that did not stand firm on questions of principle would be decidedly harmful. While it gave the impression that it was loyal to its allegiances and principles it was in reality merely the mouthpiece of a kind of propaganda department of the State. He was sure they all hoped that such a state of things would never come to this country of ours (applause). Indeed, they hoped that the time would soon come when these nations would be brought to realise the madness of the policy into which they had allowed themselves to be driven.

In coupling with the toast the name of Canon Perkins, the Master said he was much in their minds on account of his connection with the great Abbey of Westminster. He had not got a peal of twelve bells there, which they thought a church of the importance of Westminster Abbey should have. Perhaps as time went on Canon Perkins would remedy that little defect (laughter and applause).

'UPLIFT' OF THE BELLS.

Canon Perkins said as he went about the country—and his life took him up and down the country a good deal—one of his happiest experiences was to see the way in which the old historical Church of our land was appreciated. Coming from the Abbey—he had heard of other buildings called Abbeys, but he only knew 'The Abbey' (laughter and applause)—he supposed they would expect him to tell them of the plans and projects for the Coronation. He couldn't. Not being the Dean—he had not had proper justice done to him (laughter)—he had to preserve the character, more or less, of an oyster, but he could assure them when May 12th came, although they had not got the twelve bells which the Master hinted they desired, their poor little ring of eight bells would succeed in doing ample justice to the Coronation of King Edward VIII. (applause).

Proceeding, Canon Perkins expressed gratitude to those present for all they were doing for the cause of religion and the spiritual uplift of the country by their work upon the bells. He was brought up as a child at St. Paul's, Redford, he said, and in his boyish way used to take an interest in the eight bells there. As the years had gone on, he had come to realise the wonderful spiritual message the church bells of old England had. Last April it was his privilege to take part in a most memorable service at the ancient foundry in Whitechapel, when eight bells, the replica of the bells of the Abbey, which he loved so dearly, were sent out 6,000 miles away to Victoria in British Columbia. He had been behind the business from the first, for he was closely connected with the Canadian Church, and he assured them that the message of those bells in Victoria Cathedral had been something they had no idea of here in England. Of course, there had been accounts in the Press, and they had probably read the very good account which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' but he had had more information than that. People out there had heard those bells who had heard nothing like it for 40 or 50 years, and had walked up and down the street in Victoria literally crying with joy. Those bells which Mears and Stainbank had turned out so splendidly were going to be a very great spiritual uplift to that community (applause). He thanked Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and he thanked all of them who were engaged in the work as ringers. He hoped they would continue for many a long year up and down the country in this Ringing Isle to deliver the message of the bells—that wondrous message of uplift to the whole community (applause).

ADVICE TO YOUNG RINGERS.

Canon Coleridge, who was received with cheers, in proposing the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' thanked the members for their extremely warm greeting. What struck him more than anything else in the present day, he said, was the tremendous advance there had been in the art of change ringing, in the methods which were rung and in the comparatively new system of ringing spliced methods. He did not forget an occasion, more than 50 years ago, when he met certain College Youths after a practice at Southwark. Most of them were eating tripe and onions (laughter). He met several notable men, and one of them was Murray Hayes. He asked Hayes to tell him what he considered was a ringer at the top of the tree. Hayes replied that it was the ringer who could ring that highest and best of all methods, Stedman Cinques, and ring it properly. 'No man could wish to go any further than that,' Hayes said. He (Canon Coleridge) did not know what Hayes would say if he could have been there that night. Things had changed and they had men who could do most wonderful things, as they were to see a little later in the handbell ringing. Why was that? Because those who so excelled in ringing difficult methods had a right grounding and a right foundation. He wished every young ringer would read and study those most

admirable articles for beginners, which had been appearing every week for some months past, in 'The Ringing World.' If they would only apply themselves and put their whole heart into it, he was certain they would see an immense advance in the practice of the art (hear, hear). It was a most thankless task teaching youngsters, especially in the country, continued Canon Coleridge. He recently received a letter from a brother clergyman, who was working very hard indeed in instructing six-bell ringers round about him. In writing, he said, 'You live in a totally different ringing world to what I do. You associate yourself with men who can ring all sorts of methods, such as Cambridge Royal, and who actually talk about course-ends, and so on. That is your world.' 'It isn't, a bit, as a matter of fact,' commented Canon Coleridge, amid laughter. 'My world,' the writer added, 'is totally different. All I can do is to get them to see that there is a certain method called Grandsire Doubles and they think there is nothing to go for further than that. When they have rung 120 of Doubles they think they are at the top of the tree, and it is a very difficult job to teach them even that.'

Canon Coleridge recalled an incident which recently happened in a country village which he well knows and where Samuel Taylor Coleridge, philosopher and poet, once lived. To the church on the previous Sunday week came an old man, between 75 and 80 years of age, from the next village in order to ring. They put him to ring the tenor. He was rather blind and couldn't read the figures and soon got at sea. One of the ringers called out, 'Here, Bill, you be after me.' 'No I bain't,' he said, 'no I bain't. I knows where I ought to be, but I bain't there' (laughter). There is something good in confessing a fault like that, said Canon Coleridge. It was difficult in the country, but if they could get ringers to read that book by Mr. Dyke, which the Central Council published, and also that wonderful set of articles in 'The Ringing World,' they would get better ringing in every place in England. He hoped the day would come when those articles would appear in book form.

Referring to the demolition of the Church House, Westminster, and particularly to the pulling down of the great hall of the building, to make way for new premises, Canon Coleridge said he never thought that that house would come down so soon. It was less than 50 years ago that they, as young curates, were asked for contributions to build the hall in memory of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. It took many shillings out of their pockets to do it and he never thought a memorial of that kind would disappear so quickly. The whole face of London was changing, and perhaps it was fortunate that the College Youths had not got a Company Hall, otherwise the hand of the destroyer might be upon it. Next year they were keeping their three hundredth anniversary, and those responsible for the arrangements would have a tremendous work to do in getting a place which would accommodate all who would like to come. They would want a bigger church than St. Michael's and a bigger hall to dine in. He wished the Master, the stewards, the secretary and everybody else responsible, success in their efforts, and he wished the society prosperity and every individual member every happiness and blessing. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Cockerill, who was, he said, ever young, and not like an ancient building likely to fall down (laughter and applause).

Mr. Cockerill's health was drunk with musical honours. Following this came the 'exhibition piece' of the evening. The talented handbell band from Bushey rang a touch in five Surprise methods—London, Superlative, Bristol, Ealing and Cambridge. The large audience listened spellbound. After a short false start, the touch was rung in perfect style without a semblance of a trip; indeed, without a noticeable mis-blow. The rhythm was perfect and the pace fast. Timed over one half-minute, the ringing was at the rate of 40 changes a minute. The method changed at every lead, bobs were sprinkled about the touch, but from method to method the bells went as cleanly as if they had been consecutive leads of Bob Major. It was a wonderful exhibition, given, be it remembered, under strained conditions in the presence of a critical audience. Loud cheers greeted the successful conclusion of the touch, which had been rung in the tenseness of an almost breathless hush. The ringers were Henry Hodgetts 1-2, Christopher W. Woolley 3-4, Harold G. Cashmore (conductor) 5-6, Frederick W. Brinklow 7-8.

The following is the touch, which consisted of 352 changes:—

23456		M	W	H
32654	L.B.S.L.B.	2	2	
65324	E.C.E.		1	1
23456	L.C.E.	1	1	

THE PAST YEAR.

Mr. Cockerill was cordially received on rising to reply to the toast of the society. He said letters of apology for absence had been received from the Very Rev. Dr. Matthews, the Revs. Canons Haldane, Sheppard, Alexander and Mozley, the Archdeacon of London, the Rectors of St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Michael's, Cornhill, Mr. Albert Walker (Birmingham) and Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who was 82 and whose health would not allow him to be with them that night. Alderman Pritchett was probably their senior member. They had, continued Mr. Cockerill, to remember 14 members who had passed away since their last annual dinner.

While the company stood in silence, Mr. Cockerill read the following names: Arthur G. Ellis, John Avis, Edward E. Richards, the Rev. Charles A. Clements, the Rev. B. E. Tyrwhitt-Drake, William Davis, the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, John W. Rowbotham, Thomas Benney, John Howes, Charles J. Choct, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Henry S. Ellis and Alfred Tarbun, sen.

Continuing, the Hon. Secretary said that during the year 32 new members had been elected and 75 meetings for practice had been held. Seventeen peals had been rung as follows: On tower bells, Stedman Triples 2, Caters 4, Cinques 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Royal 1, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal 1, London Surprise Major 1, Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 1. The spliced peals were conducted by Mr. Wilfred Williams. On handbells there had been one peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, rung by the highly talented band who were with them that night (applause). Mr. Cockerill concluded by asking the members to join with him in wishing Canon Coleridge 'many happy returns' of his birthday, which he had celebrated on the previous Tuesday (applause).

Mr. W. Roughton, in proposing 'The Visitors,' suggested that the title of the toast should be either 'Our Guests' or 'Our Friends.' 'A man,' he quoted, 'should keep his friendships in constant repair.' They had friends with them who came to them constantly, and that was one of the nights on which they hoped to repair those friendships; they also hoped to make new friends. Mr. Roughton had a happy word to say about each of the clerical guests who was present, and he added that the visitors that night had seen the College Youths as they were and they had heard the most perfect handbell ringing in the world. He hoped it would result in their taking a good deal more interest in the ringing at their various churches than they had ever done before. It had been a joy to him and he was sure it had been a joy to every ringer. There were no men in the world who had ever been able to do it except these four, and they were all members of the Ancient Society (applause). Those visitors who would like to know more about the society he asked to look at the ancient records which were displayed in the ante-room. They contained the history of the society and were very worth while looking at.

CHANGE RINGING AND CHARACTER.

The Rev. G. A. Ellison, son of the Rector of Cornhill, replied to the toast. Many people, he said, would be surprised that a great society like that, containing so many experts in the art of change ringing, should entertain and ask to speak to them such a very raw beginner in the art as he was. But he must say, for his own part, he was not surprised, because their action was only typical of the kindness and thought which he had received from all bellringers since he started taking an interest in the art just a year ago. Heaven alone knew, he had given ringers enough provocation during the last year (laughter). But despite all his thickheadedness and foolishness he had received nothing but kindness from his fellow-ringers, and he would like to think his presence there that night was symbolic of the fellowship of the bells which united the most experienced with the most inexperienced in one family (hear, hear). He brought to them, continued the speaker, greetings, first from his fellow-ringers at Sherborne, who would be glad to extend the hand of hospitality to them in the tower of Sherborne Abbey, and from his father, the Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, who regretted very much that he was unable to be present. He (the speaker) personally regretted it, because there were not many things he could do better than his father, but if his father had been there, he (the speaker) would have been able to remind him that, whereas when he was a curate at St. Mary Abbot's he attained only to the heights of call changes, he could struggle through a plain course of Grand sire Triples (laughter and applause).

Continuing, Mr. Ellison said he hoped they would not think him impertinent if he made an appeal to them to do as much as they could to interest boys and young men in the art of change ringing (hear, hear). 'I have had a very small experience of parish life,' proceeded the speaker, 'but of one thing I am certain, that one of the great dangers to character to-day is that people are losing the art of amusing themselves (hear, hear). If they have a leisure hour they want to see what is being done for them, on the wireless or in the cinema. I believe that the discipline of change ringing, the thoroughness which it inculcates in the people who practise it, and the team spirit which pervades the whole of the art, are things which are necessary to character and are necessary to all our young people to-day (hear, hear, and applause). I believe, whenever you can persuade a young man to learn this great art, which I, for one year, have been practising with the greatest joy in the world, you will be doing a very great service to the youth of the country, as well as preserving this great native art for the future' (applause).

In proposing 'Kindred Societies,' the Vice-Chairman said he did so by virtue of the fact that he was the immediate Past Master of the Society. He liked to think that these toasts had come down to them from the early days of the society and that, as he stood there as vice-chairman, many of his predecessors had also stood there and voiced the same sentiments. Immediately in front of them they had their tercentenary, and, looking back down the centuries, they must be thankful to those who had steered the society through the shoals and rocks with such skilful hands. He liked to think that their founder, Lord Brevelon, sitting, perhaps, somewhere near where they were assembled, had said to his friend, Sir Clifford Clifton, 'Now, Cliff, we must have a feast, we must get out a programme. I will

propose a toast to His Majesty, Charles I., and the State and Church, and I think you, Cliff, should toast the ringing brethren.' He did not suppose they would call them 'kindred societies' in those days, but he was sure they would always remember their ringing friends, despite those little difficulties which all societies must have. But difficulties were the salt of a society, said Mr. Young, so long as they were met by opposite forces and a sense of brotherhood. Thus they met that night and sent out their greetings to kindred societies. It would be difficult to say how many societies were represented there that evening, but they felt with them in the aspirations and struggles and joined in wishing them the best of luck, joy and success (applause). There were very few societies older than their own, but they thought that night of all the little village societies and of those great guilds and associations which were linked together under the Parliament of Ringers, the Central Council. They were fortunate that in their Senior Steward and Master-Elect, Mr. Lewis, they had the President of the Council (applause). It was a great honour to them to have him as a member and an officer of their society (applause).

OTHER PEBBLES ON THE BEACH.

Mr. Lewis, in acknowledging the toast, said that in that day's issue of 'The Times,' at the bottom of the ecclesiastical news, it was announced that 'the Ancient Society of College Youths, the association of bellringers, will hold a service at St. Michael's, when handbells will be rung.' No doubt some members of the society believed everything they saw in print, and, if so, they now knew that the Ancient Society was the association of bellringers. At the same time, by their kindness in honouring that toast, the society did realise that there were a few other pebbles on the beach (laughter), that there were one or two other societies up and down the country, and on behalf of those societies he thanked them for having honoured the toast. He could not say he actually represented every ringing society or association in the country, but he did represent nearly the whole of the larger associations. The number was somewhere about 50, affiliated to the Central Council, and he understood that 24 of them were represented in that room (applause). He noticed that there were representatives from the far ends of the country. From the west they had a representative who could teach them how to handle a rope, even with one hand when the needs of nature demanded it (laughter), and there was someone there from Wales. They had also got a representative of the Scottish Association, who, as far as he knew, was the only change ringer who, to use a good old Scottish term, was a 'residenter' in the county of Argyll. He thanked the College Youths for the welcome they extended to kindred societies year by year, and he would like to thank them particularly this year for the wonderful example of handbell ringing they had given them. He thought it ought to be a lesson to the country members. A fortnight ago, speaking at Liverpool, he pleaded for a much greater use of handbells, because he believed it was fairly easy for a band to attain a moderate degree of striking on handbells, and, having got that, to have something to aim at in the tower. He hoped the country members would go home with that marvellous rhythm in their ears. Apart from the intricacy of the methods, the rhythm was about as perfect as it could be (applause). He hoped it would encourage others to do something like it and apply rhythm to the tower bells (applause).

Mr. L. Porter submitted 'The Press,' which, he said, had everything in its power to 'make us or break us.' He appealed to the national and local Press, in dealing with things relating to ringing, to be guided by the technique which they could obtain from ringers so that their reports of ringers' achievements might be accurate. With regard to their own ringing paper, they were all agreed, he said, that such a journal was necessary in the interests and progress of the art. He appealed to the Editor to give them what they wanted, and he was certain that ringers would not only subscribe to the paper, but do all they could to encourage others to do the same. He appealed to ringers, whatever their views, to give the ringing paper that support which had been asked for times out of number.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in replying, spoke of the excellent 'press' which ringing was now receiving generally. Referring to the proposer's appeal to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to give ringers what they wanted, he said he was always ready to do that if ringers themselves really knew what they wanted. The trouble, so far as he was concerned, was that nearly everybody who wrote to him on the subject wanted something different (laughter), and the Editor could only use his discretion and give the readers that which he believed would interest the greatest number (hear, hear).

The proceedings ended with Auld Lang Syne sung with linked hands. The musical programme included two songs by Mr. Reginald Johnson, 'Ol' Man River' and 'I travel the road,' and handbell solos by Mrs. Hughes, rendered in her inimitable style. Her first item was 'Serenade,' a very delightful piece, written specially for her handbells by Mr. F. G. Haskins, organist of Chingford Parish Church, and publicly performed for the first time. Mrs. Hughes followed this with 'If I might come to you' (W. H. Squire), and, as an encore, played the ever popular 'Land of hope and glory.' Afterwards Mrs. Hughes was presented with a bouquet by the Master, who spoke of the appreciation they had of what Mrs. Hughes did for their entertainment year after year. Mrs. Hughes graciously acknowledged the gift. The accompanist was Miss Olive Peake.

The election of officers for the tercentenary year takes place next Tuesday.

RESTORATION IN BRISTOL

CLIFTON BELLS REOPENED AFTER LONG SILENCE.

The eight bells of Clifton Parish Church have been restored. They were rededicated by the Ven. W. Welchman (Archdeacon of Bristol) in the presence of a large congregation.

During the service, immediately after the rededication ceremony, the bells were heard again, after a silence of eight years, rounds and 'Queen's' being rung by the local band. The bells were rung again after the service for about half an hour, the opening touch being three courses of Stedman Triples by the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: P. G. Leaker 1, E. Guise 2, J. Thomas 3, P. C. Williams 4, J. A. Burford 5, H. W. Knight 6, S. H. Wood 7, H. S. Gregory 8.

Refreshments were served in the Parish Hall afterwards, and tributes paid to Mr. H. S. Gregory for his work in connection with the restoration scheme and the formation of a young band to ring the bells, also to Messrs. Menzies and Stainbank (who were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes) and Mr. J. Thomas for the excellent way in which the work had been carried out.

The existing oak frame has been strengthened, the tenor (weighing 13 cwt.) recast, and the whole peal retuned and rehung on ball bearings. The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired and everyone is most pleased with their improved tone.

A local band of communicant members of the congregation has been formed under the captaincy of Mr. H. S. Gregory, with Mr. Stephen H. Wood as instructor.

The bells have been rung regularly for the Sunday services since the reopening, and a start has now been made with change ringing. It is almost 21 years since the bells were last rung for the Sunday morning service.

TWO GUILDS AT BINSTED

A joint quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and Ladies' Guild (Southern District) was held at Binsted on Saturday, November 7th, when, in spite of a very stormy day and an awkward locality to reach, 22 members were present, representing Aldershot, Blackmoor, Binsted, Petersfield, Seale, Soberton, Worplesdon and two unattached. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon and later in the evening, the ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Guild's service was held in church, at which the Vicar of Binsted (the Rev. F. A. W. Wilkinson) officiated, and gave an interesting and somewhat amusing address. Tea was provided in the Parish Institute, where the party was very cordially welcomed by Mrs. L. Ogilvy, of Binsted Wyck.

After tea the business meeting of the two districts took place. In the absence of the Alton and Petersfield District's chairman (the Rev. F. G. Eyres) owing to illness, the Vicar of Binsted kindly took the chair.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. E. Bassett) expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of Miss H. F. Mills (ladies' secretary), also due to illness.

The next meeting of the Southern District (Ladies' Guild) was fixed for Shalford.

Mr. W. G. Lawrence (Froyle), Mr. E. Smith and Mr. J. Perris (Petersfield) were elected ringing members, and Mr. R. G. Cross (Long Sutton) an unattached member of the Winchester Guild.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded and ringing was then resumed.

DATE TOUCHES OF MINOR.

Little Bob Minor is useful for obtaining lengths of Minor, which are divisible by eight, but not by twelve. Thus a 720 of Plain Bob can be reduced to 496 by ringing one lead of Little Bob in place of the three middle leads of Plain Bob in eight out of the twelve courses:

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45632 *	36425
— 45326	62354
	25643
— 45263	— 25436
32645 *	
24356	— 25364
	56243
— 24563	64532
35624 *	43625
— 35246	32456
— 35462	
24635 *	Repeated
43256	

Produced by ringing one lead of Little Bob. The number of changes for this year is obtained by adding this to two complete 720's.

The date touch was rung on Martinmas Day, at St. Martin's Church, Brasted, Kent, and consisted of 496 Plain and Little Bob spliced, 720 St. Clement's Bob and 720 Oxford Bob: G. W. Davey 1, Miss D. Colegate 2, A. Barker 3, C. W. Towner 4, P. W. Budgen 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6.

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LATE NOTICE.—HITCHIN TO-MORROW, November 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.15. Short service 6.30. Everyone welcome. Learners encouraged. 'Rounds to Surprise.' A lovely eight, so don't be late! —Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HALBERTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 (tenor 17 cwt.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. —The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers will be made welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, Nov. 21st (NOT Nov. 14th as originally fixed). Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Nominations for district officers 1937 must be made at this meeting. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, instead of Leigh, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The bells will be available at 2.45. Tea will be arranged. —A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —Next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good turn up is requested. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. —S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, November 21st. St. Peter Mancroft bells available 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Michael at Coslany from 3 o'clock. Tea, rs., at The Curat House at 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, November 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. W. Wilde, 28, Holland Street, Denton.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

THE PLACE—BUSHEY HEATH.—The date, Saturday, November 21st. The time, 3.30 till 6. Tea, 6; meeting after. 7.15 till 8.30, Oxhey. The association, Herts. Nearest station, Bushey. Coaches from and to London stop near church.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swithland on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Usual service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road. All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., Rhodene, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale to-morrow, Saturday, November 21st. The tower will be open at 2 p.m. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to members and friends to attend.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent (6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, November 21st. Usual arrangements. On Bristol bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The diocesan collection will be presented at the Cathedral on Monday, Nov. 23rd. Bells ready at 6.30 p.m. Service at 7.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th (election night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KIRBYMOORSIDE, Nr. York.—The ring of 6 bells which has been recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Whitby on Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 5.30 p.m.

BOWDEN, CHESHIRE.—Practice night has been changed to Thursday, commencing November 26th. Help of visiting ringers appreciated.

RUSHDEN CHURCH, HERTS.—The ring of five (tenor 6½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of St. Albans on Friday, November 27th, at 7.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the School at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible, and not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D., Vicar of Otterton. Tea at 4.45 p.m., free to members. business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 23rd.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley Branch.—The next meeting will be at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers will be very welcome.—C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and a short business meeting. Nominations for district officers will be required at this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 28th, at St. Giles', Oxford. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All those requiring tea (1s. per head) please notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Miss M. Reynolds, Dis. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. each). Meeting in the School Room at 6 o'clock. The Rev. A. Scott will conduct the service. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Colley, 14, Ashbourne Road, Eccles, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by kind invitation of Herne ringers. If you are coming, please send your names in to Mr. C. Hadlow, Hicks Forstal Farm, Sturry, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, Nov. 26th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. 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, Pye Street, Bishops Stortford.

CHARLES CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.—The ring of 10 (tenor 23 cwt.) has been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, November 28th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice has been arranged at Drayton (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, November 28th. Begin 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by Rev. Canon Kieth, R.D. Tea in the Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting. The bells at Corfe Mullen will be available from 2.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Nov. 24th, to W. Claydon, Hon. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than November 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, November 28th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. For tea, please notify not later than Tuesday, November 24th.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, November 28th. Bells from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in the National School 5.30, free. Please send card before the 25th. All ringers welcome.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at New Alresford, Hants, on Saturday, November 28th, by kind invitation of the Rector. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea at 4.30. No charge will be made. All welcome. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting will be held at Halvergate (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3 p.m. Nearest station, Reedham. Please send names or numbers for tea.—G. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LADIES' GUILD AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers requiring tea must send in their names to Miss Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds, 6, by November 26th. Business meetings following tea.—E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Fulney, Spalding, on Saturday, November 28th. 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 November 23rd?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Wilburton, Cambs, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The bells at the Cathedral will be open after the meeting. Will you please let me have the numbers for tea by Wednesday, November 25th, so that adequate arrangements may be made?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting to be held at Olveston on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) commence 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Coalpit Heath on Monday, November 23rd, at 7.15 p.m. Annual meeting of above branch to be held at Warmley, December 19th.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, November 25th?—E. J. Butler, Div. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH, IPSWICH.—A new peal board with eight panels will be dedicated and unveiled by the president of the Central Council (E. H. Lewis, Esq.) on Saturday, November 28th, at 4.30 p.m. St. Margaret's (8) and St. Matthew's (6) bells will also be available.—G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, December 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Institute at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, December 5th (not the 12th as originally fixed). Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Mary Wallis Hall. Nominations of district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by December 3rd.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Measham on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea in Church Room, followed by meeting. Will all members and visitors requiring tea kindly advise me by Wednesday, December 2nd? All ringers heartily welcomed. Let us have a good finish to 1936.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, December 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Buller Hall, free to members. Bands and visitors please notify me by November 30th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by December 1st certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at ninepence each for all those who notify directly Mr. A. J. Hubbie, 3, Mark Road, Wednesbury, not later than Tuesday, December 1st, and not to myself.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. (free), in the Schoolroom. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 1st?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Tower open after 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Surprise practices at the R.C. Church will be discontinued after December 10th until further notice.—R. Lathbury, Castle Street, Cambridge. Phone 4494.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Old Palace Banqueting Hall, by kind invitation of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Croydon and churchwardens. Admission by ticket only. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m. Social at the Drill Hall, Union Road (opposite the Bell Foundry), at 8 p.m. Applications for tea tickets to be received not later than Monday, December 7th, by Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon. Will those accepting invitation to tea say whether or not they are able to attend the social?

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Special method, Cambridge Court Bob. Meat tea, 1s. each to members, at Express Dairy, High Street, at 5 o'clock. Please advise me, without fail, by December 3rd. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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We print elsewhere a letter, on the subject of peals, which may give thoughtful ringers food for reflection. It contains the suggestion that, in view of the fact that the time is fast approaching when, as our correspondent puts it, the whole question of limitations upon peals must receive drastic attention, steps might be taken to lower the recognised standard for the length of a 'peal.' That the question of peal ringing should receive the serious consideration of the Exercise, and that there are, also, occasions when shorter bouts of ringing than three hours would meet the professed purpose of the performance, we fully agree, but there are weighty arguments against reducing the accepted length of a 'peal.'

In the sense that it is laid down that a peal shall consist of not less than 5,000 changes, our correspondent is correct when he says that it is a purely arbitrary standard, but there are mathematical and historical grounds for this definition. In the early days of change ringing a 'peal' was the extent of the changes on any given number of bells. It was a six-score on five, a 720 on six, and a five thousand and forty on seven. Old peal boards can still be found in which a 10,080 of Major is described as a 'quarter-peal.' But for practical purposes, ever since peal ringing, as we know it to-day, began in the early eighteenth century with peals of Triples, five thousand and forty has been the basis of recognition, with due allowance for the requirements of methods rung on eight or more bells.

To lower this standard would, we think, be a retrograde step. Peals are, in these days, 'cheap' enough compared with the tax which they put upon the performers in years gone by. To permit about three-fifths of such achievements to rank for merit as a 'peal' would strike at the very root of the value of the performance. When it is said that on the score of proficiency in a method 1,260 changes can be as searching a test as the whole peal, we do not agree. The last hour of the peal is, in our opinion, the supreme test of the ringers' physical and mental powers, when they have to resist fatigue both of body and mind. That last hour of concentration is the all-important factor in successful peal ringing—to cut it out would rob the performance of more than half its merit.

But while we differ with our correspondent on what the standard of a peal should continue to be, we do agree that ringers have got to give more consideration to the public than has been sometimes done in the past. Peals on 'noisy' bells in congested districts should be avoided, except on very special occasions, but many a tower could

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE 6
ROBERT G. BLACK 2	JOHN A. GREEN 7
FRANK J. GREEN 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 8
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 4	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 9
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5	CHARLES W. BIRD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

This was the conductor's first attempt to conduct a peal on ten bells. Rung on the 40th anniversary of Mr. E. C. Lambert's first peal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble	JOSEPH HERBERT 6
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 7
HORACE BELCHER 3	JOSEPH MARKS 8
*ROY K. MOWFORTH 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK 5	WILLIAM LIDBETTER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWITT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the wedding of Flying Officer John Shepherd-Smith, second son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, of the Vicarage, Isleworth, and Miss Pamela Hunter-Tod, younger daughter of the late Mr. Hunter-Tod, F.R.C.S., and Mrs. A. Thorowgood, of Hogg Lane Farm, Ashley Green, Bucks, which took place at Malta on November 18th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to J. F. Milner.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON Treble	*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5
JOHN J. WEBB 2	H. ERNEST COX 6
ALFRED T. POULTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

NORTH ELHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILLEY Treble	†ROBERT MARSH 5
*BERTIE W. MARSH 2	†WILLIAM R. WEST 6
GEORGE T. BUNNING 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
†HARRY R. LOVE 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen of the parish, also of Robert Blake, of Hethersett, who died November 14th, 1935.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JAMES ROSE Treble	KEITH WHITTLE 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
CHARLES SHEMMINGS 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
WILLIAM KINSEY 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY W. BROWN Treble	†GEORGE BAATZ 5
WILLIAM J. PRISCOTT 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
*HAROLD PARFREY 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
†WILLIAM G. BROWN 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung in honour of the fifth anniversary of the Rev. G. G. Hickman's appointment as Vicar of Twerton; also for the wedding of Miss Marjorie Hector, daughter of Mr. Sam Hector, the well-known Trowbridge ringer, to B.Q.M.S. Humphries, of the R.H.A. It was also a birthday compliment to Henry W. Brown.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
*ALAN J. HOPPER 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
†NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. The tenor ringer has now 'circled' the tower.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. CRIPPS Treble	JOSEPH FARMER 5
OWEN H. GILES 2	KEITH HART 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
FRANK A. HALSTED 4	EDWARD J. CHARMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
WILLIAM POTTER 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

Arranged and rung as a 65th birthday compliment to William Potter, leader of the local band.

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(ELLOF DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
*CYRIL DOBNEY ... 2	† WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON ... 6
RALPH G. LEY ... 3	JOHN W. CARTER ... 7
ERNEST T. KING ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON

* First peal with an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 6
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 3	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 7
FRANCIS BALL ... 4	HARRY PETTER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*AUBRAY CLARK ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 5
*LEONARD E. SCAMMELL ... 2	WALTER A. PECK ... 6
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... 7
† NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4	*JOHN GREENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES W. DENVER ... Treble	ALLAN HARDIMAN ... 5
JESSE BEAGLEY ... 2	FRANK KEMP ... 6
GEORGE UPSHALL ... 3	RICHARD HASTED ... 7
RICHARD V. FULLER ... 4	THOMAS UPSHALL ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by RICHARD HASTED.

A complimentary peal to the conductor on the eve of his 65th birthday.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	WALTER AYRE ... 6
*REV. B. F. SHAPPARD ... 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7
*HENRY HODGETTS ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday peal for the daughter of Mr. W. Ayre; also for the conductor.

CLAYBROOK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CLAYBROOK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	EDWIN LLOYD ... 5
KENNETH A. ROE ... 2	RICHARD F. ROE ... 6
*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 7
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. S. CARTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of the donor of the bells.

KINVER, STAFFS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BERNARD LAWTON ... Treble	HAROLD SHUCK ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 2	JOHN PAGETT ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	PERCY RICHARDS ... 7
† PERCY HANDLEY ... 4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. HUGHES.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Quarterly peal for the Guild.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, 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	*WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
FREDERICK K. BIGGS ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* 400th peal. The Vicar met and welcomed the members of the band to his belfry and wished them success.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PERCY SWINDLEY ... Treble	*JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
*FRED HARTMAN ... 3	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
JAMES MORGAN ... 4	*EDWARD PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Hartman.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	ADAM BLOGG ... 5
*THOMAS BARKER ... 2	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 6
† JOHN JACKSON ... 3	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... 7
FRED RIGBY ... 4	† ALFRED BLOGG ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (3rd Reversed). Conducted by A. BLOGG

* First peal of Oxford 'inside.' † First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

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ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	Treble	*MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	CECIL C. MAYNE	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	HARRY KILBY	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	4	JAMES H. RIDING	Tenor

Composed by A. J. P. TMAN. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This composition contained 2,368 London, 1,152 Bristol and 768 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 106 changes of method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT	Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS	4
*LESLIE STIMPSON	2	EDWARD GREENACRE	5
CLAUDE COUSINS	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First attempt for a peal, and a member of the local St. Faith Guild of Ringers. This peal was originally attempted on August 4th as a wedding peal to Mr. F. Nolan Golden, an esteemed member of the above association.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Sunday, November 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	Treble	*HARRY R. ROPER	4
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
MISS PAVLIS E. TILLET	3	JOHN F. TILLET	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Harry R. Roper has now completed peals in this method on all numbers.

HOLWELL, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of St. Dunstan's, three of St. Simon's, eight each of Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 21 of Grandfire, 23 callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILFRED P. LAMBERT	Treble	*GILBERT W. RENDALL	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 five methods. Arranged and rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Hopkins. The Rev. A. G. Hopkins, who has been Rector of Holwell since 1927, is retiring through ill-health. The band were very hospitably entered at the Rectory after the peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELI,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID L. REES	Treble	*CHRISTOPHER H. HAWKINS	4
ERNEST STITCH	2	EDWARD PHILLIPS	5
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The quarterly peal for the Guild.

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Capel, Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (2) Double and Single Court; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY	Treble	JACK MILLHOUSE	4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	3	CLIFFORD VESSEY	Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

First peal in twelve methods by all the band and for the association.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*ARTHUR G. BACON	Treble	KENNETH NEWMAN	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	5
*FREDERICK MATTHEWS, JUN.	3	JOHN BUCKENHAM	Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal in six methods. First in six methods as conductor.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Canterbury and Newcastle; (2) Munden and Chester; (3) York and Durham; (4) London and Wells; (5) Carlisle; (6) Cambridge; (7) Surfleet and Beverley. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT	Treble	GEORGE W. PARK	4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	ROLAND PARK	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT 20, ABERDERN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	HAROLD JACKSON	5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY	3-4	*HARRY ASHTON	7-8

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

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to 'Bobby' Jones and the composer.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

On Friday, November 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT 17, MANDRAKE ROAD, S.W.17,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5007 CHANGES;

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN	5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD	3-4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7-8
*ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES			9-10

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

Witness—Mrs. J. R. Mackman.

* First peal. First handbell peal of Stedman by the Guild.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

RHYL, NORTH WALES.—At St. Thomas' Church on November 10th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Dean 1, J. Wilson 2, G. Wilson 3, J. P. Griffiths 4, J. H. Fuller 5, L. J. Evans (conductor) 6. First 720 for all the band except the ringers of 5 and 6.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ARTICLES APPRECIATED.

It is very gratifying to us to know that the articles for Beginners, which have been appearing every week for about 18 months, are not only appreciated by many of those for whom they are specially written, but that they meet with the approval of members of the Exercise who have long since passed beyond the 'beginner' stage. The fact that it has been suggested that the 'lessons' should be reprinted in book form is an indication of their usefulness.

Although written primarily for beginners, in varying stages—one could not write continuously for those who are only learning to handle a rope, or trying to acquire ropesight—it was our intention to provide material also for those who give instruction, and we are pleased, therefore, to learn from numerous sources that these more or less simple lessons are often proving valuable to those who are teaching others.

From the appreciation which has been expressed we feel that the articles are on the right lines, and we hope they will continue to be of real use. A long series of articles on the plan of taking the beginner in steps 'from rounds to London Surprise' could not, we believe, be published in a weekly paper with the same advantage. All beginners cannot progress at the same speed, and many could not keep pace with such a series. In addition, the claims of the five and six-bell ringers, as well as those who practise on eight, have to be considered, and each category must have its turn while others are digesting what has already appeared. Moreover, there are new ringers constantly coming along, and we must return from time to time to give them a helping hand.

A LITTLE STEP TO LITTLE BOB.

For some few weeks past we have been endeavouring to show ringers a way of getting a new interest, by explaining how easy it is, by means of a little study and patience, to try something fresh with hopes of success. Our examination of Minor methods has shown how they are often interlocked in their construction, and thus the task of mastering them is to some extent eased.

The same thing applies to Major methods. They run very much in groups. One such group is the Plain Bob method, in which, in addition to Bob Major, with 2nd's place made when the treble leads, there is Reverse Bob, produced by 7th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind, causing the dodging at that stage instead of at the lead end. There is also Double Bob, with both 7th's place and the accompanying dodging when the treble is behind and 2nd's and the accompanying dodging when the treble leads.

It is not necessary for us to go into detail about the ringing of these two methods—a study of the full explanation of Reverse and Double Bob Minor, which appeared in our issue of September 25th, should be sufficient.

We would, however, like to turn attention to another variant of Plain Bob, which readers may like to try. Some ringers look at it rather askance, but it is a change and it can be made to produce good music. Moreover, in a fashion, it is good preparation for a step to Treble Bob.

We refer to Little Bob. This is a method in which the treble has a plain hunt, but it goes up only to 4th's place, where it makes a whole pull, and then returns to lead. That is why some people do not like it—the treble never gets above 4th's place.

It can be rung as Minor, if you like, but, of course, as the treble is never in 5-6 the extent of changes on six bells is not possible by this method. In Major, however, there is full scope for a peal and the method is perfectly easy to ring.

As readers who have reached the stage of Plain Bob on a working bell well know, the 2nd's place made at a plain lead, or the 4th's place made at a bob, causes the bells above those places to dodge.

Precisely the same thing happens in Little Bob. When the treble leads, 2nd's place is made by the bell which came down in front of the treble, and the bells in 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 dodge. When the treble makes 4th's, the bells in 5-6 and 7-8 dodge.

The result is that a bell, once it is above 4th's, dodges in every dodging place, 5-6, 7-8 (up), 8-7, 6-5 (down) consecutively. In addition it dodges 4-3 (down) and 3-4 (up) if the treble is below it. In other words, you dodge in every dodging place as you come to it unless you are actually in 3-4 with the treble; that is unless you cross the treble in 3-4 or 4-3.

Construct a course for yourself, draw your diagram and see how symmetrical it is. The course is, perforce, only half the length of a course of Plain Bob.

The bobs are made as in the parent method: 4th's instead of 2nd's, with the bell, that led in front of the treble, running out and making its first dodge in 5-6; and the bell that would have stopped for a dodge in 4-3 (down) running in to take the treble off the lead.

The lead-ends are the same as Plain Bob, but do not occur in the same order, and the conductor has to be wary of the fact that the calls at Wrong and Middle come at consecutive leads—indeed, they have only the dodge in 8-7 (down) between them, while the Home occurs four leads further on: after he has been down to the front again. If he needs a mental check, Home occurs at the second lead after he has made 2nd's; Wrong and Middle after he has been to the front without making 2nd's. Any true touch of Bob Major will fit the method, but, of course, it will be only half the length.

'CRAFTSMANSHIP' SUBORDINATED TO THE 'ENGINEER.'

WORCESTERSHIRE VICAR'S PLAINT.

The annual meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association took place at Powick last Saturday and was well attended, considering the day was cold and foggy. Powick, a small village lying on the Malvern road some three miles south-west of Worcester, was the scene, we are told, of the first shot fired in the Civil War which began in 1642, and known as the first Battle of Worcester.

The church is ancient and possesses a 'Bob Major' tower containing six bells, tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat, originally by A. Rudhall, 1705, but four of them have since been recast, the tenor in 1833, others in 1910. The tone of the whole peal is mellow and full of dignity, the handling of them no easy matter unless one allows the arms to go well above the shoulders and uses the straight-all-the-way-down pull.

Ringling began at 3 o'clock and continued until 4.15, when a short service with address was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Champion, who is an honorary member of the association. In his address the Vicar, commenting upon the ever recurring topic of ringers not going to church, said that he would never try to compel anyone to go against their wish. As regards his own ringers he left the matter to conscience, and remarked that it was not so much church-going as the way we lived our daily lives that mattered most. Change ringing was a beautiful art, but he himself was often dismayed at the ignorance of some ringers in failing to regard it as such. He then referred to the craftsmanship of the old bellfounders which to-day had been subordinated to the engineer, a gain to ringers as far as the 'go' of the bells was concerned, but to be regretted inasmuch as the craftsman had been dispensed with.

The Vicar's address certainly surprised some of the members with its knowledge of bells and the understanding of ringers, a fact that was commented upon later in the vote of thanks.

A 'ringers' tea' was very kindly provided in the Village Hall by Mr. Geoffrey Lewis, a member of the Cathedral band, who resides at Powick, after which the business meeting was held. All the officers were re-elected, namely, Messrs. C. Camm (Ringing Master), G. E. Large (secretary and treasurer), W. Rufford (representative of the Central Committee). The quarterly peal was left in the hands of Mr. G. J. Lewis, and it was decided to make either Wychbold or Leigh the place of the first meeting for 1937.

The secretary then reported an increase of about 20 members over last year, the total membership being a record for the branch since its formation. He thanked all tower secretaries and others who had helped to make this possible, and urged on them the necessity for retaining at practices and meetings the new faces they had with them that afternoon. He also asked for revised and accurate lists of members' names for the purpose of the next annual report.

The large hall, with its wide, open fireplace, provided a Dickensian setting for the meeting, and members were loth to leave it for the murky fog which hung outside. Eventually, however, a few stalwarts led the way for further ringing, which included Cambridge and London Surprise. Finally the company, thoroughly warmed by now, dispersed once again into the gloom, this time homeward bound.

A QUESTION FOR THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a ringer of over 52 years' standing and one who rang his first peal over 50 years ago, I think I ought to have the right of putting questions to the Methods Committee and to expect a courteous answer.

Most certainly I have the right to try and impart knowledge to the Exercise, which I know to be true, in spite of the fact that this knowledge is opposed to the beliefs of the Methods Committee.

I propose, therefore, to ask the Methods Committee if they can give the Exercise a mathematical proof, apart from the course-ends of the peals, whether or no the following peals are one and the same.

The peals here given are for 8th's place methods, but they can also be converted into 2nd's place methods. No. 1 peal is applicable to the H class of plain methods; No. 2 peal to the J class.

As five-part peals they would be applicable to many Treble Bob or Surprise methods, provided the methods have clean proof scales.

(1) 23456 F. I. O.

(2) 23456 O. F. I.

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Repeat 9 times.

Single halfway and end.

Repeat 9 times.

Single halfway and end.

I shall await with interest the reply I shall expect to receive from the Methods Committee.

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

GUILDFORD.—At S. Nicolas' Church for evensong on the patronal festival, 1,278 Grandsire Caters by the S. Nicolas' company: E. G. Heath 1, C. Hazelden 2, S. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. G. Hazelden 5, E. Raddon 6, G. Tomsett 7, F. Radford 8, S. Elton (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD MEETING 'FAILS' IN ITS OBJECT.

The little village of Shere is always an attractive spot for a ringing meeting, and it drew about 30 ringers to the Guildford Diocesan Guild's gathering on Saturday. Indeed, those who visited it had the opportunity of seeing it under picturesque conditions in the evening. Standing in the centre of the village, where a giant oak rises sentinel at the junction of three roads, the scene was one that may be dreamed about, but seldom seen. A crescent moon shining from a starlit indigo sky, the ancient half-timbered gabled buildings, with the warm glow of lamps shining from numerous cottage windows, the shingled spire of the old church standing out in silhouette, with the bells ringing merrily over the quiet village, and the Tillingbourne stream bubbling beneath the little old-world bridge, provided an enchanting setting, which needed to be seen to be fully realised. Shere has the reputation of being one of the prettiest villages in Surrey, and it can be as charming under the moonlight as it is picturesque under the midday sun.

The visiting ringers received a warm welcome from the Rector (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman) when he addressed them at the service; they would have been more pleased could they have been welcomed also by the local ringers, not one of whom appeared until late in the evening, when 'Old Tommy' Streeter, esteemed by all who know him, made a belated appearance. Old Tom thinks he has nearly passed the active stage, but he was induced to take part in a short touch of Grandsire Triples.

The other methods rung during the afternoon reached out to Cambridge Major, but chief attention was given to those who were anxious to improve their acquaintance with more modest things.

Ringers were present from Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Godalming, Haslemere, Pirbright, Woking, Worplesdon, West Clandon and Bagshot, and visitors from Reigate, Sevenoaks and Uckfield. The attendance included all the district officers and the Master, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary of the Guild.

At the business meeting of the Guildford District, after tea at the White Horse Hotel, the Master presided and a vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with the family of the late Mrs. G. E. Walker, of Woking, widow of the late Admiral Walker (who was formerly hon. treasurer), and a life hon. member of the Guild.

One new ringing member was elected, and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shelton, of Reigate, were elected non-resident life members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and organist, but the hon. district secretary reminded the members that, although they had a good attendance, the meeting, having been arranged with a view to interesting the local ringers, had failed in its object, as not one of them was present.

But that is the way of some of the ringing fraternity.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS.

The Shropshire Association held a successful meeting at Condover on November 7th, when over 30 members attended. The very pleasant peal of eight was going at an early hour, the long draught and a couple of newish ropes giving the visitors a good deal to think about for a time. However, some creditable striking in standard methods was heard, and some good practice put in before the service.

The Vicar is a practising member of the association, and showed his interest by conducting a very enjoyable service, also by taking the chair at the business meeting which followed tea in the Parish Hall.

The annual meeting was provisionally fixed for January 16th, other business being the election of Mr. G. F. D. Pratt to the committee. The committee asked for authority to send out to all towers connected with the association asking for 1936 subscriptions. The names only of members who have paid the annual subscription will be included in the register.

The committee also proposed to get in touch with the authorities at the three Shrewsbury churches where the bells are not rung with a view to putting ropes, etc., in order as far as possible.

Further ringing was enjoyed in the evening, and several enthusiasts found it necessary to hurry off for trains and buses at 9 p.m.

WEDDING BELLS.

MARRIAGE OF MISS M. I. HECTOR AT TROWBRIDGE.

The wedding took place at Trowbridge Parish Church of Miss Marjorie Ina Hector, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hector, of the White Swan, Church Street. The bridegroom was Battery Quartermaster-Sergeant George Humphries, of Newport Pagnell, Bucks. The Rector (the Rev. S. J. Nisbet Wallace) officiated and the service was choral. The bridegroom and best man were in Royal Artillery uniform.

Mr. Sam Hector has had a long connection with ringing in Trowbridge, and is one of Wiltshire's best known ringers. In honour of the wedding the bells rang out merrily after the service. Among the presents received by the bride and bridegroom was a silver rose bowl from the Parish Church ringers.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—For evening service on the occasion of the patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: P. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, H. G. Keeley 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, F. Price 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to cast the two trebles for Chester Cathedral, increasing the peal there to ten bells.

The death occurred at Woking on Wednesday week of Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth Walker, widow of the late Admiral T. P. Walker. Admiral Walker was hon. treasurer of Guildford Diocesan Guild from its foundation until his death, and Mrs. Walker was a life honorary member. For the funeral on Saturday the bells at Woking Parish Church were rung half-muffled.

In the peal columns is recorded 'Shropshire Bill's' 200th peal. Billy and his local team were quite happy as the bells settled down to what has been referred to in 'The Ringing World' as handbell rhythm.

William is the third Shropshire ringer to reach 200 peals. James E. Groves tops the list, and E. V. Rodenhurst is nearing the 300 mark. Mr. William Froud, formerly a ringer at Maidstone, has passed away at the advanced age of 90 years.

The meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Denton, announced for last Saturday, is to take place to-morrow.

The accounts of the Bristol United Guilds have just been issued. The principal activities during the year have been the new issue of the Directory and the annual dinner. The dinner account showed a profit of 1s. 2d. and the directory account a deficit of 13s. 4d., but, after allowing for the differences, the general account has a balance in hand of £15 14s. 4d., an increase of £2 8s. 4d. on the year, thanks to the proceeds of a dance. The next annual dinner will take place on January 16th.

The King's visit to Llanfrecfa during his tour of the distressed area in South Wales last week was celebrated by the ringing of a peal of Bob Minor at the Parish Church in the evening, following an hour and a half's ringing in the morning of the visit. His Majesty, while in Llanfrecfa, visited the Unemployed Boy Scouts' Centre.

THE ARTICLES FOR BEGINNERS.

SUGGESTED PUBLICATION IN BOOK FORM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I strongly support the suggestion which I see that Canon Coleridge made at the College Youths' dinner—that the excellent series of articles 'For Beginners' may in due course be collected into book form? There are, of course, several existing books which are doing great service, but the articles in your paper are second to none for clearness and thoroughness.

But now that they have been running for more than a year they have naturally reached something rather beyond the strict 'beginner' stage, whereas ringing societies are constantly having to deal with complete newcomers to the art; and many of these newcomers too, alas! will probably not start reading 'The Ringing World' until they feel that they do at least know a little about ringing. So if the articles are sooner or later gathered into a book, I am sure that the result will be of great value—particularly to societies such as the University Society here, where practically the whole time is spent on teaching beginners.

(Rev.) HARRY T. WISDOM.

St. Stephen's House, Oxford.

MORE FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. Roberts (London) points out to me that Compositions No. 1,787 and 1,801, both Stedman Caters, by H. Dains and W. A. J. Knight respectively, are both false and tenders his sympathies to both bands. I add my regrets and beg to draw attention to both peals being omitted from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association records. E. GUISE, Hon. Secretary.

Sir,—Mr. C. W. Roberts points out that a peal of Stedman Caters (No. 1,801) that I called at Bristol last year is false. I would apologise to the association and to the band that I did not give more than a cursory inspection to the figures. J. T. DYKE.

Peal No. 1,787 was rung at Swindon.

'STRAIGHT FROM THE BELFRY.'

After the College Youths' dinner, 'Peter Simple' had the following in his column in 'The Morning Post,' headed 'Straight from the Belfry.' It needs no comment:—

'At the 299th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, says a recent news item, the assembly heard four College Youths ring for the first time in public a "spliced surprise major" in five methods. "Splicing the surprised major" is a term well known to campanologists; and the five "methods" or ingredients are the same as those used in all exercises of a similar character. Among the older generation of ringers, a round of triple-spliced swelpme bob majors is the usual signal for the party to break up; whence the phrase "ringing the bell."

'The five "methods" according to the best authorities are sack, stingo, toddy, punch, and that product of modern campanology, the plain cator and it.'

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ELECTION OF MASTER FOR TERCENTENARY YEAR.

Mr. E. H. Lewis Installed.

On Tuesday evening the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths elected their Master for the Tercentenary year, and Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) was installed for a period which should prove of unparalleled interest in the society's history.

The meeting at which the election took place was held at the Coffee Pot, in Warwick Lane, almost under the shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral, which has been the headquarters of the society for many years past.

The business began when the retiring Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield) took the chair and the ceremonial candles standing on the table in front of the mace had been duly lighted. The silver candlesticks are a pair, presented by the late Dr. Arthur Nicholls, of Boston, U.S.A., actually used by the Duke of Wellington throughout his Peninsular campaign.



MR. EDWIN H. LEWIS.
Elected Master of the College Youths for the
Tercentenary Year.

The preliminary business, which was expeditiously got through, included the reading of a letter from the Rev. Fynes-Clinton, Rector of St. Magnus', containing the suggestion that when the society organised its Coronation ringing, arrangements should be made for bells in the City to be rung throughout the week without the overlapping of ringing at neighbouring towers. One tower should be used each day in a different quarter of the City and the arrangements published in the Coronation programme in the City Press.

Three new members were elected and there was the unique incident of a grandfather proposing his own grandson, when Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., submitted the name of Mr. F. T. Groombridge.

The financial statement for the year having been disposed of, Mr. F. E. Dawe (the oldest surviving Past Master) was voted to the chair while the election of officers took place.

THE OFFICERS.

Mr. Dawe expressed appreciation of the compliment paid him. He recalled the fact that he was elected Master for the first time 49 years ago, and occupied the honourable position on five occasions. He was pleased to meet again that night friends he used to meet 50, 55 and 58 years ago. He was particularly pleased to see present Mr. Challis Winney, for they were elected members the same night 58 years ago. They learnt to ring together; in fact, in their ringing careers they had grown up side by side. Mr. Dawe went on to pay a tribute to the retiring Master, who was to be succeeded by another able gentle-

man. Both the outgoing and the incoming Masters were men for whom the Ringing Exercise had the highest possible respect. For the important year which was before them they could not have a more suitable Master than the president of the Central Council (applause).

Mr. A. A. Hughes then proposed and Mr. T. Groombridge seconded that Mr. Edwin H. Lewis be elected Master of the society for the ensuing year, and the motion was carried amid applause.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill's re-election as hon. secretary was carried by acclamation. Mr. T. Groombridge, in making the proposition, said no one would ever know the amount of work put in by Mr. Cockerill, who had been secretary longer than he (Mr. Groombridge) had been a member.

Mr. J. C. Mitchell, who seconded, said he had for years marvelled at the way Mr. Cockerill had carried on the job so efficiently.

Mr. A. A. Hughes was re-elected treasurer. Mr. L. B. Porter was elected senior steward and Mr. J. Waugh junior steward. Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton were re-elected trustees.

AUSPICIOUS YEAR BEFORE THE SOCIETY.

Mr. Lewis then took the chair amid applause, and Mr. Duffield invested him with the badge of office—the new regalia provided by past officers of the society to commemorate the Tercentenary. Mr. Duffield said he invested Mr. Lewis with the badge in the firm belief that the society, during his term of office, would attain a prominence and a position of strength such as in the whole of its 300 years of history it had never attained before. He assured Mr. Lewis of the support of the members of the society and wished him every success in his year of office.

The new Master said he felt it was a great honour to have been elected to the office in this particularly auspicious year that was now starting. He thought Sir Arthur Heywood would have been rather glad to know that the president of the Council which he founded had been elected Master of that society, for when he first broached the idea of a Central Council there were remarks from one or two old members of the College Youths not quite complimentary to his ideas (laughter). But he went through with it in spite of that, and he (Mr. Lewis) was very glad to feel to-day that the College Youths were as keen supporters of the Council as any of the other societies.

Continuing, he said he intended to do all he could during the coming year to support the society in every possible way. He expressed thanks to the retiring Master for all he had done for the society during his two years of office. Despite the fact that he had 50 miles to travel to his home after their meetings, Mr. Duffield had been most assiduous in his attendance (applause).

Mr. Duffield thanked the members for their indulgence during his Mastership, and the stewards and officers for their support. His two years of office had been very happy ones, and in vacating the chair it was a great pleasure to know it was to be filled by one than whom they could find none more acceptable to the Exercise (applause).

A vote of thanks to the officers of the past year was acknowledged by Mr. L. B. Porter, and at Mr. E. A. Young's suggestion it was resolved that on ceremonial occasions the medallion badge of office, until recently worn by the Master, should in future be worn by the Immediate Past Master.

LIMITED ACCOMMODATION FOR TERCENTENARY DINNER.

The Hon. Treasurer, on behalf of the committee who have the arrangements of the Tercentenary celebrations under consideration, said that owing to the dinner coming so near to the date of the Lord Mayor's banquet, they had been informed that the use of the Guildhall for the society's function was out of the question. Only two public rooms in the City were capable of seating the number of people they would be likely to get at the dinner, and he asked the members to decide that night to which place they would go, the Abercorn Rooms or the Cannon Street Hotel.

After details had been discussed, the Cannon Street Hotel, which can seat 400 to 420, was decided upon.

This will preclude the presence of ladies, and a suggestion was made that they might be provided for in another hall in the same building.

Mr. Young suggested that perhaps some kind of celebration, in which the ladies could take part, might be arranged in the summer.

Mr. Hughes stated that now that they had decided that the company would be limited to 420, an early announcement would have to be made in 'The Ringing World' that applications for tickets must be in in good time.

The business concluded, the members, at the call of the hon. secretary, drank the health of the new Master and wished him a successful year of office.

Then the candles were extinguished and slowly the company broke up.

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MASTERS.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT EARLY LEADERS OF THE SOCIETY.

The election of a Master for the Tercentenary year of the Ancient Society of College Youths gives added interest to the history of the early days of the society and what is known of its first Masters.

A volume of intense interest on the history of the College Youths, its early members and its outstanding performances, has been written by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, and it is hoped that this may be published during the forthcoming year. It would be a fitting accompaniment to what should be a noteworthy year for the society. By Mr. Trollope's kindness we are able to publish, from his work, the following particulars of some of the early Masters of the society.

The society, as is known, was established on November 5th, 1637, and the first Master was William, Lord Brereton, the head of an old Cheshire family, whose members had done good service to the State, in the Army, the Church and the Law.

He had married, says Mr. Trollope, the daughter of George Goring, afterwards Earl of Norwich, at the time one of the most powerful men in the country, and the influence of his father-in-law and his own social standing brought him into close contact with the Royal Court and the highest persons in the country. He was now 26 years old and, we may suppose, had already practised bellringing both in London and at his country home in Cheshire.

The year 1637 is famous for other things than the founding of the Society of College Youths; it was the first year of the revolutionary movement which led to the temporary ruin of Church and Crown, and five years later the Civil War broke out. The College Youths, naturally, were Royalists to a man, and the older members joined the King's standard or went down to their country homes to help his cause.

A ROYALIST.

Lord Brereton gathered arms, raised forces and garrisoned his house. On the other side was his namesake and distant cousin, Sir William Brereton, who held Nantwich for Parliament, and for some time the opposing forces contended for the control of Cheshire. The issue was decided in 1644, when Sir Thomas Fairfax marched out of Yorkshire, joined Sir William Brereton and routed the Royalists. Lord Brereton escaped from the battle, but was afterwards captured, and his enemies refused to exchange him on the ground that he had put to death in cold blood several of the Parliamentary side.

What truth there was in this charge cannot now be said, but after a year he was set at liberty and returned to his own home and took no further part in the war. His troubles, however, were not by any means over; he had to pay heavily for his 'delinquency' and the Puritans of his parish were continually sending complaints about him up to London.

In the year 1660 came the Restoration and the change in Church and State which it brought with it greatly affected ringing in general and the fortunes of the College Youths in particular. The art received a great stimulus and all those men who had suffered so much for their loyalty to the royal cause looked for compensation and reward. Lord Brereton petitioned the King for a grant to himself and his son of the office of Custos Brevium in the Court of Common Pleas.

Whether his request was granted does not appear, but on May 31st, 1661, a warrant was issued to pay him £500 as the King's free gift. He was made Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire in conjunction with Edward Stanley, Earl of Derby, who was also Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and Lord of the Isle of Man. This division of the office was unusual and was done because, while Brereton represented the cavalier gentry of the county, Derby's territorial and personal influence in the district was so great that he could not be passed over. The arrangement did not work well. There was a good deal of ill-feeling between the Breretons and the Stanleys. Derby resented the appointment of a colleague and ignored him; and Brereton was irritated and sulked. The government of the county was neglected and several sharp letters were sent down from Whitehall. Some of the county gentlemen suggested that both Lords Lieutenant should be dismissed and another man appointed, but this was not done. A hint seems to have been given to Derby to confine himself to his other counties, and after that Brereton was energetic in the administration of Cheshire.

NO MEMORIAL TO FIRST MASTER.

He died in April, 1664, and was buried at the church at Brereton, where there is at present no memorial to him. His losses in the Civil War and the heavy fines he had to pay had ruined him.

Lord Brereton's title was an Irish one and gave him no seat in the House of Lords, but in the latter part of his life he was a Member of Parliament for Cheshire. His son sold the Cheshire estates, and after the next generation the family and the title became extinct.

Clifford Clifton, the second Master (1638), was four years younger than Brereton. He was the second son of Gervase Clifton, a wealthy Nottinghamshire landowner, and derived his Christian name from his maternal grandfather, George Clifford, Earl of Cumberland. As the eldest of the family he was intended to make his fortune in what we should now call the Civil Service. His father was a strong Royalist and we may suppose that the son was active on the same side. When the royal cause was finally lost and the King's head had fallen on the scaffold, Clifton's career as a courtier and civil servant came to an end; so he entered himself as a student at Gray's Inn, intending to seek his fortune as a lawyer, and that no doubt renewed his association with the College Youths.

About Edward Flower (1639) Mr. Trollope says he seems to have been in much the same position as Clifton, and in after years he was one of the King's Messengers.

Two brothers, Henry and Robert Mackworth, the sons of Sir Henry Mackworth, of Empringham, in Rutlandshire, were Masters in 1642 and 1643. Robert, who was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1640, died in 1717 at the good old age of 97. He appears to have kept up his connection with the society throughout his life, and his son Thomas was steward in 1693.

Capt. John Harrison, who followed the Mackworths in the chair (1644), was a different sort of person. Soldier, courtier, envoy, administrator, author and divine, he played many parts during an adventurous life spent in three continents. He was a man past middle life when he joined the society.

Among the other early members were Thomas Joyce, the Master in 1641, who was the son of a Dorset gentleman; John Hackett, Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn; two other clergymen, John Milner and John Lightfoot; and John Houghton, Master in 1646, a writer of learned books and dealer in coffee, chocolate and other luxuries 'against the Ship Tavern in Bartholomew Lane.' All these were Cambridge graduates, except Joyce, who was at Exeter College, Oxford, and almost from the beginning there was a close connection between the Cambridge University ringers and the College Youths.

Sir Henry Tuise was successively Alderman, Sheriff and Lord Mayor of London, and in the year that he held the last office (1684) he was elected Master of the society.

John Tending, an Essex country gentleman, was not only a good ringer, but also a first-class composer. He produced some five-bell peals which are very ingenious and elaborate in construction. That he was highly thought of by the society is shown by the fact that he was elected Master (1659), only two years after joining the society and without having previously held the office of Steward.

Sir John Everard (1662) was a member of another important Essex family, whose official duties took him to Westminster, where he made the acquaintance of the College Youths and became one of the leading men of the society.

Among the men who have left their mark upon the art of ringing and who in their day served as Master of the society were Fabian Stedman (1682) and Benjamin Annable (1746), but the earliest composer who is known to have occupied the chief official position in the society, the man who probably converted 'cross peals' into half-pull changes, was Robert Roan (1652). He first produced the six-score of Grandsire Doubles, and from it 'Grandsire Bob,' the 720 of Bob Minor with the old standard calling.

John Patrick, who joined the College Youths in 1679, was Steward in 1684 and Master in 1692, was one of the men who carried on Stedman's work as a composer. He lived at Ship Court in the Old Bailey and was an inventor and maker of barometers and thermometers and had a great reputation among navigators and scientific men of the time. Fourteen or fifteen of his Minor methods and half a dozen Triples methods are printed in the 'Campanologia' of 1702.

THE MASTERS OF THE LAST 100 YEARS.

The books of the College Youths give the names of the Masters from the foundation until 1755, when, unfortunately, the custom of recording the appointment in the Name Book fell into abeyance and there is consequently no record of those who occupied the Master's chair until 1822.

The list of the Masters in the last 100 years contains the names of most of the famous members of the society of the century. We take these from the College Youths' own record:—

Richard Mills, 1837-1839.	John W. Rowbotham, 1884, 1908.
James Durrant, 1840.	J. Martin Routh, 1885.
Thomas Britten, 1841.	George T. McLaughlin, 1886.
Thomas Gray, 1842.	Samuel E. Joyce, 1887.
James Mash, 1843-1844.	Francis E. Dawe, 1888-90, 1892-93.
Charles Clay, 1845.	William D. Smith, 1891, 1903-1904.
James Rogers, 1846.	William Burkin, 1894-1896.
John Bradley, 1847.	Walter Prime, 1897.
George Morley, 1848.	Henry R. Newton, 1898, 1925.
John Merrin, 1849.	Edward P. O'Meara, 1899-1900, 1905-1906.
James Dwight, 1850, 1852, 1853.	William H. Pasmore, 1901.
James R. Haworth, 1851.	John W. Golding, 1902.
Charles Balle, 1853.	Arthur Hughes, 1907.
Robert Jameson, 1854.	Charles S. Burden, 1909.
William Lobb, 1855.	Alfred B. Peck, 1910.
Matthew A. Wood, 1856, 1859.	Thomas H. Taffender, 1911.
William Cooter, 1857.	Thomas Faulkner, 1912-1913.
Edward Lansdell, 1860.	Albert A. Hughes, 1914-1917.
George S. Shurey, 1861-1863, 1865.	Charles H. Horton, 1918-1919.
George Munkett, 1864.	Harold S. Walton, 1920.
George Mash, 1866-1867, 1871.	George R. Fardon, 1921.
James Pettitt, 1868, 1872.	William E. Garrard, 1922.
Edwin Horrex, 1869.	Richard T. Hibbert, 1923.
Thomas Richards, 1870.	Percy E. Clark, 1924, 1930.
Henry W. Haley, 1873.	Thomas Groombridge, 1926.
Arthur Hayward, 1874.	Joseph S. Hawkins, 1927, 1931.
William Greenleaf, 1875, 1883.	James Bullock, 1928.
John Murray Hayes, 1876.	Edward J. Choate, 1929.
George Dorrington, 1877.	Frederick M. Mitchell, 1932.
Samuel Reeves, 1878-1879.	E. Alex. Young, 1933.
William Tanner, 1880.	Edward P. Duffield, 1934-1935.
Walter Jones, 1881.	Edwin H. Lewis, 1936.
Edwin Gibbs, 1882.	

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.**SHOULD THE LENGTH OF PEALS BE REDUCED?***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your judicious remarks on the above subject should serve as a reminder to the Exercise that the time is fast approaching when the whole question of limitations upon peals must receive drastic attention. It is becoming increasingly apparent that in these days the public will not endure uncomplainingly the number of peals and peal attempts that in other days were imposed upon their ears.

So far nobody has revived the old question of limiting the number of changes that constitute a peal. Perhaps we have at last become so impressed with the idea that five thousand changes must necessarily go to a peal that the idea of a shorter standard has not occurred to us. Yet the present standard is a purely arbitrary one, and it is quite within our power, as an Exercise, and acting through our own elected body—the Central Council—to stipulate that a lesser number shall be recorded as a peal; at any rate, upon ordinary occasions.

On the score of proficiency in a method, 1,260 changes, which is the standard for admission imposed by the Ancient Society of College Youths, can be as searching a test as the whole peal. While none of us would have the temerity to propose so low a figure as this for a recorded peal, there is no valid reason why we should not accept something round about 3,000 changes. For the sake of Minor bands the figure might be 2,880 or 3,600; that is, either four or five 720's.

Once we made the break with tradition in our minds on this matter we could, I think, see much to commend the shorter peal on other grounds than the mere abatement of noise. It has always seemed ludicrous to me that whether the occasion is the crowning of a monarch or the christening of the tenor's latest-horn, the Exercise has precisely the same celebration to make; unless, of course, the Master of the tower has a due sense of proportion, and accords to the infant the perfectly sufficient tribute of a quarter-peal. With the longer peal, the 5,000, kept in reserve, and not cheapened by promiscuous resort, it could be used with effect as a really royal peal when national occasions justified it.

All the parts of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major—to name only some of the methods about which the same could be said—that are worth ringing could easily be compressed into 3,000. It is the extension of these to peal length that demands the inclusion of unmusical courses, or in some methods the employment of unmusical long courses instead of far better short courses. Indeed, the whole field of composition would be altered out of our present knowledge if we adopted a 3,000 standard. Needless to say, the improvement of the music for outside ears must go a long way towards abatement of opposition to the bells.

There is finally a very important practical consideration. Short peals, of the length I have indicated, would take about two hours to ring on the average eight or ten. This shortening of the time would permit the peal to be fitted into the interval between afternoon and evening service on Sunday, when the occasion was of sufficient importance to justify the effort, and so have the happy effect of transferring many peal attempts, not merely to the most suitable occasion for them, but also to the time when they would probably arouse least opposition. It would always be possible to justify two hours' ringing on Sunday evening much more satisfactorily than three hours or more on a Saturday. Likewise it would remove from peal ringing the present reproach that it is utterly dissociated from the true function of the bells: service ringing.

None of us who are keen ringers will contemplate very happily any such self-denying ordinance as I have suggested. But as you, sir, have so cogently and rightly warned us, something of the kind must be the lesser of two evils, for it is quite certain that if we do nothing ourselves, something much more drastic will be done, without our compliance perhaps, but also without our power to oppose it. Already many towers are closed for peal ringing altogether; we shall be very short-sighted indeed if we persist in disregarding the portents until there are no towers left to us.

A. J. CORRIGAN.

North Stoneham, Hants.

VETERAN SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.**MR. LIONEL HAMMOND, OF CHEDISTON.**

The death has taken place at Chediston, Suffolk, of Mr. Lionel Hammond, who had reached the advanced age of 81 years. He had been a member of the Halesworth Society for 34 years, and, despite his age, was a regular attendant for Sunday service ringing, frequently walking to and from Halesworth three times on a Sunday. In this and other ways he was a faithful servant of the Church. He had taken part in 24 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The funeral took place at Chediston on November 12th, the Rev. D. Twigg (Vicar) officiating. The hymn, 'For ever with the Lord,' and the 90th Psalm were sung and appropriate music played on the organ. At the graveside the handbells were rung by Messrs. F. C. Lambert, A. H. Took, W. Kemp and J. O'Neill. In the evening there was half-muffled ringing on the bells of Chediston Church by Messrs. A. Peck, F. Cady, G. Carter, R. Gardiner, A. Rogers, G. Andrews and J. Thurlow.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SECRETARY'S INTERESTING REPORT.**

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Burslem on Saturday, November 7th. Thirty-four members were present from Burslem, Bucknall, Biddulph, Cheadle, Brown Edge, Draycott, Kidsgrove, Kingsley, Lawton, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stone, Tunstall and Uttoxeter. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Hadwers).

After tea in the Schoolroom, the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells and the splendid welcome they extended to all present.

The company then stood in silence for a minute in memory of Mr. W. J. Woodward, who was an honorary member of the association.

The annual committee meeting took place immediately after tea. Mr. Thomas Hurd presided, supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary) and Mr. Kenneth Thacker (assistant hon. secretary). Thirteen towers were represented.

The secretary, in his report, said that during the past year 12 meetings had been held. There had been an average attendance of 41 per meeting, which was an increase of six. He was also very pleased to note that four members had attended all the meetings; they were Messrs. T. Hurd, R. G. Lewis, J. E. Wheeldon and A. Thompson. One hundred and three of the members had attended at least one meeting during the year. Forty new members had been elected, consisting of two honorary, one non-resident and 37 ringing members.

CLEANER BELFRIDS.

The secretary added that he was pleased to state that the affiliated towers of North Staffordshire were kept much cleaner, and he considered them as well kept or better than those in most parts of the country.

During the year he had visited most of the towers in the district, apart from association meetings. They included Audley, Swynnerton, Silverdale, Keele, Madeley, Cheadle, Barlaston, Stone, Kidsgrove, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Burslem, Alton and Rocester. One of the disappointing things was the number of peals rung for the association, which numbered only seven (two of Major, one of Triples and four of Minor). Most of all he deplored that there was not a muffled peal rung in memory of the late King George V., and only one quarter-peal was rung, which was one of Grandsire Triples at Newcastle-under-Lyme. He took the opportunity of asking all present to try to make an effort to ring a peal for the Coronation of King Edward VIII. The association had 20 affiliated towers and six unaffiliated with ringable peals. The association was represented at the Central Council meeting, held in London in June, this being only the second time it had been represented at a meeting of that body. He emphasised the appeal on behalf of the Central Council that ringers would think more about 'The Ringing World' and try to give more support to that valuable paper. Fight meeting reports have appeared in 'The Ringing World' since March.

The statement of accounts was read and accepted on the motion of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, seconded by Mr. J. Stanaway. Among the major items of expenditure was the sum of £6 12s. 7d. paid in half rail fares to members attending meetings, and a grant of £3 3s. to Stone towards the rehanging of the bells.

The auditor's report stated that there was a gain on the year of £2 17s. 0d., which made a total balance of £18 7s. 6d., consisting of £10 4s. in the Post Office and £8 3s. 6d. in secretary's hands.

The Rev. F. D. Gardner (Rector of Bucknall) was elected clerical secretary, Mr. Andrew Thompson hon. secretary and Mr. Kenneth Thacker assistant hon. secretary. The following were also elected: Chairman of committee, Mr. Thomas Hurd; Ringing Masters, for eight-bell towers Mr. R. G. Lewis, for six-bell towers Mr. J. E. Wheeldon; Central Council representative, Mr. Kenneth Thacker; auditor, Mr. W. Wheeldon.

CHANGES IN RULES.

A new rule was brought forward for confirmation: 'That no other tower shall be officially opened on arranged meeting dates except as deemed necessary by the committee.'

It was also decided to delete Rule 14, which reads: 'The committee shall appoint instructors where necessary to those towers desiring instruction in a method of change ringing, the charge per visit being 1s. per hour from the time of leaving home until the bell-ringers close, with travelling expenses, half the total cost being paid by the tower to which the visit is paid, and half by the association.' This was brought forward by Mr. A. Thompson with the idea of helping bands who need instruction and cannot afford to pay for it.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Wheeldon, seconded by Mr. G. H. Hall, to the chairman for his faithful work during the year. A vote of thanks to the hon. secretary and assistant secretary for their valuable work was proposed by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, seconded by Mr. R. G. Lewis, and cordially carried.

REMARKABLE RECORD

The 'North Dorset Church Magazine' records what it rightly describes as a 'memorable meeting' at Marshull Church on October 16th. Six men gathered together, who, 40 years ago on that date, had begun what has turned out to be 40 years of united service as bellringers in this church. This is a remarkable if not a unique record of unbroken fellowship of the belfry.

NOTICES.

BOWDEN, CHESHIRE.—Practice night has been changed to Thursday, commencing November 26th. Help of visiting ringers appreciated.

RUSHDEN CHURCH, HERTS.—The ring of five (tenor 6½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of St. Albans on Friday, November 27th, at 7.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the School at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, November 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. W. Wilde, 28, Holland Street, Denton.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley Branch.—The next meeting will be at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and a short business meeting. Nominations for district officers will be required at this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 28th, at St. Giles', Oxford. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Miss M. Reynolds, Dis. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. each). Meeting in the School Room at 6 o'clock. The Rev. A. Scott will conduct the service. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. 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, Pye Street, Bishops Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by kind invitation of Herne ringers.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting at Seale on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Jubilee Room, 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

CHARLES CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.—The ring of 10 (tenor 23 cwt.) has been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, November 28th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by Rev. Canon Kieth, R.D. Tea in the Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting. The bells at Corfe Mullen will be available from 2.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Wilburton, Cambs, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, November 28th. Bells from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in the National School 5.30, free. All ringers welcome.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at New Alresford, Hants, on Saturday, November 28th, by kind invitation of the Rector. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea at 4.30. No charge will be made. All welcome. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting will be held at Halvergate (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3 p.m. Nearest station, Reedham. Please send names or numbers for tea.—G. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The bells at the Cathedral will be open after the meeting.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Fulney, Spalding, on Saturday, November 28th. 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.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH, IPSWICH.—A new peal board with eight panels will be dedicated and unveiled by the president of the Central Council (E. H. Lewis, Esq.) on Saturday, November 28th, at 4.30 p.m. St. Margaret's (8) and St. Matthew's (6) bells will also be available.—G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow.—E. J. Butler, Div. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, November 28th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—An evening meeting will be held at Bentley to-morrow, Saturday, November 28th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for at this, the last meeting of this year.—E. Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, December 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Institute at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on December 3rd (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, St. Michael's on the 29th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, December 5th (not the 12th as originally fixed). Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Mary Wallis Hall. Nominations of district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by December 3rd.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Measham on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea in Church Room, followed by meeting. Will all members and visitors requiring tea kindly advise me by Wednesday, December 2nd? All ringers heartily welcomed. Let us have a good finish to 1936.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, December 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Buller Hall, free to members. Bands and visitors please notify me by November 30th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, December 5th. Usual arrangements. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by December 1st certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at ninepence each for all those who notify directly Mr. A. J. Hubble, 2, Mark Road, Wednesbury, not later than Tuesday, December 1st, and not to myself.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. (free), in the Schoolroom. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 1st?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Tower open after 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Special method, Cambridge Court Bob. Meat tea, 1s. each to members, at Express Dairy, High Street, at 5 o'clock. Please advise me, without fail, by December 3rd. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, to be followed by meeting, etc. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsburry and Burton Bradstock (6). All ringers cordially invited to attend.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Malmesbury, Middle Street, Bradpole.

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

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—Ring of six restored and two trebles added to complete the octave by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Venerable Archdeacon of Lewes on Saturday, December 5th, at 6 p.m. Supper in the Parish Church Room at 8.30 p.m. Will those who wish to attend the supper send notice to Mr. A. Gasson, Minette, Balcombe, by December 3rd? All ringers welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern District will be held in the City on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available: St. Magnus' (10), 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Tea and meeting as usual. All welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, on December 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at Messrs. Druce and Smith, 239, High Street. Discussion on recent 'Ringing World' questionnaire in Church Room at 6 p.m. Isleworth (10), 3 to 4.15 p.m. Brentford (6), 4.15 to 5 p.m., and after tea. Come prepared for special practice in London Surprise Minor and Double Court Bob Minor at the latter tower.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in school (6d.) to all who notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, nr. Wigan, before Wednesday, December 2nd. Please note Secretary's change of address.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church (10 bells) on Saturday, December 5th. For tea (5 o'clock, Ranmoor Inn), please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandgate Road, Sheffield, by December 2nd. Take Fulwood bus at Leopold Street, fare 1½d., opposite Town Hall. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. F. J. Reeve, Frogmore Street, Tring, by the Thursday previous. District members are particularly asked to attend. Very important. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Leigh, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary by Wednesday, December 2nd.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—R. N. Newly, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulveston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nassington, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish for tea please write by Tuesday, December 1st.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells open for ringing 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only. Business meeting afterwards.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A. All requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, December 3rd.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Hearty welcome to all ringers. Please notify me those requiring tea.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Surprise practices at the R.C. Church will be discontinued after December 10th until further notice.—R. Lathbury, Castle Street, Cambridge. Phone 4494.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, December 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service in All Saints' Church, 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. C. T. Waters, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles', Pontefract. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/6 each) in Co-operative Cafe. Please advise Mr. H. C. Walters, 8, Elm Terrace, Newgate, Pontefract, by Thursday, December 10th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Bricklands, Broom, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 9th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District & Romney Marsh & District Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome. Kindly send card for tea by December 10th.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on December 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at St. Michael's Rooms, at 4 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Broxham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 2.30. Service, if possible, 3.45. Tea 4.30 *sharp* in the Parish Hall. I have made special arrangements with the Post Office to receive postcards (duly stamped) with reference to numbers for tea.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Special Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 12th, and not Saturday, December 5th, as arranged. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 o'clock, but kindly notify Mr. P. Massam, Glenroyd, Royds Lane, Rothwell, by Wednesday, December 9th. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley, near Leeds.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Old Palace Banqueting Hall, by kind invitation of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Croydon and churchwardens. Admission by ticket only. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m. Social at the Drill Hall, Union Road (opposite the Bell Foundry), at 8 p.m. Applications for tea tickets to be received not later than Monday, December 7th, by Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon. Will those accepting invitation to tea say whether or not they are able to attend the social?

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SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Tuesday, November 10th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,472 Superlative Surprise Major, in honour of the Shipley men who fell in the Great War: G. Titterton 1, *Miss M. White 2, F. Davison 3, *R. Simpson 4, L. W. G. Morris (conductor) 5, T. B. Kendall 6, H. Davison 7, E. H. Simpson 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

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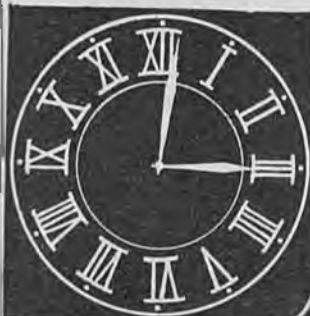
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The coming year should create a new and conspicuous interest in the Ancient Society of College Youths. In celebrating its tercentenary it will reach an auspicious point in its long history, and it has begun the year with happy augury by the election as Master of the President of the Central Council. We are not quite sure that the College Youths themselves fully realised the significance of the occasion, or they would surely have been present in larger numbers to inaugurate this very interesting period. Members have a sense of the prestige and importance of the society, but they missed a great opportunity last week to emphasise this to those 'other pebbles on the beach' to which reference was made at the annual dinner.

The Exercise will look with eagerness to the College Youths to do something which will mark the year as a memorable one. Great occasions demand suitable gestures. We are quite sure that there will be disappointment that the tercentenary banquet will not be open to ladies—even to lady ringers. One reason is that within the borders of the City of London there is no available room which would accommodate all that might be expected to attend, if ladies were permitted to be present. It will, of course, be a memorable gathering if over four hundred male ringers assemble round the festive board, but it would be, we think, the more memorable and certainly a very happy gesture if, for this one occasion, tradition had been thrust aside and it were made possible for a mixed gathering to be held. That it is out of the question, as things stand, will be regretted by at least many provincial members of the society. The year, doubtless, will not be allowed to pass unmarked by anything except the usual dinner in November, and in any other festivities that are arranged the claims of the ladies to share with the men will, we imagine, have sympathetic consideration.

In addition to festivities, however, there ought to be some permanent commemoration of the occasion, and it seems to us there is an obvious and suitable method open to the members. Lord Brereton, the prime mover in the establishment of the society three hundred years ago, was buried in the church at his family seat in Cheshire. No memorial to him exists. What better could the College Youths do to commemorate their Tercentenary and at long last to recognise their debt to their founder than to erect a modest memorial to their first Master near to his last resting place? We commend this suggestion to the members of the society as one which would add distinction to what all ringers hope will be a memorable year.

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ERNEST STITCH 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

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On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

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

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Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	*HARRY GRIFFITHS 6
HARRY BOSWELL 2	HOWARD HOWELL 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER 8
THOMAS J. ELTON 4	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES 5	BERT HORTON Tenor

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* First peal with a working bell. B. Horton has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal, except the sanctus bell.

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CHARLES POTHECARY 2	GEORGE CHARGE 6
*GEORGE A. PARSONS 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL 7
*RICHARD NEWMAN 4	JOHN G. NASH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT C. DARNELL

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the 4th ringer; also to commemorate the birth of a son to Mrs. Belmaine, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS J. HULL Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
*CHARLES A. DOHERTY 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
†ARTHUR DAY 3	BEN JARMAN 7
HENRY JARMAN 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

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Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	† WILLIAM CHALK 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	PERCY GREEN 6
*SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	HARRY WARM 7
GEORGE M. RASBROOK 4	HERBERT DEVENISH ... Tenor

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Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;
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ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN MARSHALL 5
SIDNEY BRIGGS 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6
*GEORGE S. LEE 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
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*DEREK M. SHARP 2	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 6
*COLIN A. HOPPER 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON 7
*HARRY HOSKINS 4	*ALAN J. HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Bob Triples.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
JOHN CURRY 3	ARTHUR FARR 7
GEORGE LADD 4	LEONARD H. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

It was intended to ring Double Norwich, but owing to the indisposition of one of the band the above was substituted. Thanks are due to Mr. L. H. Wright for taking a rope at the last minute.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Nativity,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN RIDLER Treble	HARRY J. SANGER 5
FRANK SKIDMORE 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
MISS NORAH C. WILLIAMS ... 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
*RAYMOND RSYMER 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor and 150th peal for the association. Rung half-muffled as an 'In Memoriam' peal for the late Edward Feltham (donor of the tower and bells) and William Gillingham, an esteemed member of this association.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
HARRY BAKER 2	WILLIAM BETTON 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Knights on their 56th wedding anniversary. The composition, No. 240 (6,048 reduced to 5,056), is rung for the first time.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART, No. 24. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
RAYMOND C. SAYERS Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
ERNEST WILSON 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
*JAMES WOODYATT 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
DENNIS R. SAYERS 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8068 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7 Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
FRANK H. HICKS 2	FREDERICK MELES 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	CHARLES BRASIER 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
150th peal as conductor.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	*GEORGE M. KILBY 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3	*HARRY KILBY 7
*THOMAS J. LOCK 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	A. REGINALD BLABY 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
JAMES W. WILKINS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK W. E. WARD Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
*F. GEORGE BAILEY 2	FREDERICK G. FRETWELL 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 4	CYRIL T. HAYNES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman and belongs to the local band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George on his 83rd birthday.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE JOHN Treble	WILLIAM POWELL 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	LESLIE BAINHAM 5
*MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH 3	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal of Bob Minor. Rung to mark the occasion of the visit of H.M. the King to this parish.

OAKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 120's each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

*JOHN HILSON Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 3
REGINALD J. HOSKINSON 2	FRANK C. TISOR 4
DONALD COCKINGS Tenor	

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First peal and first attempt.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT J. HURD Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE 4
JOHN E. WHELDON 2	ANDREW THOMPSON 5
THOMAS HURD 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PACKHAM Treble	CHARLES H. WICKENS 3
FREDERICK C. PACKHAM 2	*ERNEST J. WILLEY 4
ERNEST F. PACKHAM Tenor	

Conducted by G. A. PACKHAM.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

PATRINGTON, EAST YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

MARTIN WALKER Treble	GEORGE DOBBS 4
LEONARD RODMELL 2	ARTHUR E. WEST 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Arranged by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Treble	RALPH HARRIS 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	EDWARD MOORE 5
†ALBERT GRINNELL 3	†ARTHUR RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal. Rung as the quarterly peal for the branch, and as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. D. Lowndes, Rector of Little Comberton, who kindly entertained the band to tea.

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WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of extents with the 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	A. FREDERICK BOYCE 4
HERBERT C. READ 2	G. ORGE BAILEY 5
GEORGE S. MAYERS 3	CRCIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Treble	DONALD COCKINGS 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 2	EDMUND W. WAGSTAFFE 5
FRANK C. TYSOE 3	C. HENRY HARDING Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS 4
JOHN W. RODWELL 2	CHARLES F. TOVELL 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3	CRCIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by C. V. EBBERSON.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

SANDHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford and three of Kent rung alternately.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

* LESLIE J. BATEMAN Treble	† CYRIL W. BARLOW 4
CHARLES DOE 2	† WILLIAM H. J. PARKER 5
BERNARD C. CASTLE 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES DOE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. Canon the Hon. Randall Parsons, for 41 years the esteemed Rector of the parish, whose body was interred at Sandhurst a few days previously.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS VESSEY Treble	FRANK VERNON 4
JAMES RAITHBY 2	† RICHARD HARVEY 5
* MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	MOSES BILLINGS 4
* JOHN FREEMAN 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
JOHN A. FREEMAN 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal on six bells. First peal on six bells as conductor.

THORNCOMBE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, 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 different callings.

Tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb.

HUBERT SMITH Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL 3
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
PERCY N. G. RAINEY Tenor	

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung in a new frame and the tenor recast. They are the heaviest ringable 'five' in the county.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* ALLEN MORGAN Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	† THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods as conductor and 150th peal.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

* VIVIAN WILLIAMS Treble	E. SANDERS 4
S. SEYMOUR 2	F. HARRIS 5
W. SLBEMAN 3	P. R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by F. HARRIS.

* First peal. Rung before his eleventh birthday. Ringer of the 3rd from Truro, 4th from Camborne, the rest from Redruth.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERNBROUGH

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of York, Norwich and Ipswich Surprise, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY CARNWELL Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
THOMAS HURD 2	JAMES WALLLEY 5
ARTHUR W. HALL 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Rung as a welcome to Miss G. M. E. Williams, daughter of the Rev. W. Williams, B.A., R.D., Rector of Kingsley, on her return from Spain, where she has been serving as a nurse.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

* COLIN HOPPER 1-2 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5-6

* DEREK M. SHARP 3-4 | EDWIN A. BARNETT 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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FOR BEGINNERS.

CAMBRIDGE COURT.

In the Central Council's Collection of Plain Major Methods, there is material enough for any eight-bell band to satisfy all their ambition in plain Major ringing, and yet how seldom it is that ringers attempt any of these many interesting methods. Apart from forming easy steps to progress, they are, in themselves, worth ringing, while some of them are enough to tax the ability of average ringers.

It seems, however, that ringers have got into a certain path from which they do not care to depart in their efforts to go from the simple to the complex. The steps seem to be Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Superlative or Cambridge.

Now, that is all very well for those able to take long strides, and it is probably necessary at present for those who try to get practice elsewhere than in their own tower, because these methods seem to be the staple 'food' of ringers. We are certain, however, that many a ringer has got into a state of stagnation, just because he has been confronted by the rather long steps and has found them very difficult or impossible to take in his stride.

The Central Council's Collection can be a great aid to overcoming this difficulty, and we suggest that bands who are desirous of getting on should turn their attention to some of the methods published in the book, which will take them along in easy stages and help them to grasp the process as they go.

When we dealt with progressive steps in Minor, we endeavoured to take our beginners from the Plain Bob method to the Court methods, in which places made 'across the treble' are introduced, instead of or in addition to places in 2nd's and 5th's when the treble leads or is behind.

This principle is applied also to Major methods, but, there being more bells, there are more positions where these places can be made. In Minor they can only be made in 3-4; but in Major they can also be made in 5-6. The method, to be symmetrical, must have places to correspond in each half of the lead, that is to say if there are places across the treble in 3-4 when this bell is hunting up, there must be places in 3-4 when it is hunting down. Similarly places made with the treble crossing 5-6 up involves places when the treble crosses 6-5 down.

Double Court was the simple example in Minor. Let us put it beside a Major method.

12 34 56	12 34 56 78
21 43 65	21 43 65 87
24 13 56	24 13 56 78
42 31 65	42 31 65 87
24 36 15	24 36 15 78
42 63 51	42 63 51 87
	46 25 38 17
	64 52 83 71
	46 58 27 31
	64 85 72 13
46 25 31	68 47 51 23
64 52 13	86 74 15 32
46 51 23	68 71 45 23
64 15 32	86 17 54 32
61 45 23	81 67 45 23
16 54 32	18 76 54 32
15 63 42	17 85 63 42

It will be seen on examination that except for the pair of bells in 7-8 in the Major the first six rows in the Minor and Major are identical and we have separated the pairs so that this may be the easier seen. The four middle rows in the Major, of course, have no counterpart in the Minor, but the six following rows, if 4.5.6.7.8 in the Major, are substituted for 2.3.4.5.6 respectively in the Minor, will again be observed to be identical.

The eight-bell method is Cambridge Court. Like Double Court it is all single dodging on the front, except when the treble intervenes, and again like Double Court there is no dodging in 3-4. Also when treble turns you from front or behind 'places across the treble' are made in 3-4. The method differs from Double Court in that it is all double dodging behind, except when the treble intervenes.

Remains the work in 5-6. In the figures given above, it will be seen that a bell (the 5th in this lead) having previously passed the treble in 2-3, dodges in 5-6, makes 5th's, 3rd's and 5th's, and then dodges down in 6-5. That is really the only unusual piece of work in the method. There are only two other dodges in 5-6; one after you have turned the treble from behind and double dodged in 8-7 (down) and the other immediately after passing the treble in 4-5.

Cambridge Court is already being taken up in a few places; we suggest that those who want to depart from Plain Bob (Single, Reverse or Double) should study and ring it.

First draw your diagram, marking carefully where the treble crosses the line of the working bell. With this before you and a study of the construction of the figures we have given, Cambridge Court ought to be an interesting departure from the humdrum of Bob Major.

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest your comments on the above topic, also the splendid letter written by Mr. A. J. Corrigan. You give us an excellent suggestion this week when you say, 'The operation can always be carried out in such a way that the volume of sound can be regulated to suit the occasion,' which is perfectly correct and very practical.

I feel sure that the above suggests the lines upon which measures should be taken in dealing with the matter. To spend some hundreds of pounds on restoring a peal of bells and then brick up the louvres so that the sound comes through the roof, etc., is hardly worth doing. I think that in some areas peals should very seldom, if ever, be attempted. I have been in certain houses near towers when bells have been ringing and have been astonished at the volume of sound, and can quite imagine what the effect would be in city offices and business places.

I feel certain that the public generally favour church bells, and only a small minority are dead against them, but there are many who object to long spells of ringing for, to them, no apparent reason. Saxlingham Thorpe, Norwich.

W. L. DUFFIELD.

VICAR'S METHOD OF DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS.

AN ANSWER TO 'GRUMBLERS.'

The North-Western District of the Surrey Association held their last meeting of the year at All Saints', Benhlton, Sutton, on Saturday, when 29 members attended, representing the local band, Banstead, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Merton and Leatherhead.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 5 o'clock, when those present attended a short choral evensong conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Clements, who also gave the address. Taking his text from Romans, xii., 13, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep,' he said that the bells of our churches were the chief means of giving expression to this command, and it was for this reason the service rendered by the bellringers was so much appreciated by the great majority of the people of our land. He illustrated this by recalling the muffled peals which were rung on the occasion of the death of King George V., and also by the rejoicing, so well expressed by the bells, at the Christmas season. Then there was the forthcoming coronation of our present King, when the bellringers would again be called upon to express the national sentiment. He added, however, that he was well aware of the fact that there were in almost every parish people who complained about the sound of the bells and would like them silenced. With such people he always adopted the attitude that the bells were there first: that they were welcomed by the majority of the parishioners, who liked to hear their message of sympathy or rejoicing, as the case might be, and for that reason they could not be silenced. He invariably pointed out to these 'grumblers' that it would be as well if, before taking up residence in a parish, they had a look round to see if there was anything, such as a church with a peal of bells, a school, or a factory, in the vicinity likely to interfere with their peace of mind, and arrange for the situation of their house accordingly. 'So do not take too much notice of these disagreeable people, my brothers,' said the Vicar. 'So long as your ringing is done to the glory of God and in the service of your fellow-men, go on doing it, sure in the knowledge that your efforts are appreciated.'

Tea followed at the Angel Hotel, and after tea a short business meeting was held, presided over by the District Ringing Master, Mr. Daniel Cooper. The following were nominated as district officers for 1937: Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cooper; treasurer, Mr. H. V. Young and Mr. H. W. Simmons; secretary, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; auditor, Mr. R. A. Simmons; committee, Messrs. T. Bannister, Cyril Smith, H. W. Simmons, H. V. Young, W. E. Hewett, C. Parks and C. H. Kippin.

It was the wish of the meeting that Mr. C. Parks would accept nomination as district treasurer, but Mr. Parks explained that for business reasons it would be impossible for him to undertake the duties of either treasurer or auditor, and that he would have to resign his position as auditor at the annual district meeting. He was, however, willing to serve on the committee, and his nomination was duly made.

The District Committee were requested, at their next meeting, to go into the question of ringing for the Coronation with a view to preparing a scheme to ensure the ringing of the bells at all towers in the district, in so far as this was practicable.

The Chairman explained the arrangements which had been made for the opening of the new peal of 12 bells at Croydon Parish Church by the Archbishop of Canterbury on December 12th, and requested tower secretaries to let him have their numbers of those who intended to be present, as soon as possible, in any case not later than December 7th, so that final arrangements for accommodation could be made.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar of Benhlton and to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The names of Mr. F. Randall and Mr. Cyril Smith were specially mentioned in connection with this vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

The members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 9 o'clock. A very good meeting then terminated.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**TOWERS TRANSFERRED TO NEWBURY DISTRICT.**

Fourteen towers in the branch were represented at the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Newbury on November 21st. The attendance, including visitors, numbered 80.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, Canon W. L. Cooper, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham.

After tea in St. Nicholas' Parish Room, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided at the business meeting, supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne (Master of the Guild), the Rev. C. E. Wigg, of High Wycombe (Deputy Master), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer) and Mr. H. W. Curtis (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Newbury Branch).

Mr. H. W. Curtis presented his reports for the past year. The balance sheet showed that the receipts amounted to £37 15s. 9d., of which £16 0s. 6d. were subscriptions, and the expenditure £18 17s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand of £20 18s. 7d. Five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40, and their chairman had attended every meeting. The branch had 18 honorary members, 154 ringing members, and nine life subscribers. Mr. Curtis concluded by thanking the chairman for his help, and the clergy and foremen of towers for making the meetings so successful.

An application was received from Aldermaston and Beenham to transfer from the Bradfield Deanery Branch to Newbury, and this was granted. This makes the number of towers in the Newbury Branch twenty.

Five new members were also elected, Messrs. F. Turner, W. G. Baldwin and B. Curtis, of Newbury, and Messrs. A. Parfitt and W. Turvey, of Compton.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Curtis; general committee, Messrs. S. Quinton, F. J. Owen, T. Curtis and A. Smith.

Satisfactory reports were read from the following towers: Bucklebury, Beeton, Brightwalton, Compton, Chieveley, Hungerford, East Ilsley, Farnborough, Newbury, Peasemore, Great Shefford, Shawcum-Donnington and Thatcham.

The February meeting of the branch was fixed for Brightwalton, and the spring meeting for Aldermaston.

Visitors were present from Abingdon, Reading, Twyford, Swindon, Willesden and Wallingford, and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich Caters, Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

LEEDS SOCIETY ENTERTAIN LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday the Leeds and District Society held a joint meeting with the Northern Section of the Ladies' Guild at St. Chad's Church, Headingley.

Handbells were rung prior to the raising of the bells at 2.45 p.m., and tower ringing was almost continuous until the service at 4.30 p.m. By the generosity of the ladies' president (Miss Bowling), a splendid tea was enjoyed by 35 ringers. A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Bowling on the proposition of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mrs. E. D. Kelly.

The business meetings were held in separate rooms. We are not privileged to know the deliberations of the ladies except that two new members were elected. These were Miss Hawley, of Sherburn, and Miss Stitson, of Drighlington.

At the Leeds Society's meeting the president was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Michael's), Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Ripon, Rothwell, Selby, Sherburn, Shipley, Sutton and the local company.

One new member, Mr. J. A. Scholefield, of St. Chad's, was elected.

The President proposed that best thanks be accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Jackson, and Mr. F. Hutchinson replied.

The next meeting is in January, 1937, and at present the date is uncertain. Members are asked to look for the notice in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Members afterwards returned to the tower, where Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL BRANCH AT WILBURTON.**

A good practice meeting was held at Wilburton on Saturday, November 28th. Members were present from Cambridge (the Rev. R. Copeman), Chatteris, Dersingham, Norfolk, Haddenham, Over, Sutton, Willingham, Great Staughton, Hartford and the local company. The methods ranged from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

The Guild service was held, and afterwards tea was taken in the Royal Oak, 18 sitting down.

It was decided, if permission be granted, to hold the next meeting at Ely (St. Mary's) on January 9th.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent, the bells being lowered about 8.45 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of the new tower and bells at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, is to take place on Sunday afternoon. As already reported in our columns, the ceremony is to be attended by ten Archbishops and Bishops, and the service promises to be an impressive and memorable one. There are 13 bells, including a ringing peal of eight with tenor of about 15 cwt. They were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They will be the first complete new peal of bells in the Commonwealth since 1892.

Three or four privileged people last Saturday saw and handled the only three copies known to exist of the first edition of 'Tintinnalogia'—the first book on the art of change ringing—published in 1668. It was printed for Fabian Stedman.

Two of the copies, one perfect and the other slightly defective, are in possession of the Rev. W. O. Pearson, of Henley, Ipswich. The third is now owned by the president of the Central Council, and the three precious volumes were brought together in Henley Vicarage for comparison—probably the first time for centuries that three such books have been seen together. Mr. Pearson's other treasures in the shape of rare ringing books, the finest collection in existence, were also inspected with intense interest.

An extract from the 'Diss Express' of December 1st, 1876, recalls the first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells of Diss rung four days earlier. This peal was the first rung by William Ireland, who is still amongst us. He was one of the founders of the Norwich Diocesan Association. The paragraph of 60 years ago says: 'The ringing was marked with great precision and was heartily enjoyed by lovers of the art.'

Mr. James George was 83 last Friday. Although he is still far from well, he follows the doings of all his friends with keenest interest, and is looking forward to joining in their activities again in the not too distant future.

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, has joined the small company of ringers who have rung a peal in every county in England. He completed this achievement by ringing two peals in Lincolnshire last week.

Mr. Albert E. Edwards on Saturday rang his 150th peal as conductor. He called the same composition of Bob Major that he did in his first peal as conductor 39 years ago, and rang it at the same church, St. Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst. These 150 peals have been rung in 52 different towers in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Members of the Tower Grabbers' Union may note this: A well-known Cambridgeshire ringer rang at Over on Sunday and Monday, Saffron Walden on Tuesday, Longstanton on Wednesday, Cambridge R.C. on Thursday, St. Ives on Friday, Wilburton on Saturday, Hemingford Abbots on Sunday morning, St. Neots in the afternoon, and Over in the evening, during the past week.

Boxing Day will be the 35th anniversary of the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques, rung at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, and a peal in celebration is being arranged. The band will include as many as possible of the original company.

Few young ringers have scored a peal at so early an age as Vivian Williams, of Redruth, Cornwall, who last Saturday rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Perranzabuloe. He is not yet 11 years of age. Two of the late Mr. James Washbrook's sons, J. W. Washbrook, jun., and W. R. Washbrook, both took part in peals while only ten years of age. J. W., junior, rang a peal of Stedman Triples when he was eleven and called a peal of Grandsire soon after he was twelve.

To avoid clashing with the Middlesex Association's meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, the meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association in the City (which was advertised last week) has been postponed until December 18th.

Mr. Arthur A. Saxby, of Margate, writes that he tuned in on Sunday to the only wireless station which announced 'The Bells,' and had the satisfaction of hearing one bell tolled about 20 times and that was cracked!

The service was from the North Regional and was relayed from the Moravian Church, Fairfield, Manchester.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' 300th ANNIVERSARY.

MORE ACCOMMODATION DESIRABLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry, and so are many other ringers, to hear that the numbers for the 300th anniversary dinner next year are to be limited, owing to the fact that there is no room available which will hold more than 420 persons.

It seems a pity that people should be 'turned away' for this reason only, because I feel sure that about 700 persons would be present if guests could be invited.

Unless there is any special reason, would it be possible to stretch a point and hold the dinner outside the actual City where there is sufficient room to hold all that would like to come?

Before anything definite is decided, I would suggest that a post-card vote of all members be taken so that the wishes of all could be obtained.

H. J. CANN.

Brookwood, Surrey.

IPSWICH RECORDS. PEALS WHICH HAVE MADE RINGING HISTORY.

Central Council President Unveils Board.

A very interesting event took place in the ringing chamber at the Church of St. Mary le Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, when a board of eight panels recording eight peals in eight different methods was unveiled by the President of the Central Council and dedicated by the Vicar in the presence of a large company of ringers.



ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH, IPSWICH.

The performances, which are now permanently recorded in the tower, are of exceptional interest. They are all peals of Maximus, but not only were they the first on bells in the eight methods, but in the case of six of them they were the first peals of Maximus ever rung in the methods.

For two generations at least St. Mary-le-Tower has possessed a band of enterprising ringers who have made a great deal of twelve-bell ringing history, and the performances of the past ten years or so, recorded on this new peal board, are evidence of the progressive spirit of the present band.

The board occupies the west side of the ringing room and is lettered in black, with red initials, on a cream ground. The records are not strictly in chronological order, the six 'first ever' being in the centre, with Forward Maximus and Duffield Maximus, the first on the bells, on either side.

The other six peals were Superlative Surprise, New Cambridge Surprise, Yorkshire Surprise, Pudsey Surprise, Little Albion Treble Bob and Rochester Surprise Maximus. A footnote also records the fact that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung in the tower in 1908.

The spacious ringing chamber was well filled for the ceremony of unveiling, among those present, in addition to the Rector, Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, being Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), the Rev. H. Drake (hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild), Mr. E. P. Duffield (late Master of the College Youths and Essex Association) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. There were many present old in the service of St. Mary-le-Tower, but senior to them all was Mr. Robert Brundle, still active at the age of 85, and capable of taking his place not only in the service ringing, but in a peal. His name appears in seven of the peals recorded on the new board, and he forms a living link with a distant past in Ipswich ringing history. He has been a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society for 60 years and rang his first peal there in 1877.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley opened the formal proceedings by explaining the object of the gathering. It might be asked, he said, why have this fuss at the unveiling of a peal board? The reason was they were very proud of the peals recorded on the board, and particularly of six of them, which were the first ever rung in the respective methods. Only one of the methods had ever been practised elsewhere. The board was, therefore, unique, and that must be their apology, if any were needed, for that gathering.

Mr. Lewis then unveiled the board, and the Vicar dedicated it 'as a record of faithful work well done and an inspiration to those who come after.'

A FINE SERIES OF PERFORMANCES.

Mr. Sedgley then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Lewis for his kindness in coming to perform the ceremony, and to the Vicar for his interest in the doings of the society. There was never an impediment placed in their way with regard to ringing, said Mr. Sedgley, and they always were treated most kindly by the Vicar.

Mr. Lewis, in expressing pleasure at being able to perform a small part in the proceedings, said he thought that a ceremony of that sort in connection with a peal board was very nice to have. It seemed to him that it showed quite definitely that change ringing had now been recognised by the Church as part of the service to the Church by the ringers. As they knew, change ringing, as an art, was in its origin entirely secular. At the time when it started, owing to Puritan influence in the Church, the proper ringing of the bells for service was entirely banned. It was only because people were fond of the bells that ringing was kept up for secular purposes. During the last 50 years there had been, as they knew, a great change in helfry matters, and change ringing was now looked upon as part of the service of the Church.

Mr. Lewis went on to refer to the fine series of twelve-bell performances recorded on the board. He had for a long time, he said, hoped that ringers on a higher number than six bells would take a leaf out of the six-bell ringers' book and get to such a state of proficiency in ringing that they could competently ring a method without previously practising it, by studying a diagram. That was done in some six-bell towers where 104 methods were rung in a year—two for the services each Sunday. To a more limited degree this was being done by a few eight-bell bands, a famous example being at Helmingham. Apparently in Ipswich they had got nearly to that ideal on twelve bells, and were such masters of their ringing that they could ring a method properly without practice merely by studying a diagram. That peal board represented the finest thing that had been done on twelve bells, and it had been done by a single band attached to one tower.

The Vicar thanked the society for their loyal and devoted work put in in that belfry. They were all very proud of the ringers whose fame had spread beyond the tower and county right through the bell-ringing world. The people of Ipswich knew how high the ringers stood in their craft. Bellringers as a whole were men and women extraordinarily devoted to their craft, and it was a very valuable piece of church work.

AN OUTSTANDING BAND OF RINGERS.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, hon. secretary of the society, welcomed the visitors. Visitors, he said, were always welcome to their tower and to ring there whenever possible. Some of the visitors had come a long distance to be with them on that occasion. He was pleased to say that Mr. Robinson, who constructed the board, and Mr. Cunningham, who wrote it, were also present to see their work unveiled. He was also very pleased that Mr. Brundle was with them. His name appeared in seven of the peals.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the welcome extended to the visitors. He referred to the work done for the St. Mary-le-Tower Society in the past by men like James Motts, William Catchpole and others, and said the wonderful performances by the talented band of St. Mary-le-Tower, which they now saw recorded, were put up by men who reaped the advantage of the excellent foundations laid by men of a past generation.

Mr. E. P. Duffield also replied, and, in emphasising the point made by the previous speaker, said the society would probably not have reached its present standard had it not been for the ground work

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TWENTY-EIGHT MEMBERS ELECTED. CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S BIG INFLEX.

An enjoyable by-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Herne on Saturday. Ringing on the six bells commenced at 3 o'clock. The association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Daubney), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Barker), who gave the address.

In the Church Room afterwards upwards of 40 sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Messrs. Hadlow, of the Herne band.

At the short business meeting which followed, the Rev. Barker in the chair, 28 new members were elected, Faversham rejoining the association with nine members, ten being elected from Walmer, six from St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, a new tower, and three from the local tower. It was also stated that the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke, Vicar of Faversham, had rejoined as an honorary member.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to the Rev. Barker for his address, were passed. In reply, the Vicar said they were always pleased to have the association at Herne. He hoped they would come again in the near future.—The Rev. Barker also replied. He hoped to become an honorary member in the near future.—Mr. W. E. Pitman was thanked for his services at the organ, and Mr. C. Hadlow and his brother, Mr. F. Hadlow, were heartily thanked for so generously entertaining the members to a most excellent tea.

A return was made to the tower, and further ringing was enjoyed until 8.30, many methods being practised, from rounds for the beginners to London for the more advanced.

LADIES' GUILD.

FIRST MEETING IN NORFOLK.

A most successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Norwich on Saturday, November 21st. Ringing commenced at St. Peter Mancroft, where various methods were rung with the help of the gentlemen present, and also rounds by 12 members of the Guild. St. Giles' and St. Michael-at-Coslany were also visited and a variety of methods rung.

A short service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, conducted by the curate. Tea followed at the Curat House, at which 42 members and friends were present.

The president of the Guild (Miss Evelyn Steel) thanked the various incumbents for the use of their bells and also the gentlemen for their interest and help. This was the first Guild meeting to be held in Norfolk, and it had proved a great success.

Four new members were elected.

In addition to the local ladies, members were present from Barnhurst, Bedford, Blankney, Burton-on-Stather, Enfield, Ipswich and Surfleet.

IPSWICH RECORDS.

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put by those two men and others of their day and generation. They, perhaps, in their turn would have made similar acknowledgment to the men who went before them. Ipswich had long had an outstanding band of ringers. They all knew of other companies who had attained a high standard of proficiency and to whom the Exercise had looked up, but some of those bands did not to-day exist. They had just faded out. In Ipswich, however, they had been more fortunate and at any rate for more than half a century they had had an expert band of ringers. Facilities for practice had never been lacking and the periodical ringing of peals had resulted in a high standard being maintained. The public, too, seemed to accept ringing as part of their lives. Whereas in some places there were complaints about ringing, even when it was done in moderation, it was extraordinary that in Ipswich a complaint was almost unknown. He suggested it was because ringing had become part of the life of the town. He assured the Ipswich ringers that the visitors were delighted to be with them on that most auspicious occasion.

This concluded the ceremony, and the assembly examined the new board with much interest.

Ringling took place both before and after the ceremony, touches of Cinques and courses of Royal and Maximus being rung. Among the latter was Little Albion Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The bells are extremely pleasant to ring on, and for a 'mixed' peal are of fine tone and even quality. The oldest bell is the seventh, cast by Miles Graye in 1607. Some years ago it was found to be cracked in the crown and was welded with success. The eleventh is another bell by Miles Graye, cast in 1610. John Darbie cast the sixth, eighth and tenth in 1671; Christopher Hodson the fourth in 1688; Taylors the third and second in 1844 and 1845 respectively. Warner and Sons cast the treble and tenor and recast the fourth and ninth when the bells were increased to twelve in 1866. Previous to 1844 there were only eight bells, of which the present eleventh was the tenor. Two trebles were added in 1845.

On Sunday a course of Rochester Surprise Royal was rung for morning service and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for evening service, besides other short touches of Superlative and Kent Surprise.

Postcard size photos of the board containing the eight peals can be obtained at 6d. each, post free, from Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

SHOULD THE LENGTH OF PEALS BE REDUCED ?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in your last issue on the above subject from Mr. Corrigan, I, for one, should like to congratulate him on his pluck in bringing this important question forward. I fully agree with what he says, as for some years I have had the same thing on my mind, but I have never even dared to dip my pen in ink to write such a letter to 'The Ringing World.'

There are one or two things I would like to add to his letter. Take a young band who are just emerging from their raw material stage, just stepping on the first rung of the ladder, desirous of making an attempt for a peal, but in great doubt as to whether they could endure the first strain of a 5,040, taking perhaps say 3 hours and 15 minutes, on a fairly heavy peal of bells. I think, if the standard could be altered on the lines that Mr. Corrigan has put forward in his letter, which would reduce the time by, say, one hour, it would be a great inspiration to young bands wishing to make their first attempt; at the same time, there would still be the next step left to go for a 5,040.

Another question arises. Where a great number of our churches years ago stood by themselves, to-day they are being hemmed in on all sides by new houses and thickly populated districts. It is places like these that we, as ringers, have got to take into consideration and go with the times. Cutting down the number of changes and time might be a way of stopping the grumbling or in some cases going without a peal at all.

I also think there is another advantage that would be derived from this cutting down and that is on our twelve-bell peals, which generally take nearly four hours, and in some cases quite that time, especially where the bells go none too well. In such cases the men at the heavy end would benefit by this change.

Of course, bringing in a rule altering the length to suit such requirements would not make the least difference to ringing 5,040's where the facilities are favourable. Points for such short peals also could be adjusted according to methods rung. I think there is much more could be said, but I am afraid I have already taken up too much space. I should, however, like to see this question thoroughly discussed at district meetings of all associations.

G. RADLEY.

Wormley.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is satisfactory to see that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will omit from its records the two peals mentioned in last week's issue. May I ask why the same thing was not done in regard to peal No. 1,133 Grandsire Cinques, rung at Painswick on March 28th, 1921, an objection to which was sent (in accordance with instructions in the annual report) to the Master and acknowledged by him? Its falseness was mentioned in 'The Ringing World' in the issue for January 30th, 1931.

W. A. CAVE.

Bristol.

H. DAINS' FALSE PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the 5,043 Stedman Caters, by H. Dains, which the Gloucester and Bristol Association have withdrawn from their records as a false composition, was published on page 216 of 'The Ringing World,' dated October 16th, 1914.

Will conductors please mark these figures 'false' in order to prevent this composition being rung again.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NOVEMBER GATHERING AT SEALE.

The last district meeting of the year for members of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday in the village of Seale. During the afternoon there was a small gathering, but after service several latecomers arrived to help towards the success of the meeting. Doubles and Minor were practised before service, which was conducted by Canon R. S. Arrowsmith, Rector of Seale. Mr. P. Shrimpton was at the organ, and the singing was led by the choir.

Tea was served in the Jubilee Room by Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. J. Carter, and a company of 25 enjoyed an excellent meal.

The Rector was chairman for the short business meeting which followed.

The retiring district officers were renominated for 1937, with the addition of Mr. T. Denyer, of Aldershot, as assistant secretary.

An apology for absence was received from the District Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted, of Farnham, on account of illness.

Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Arrowsmith, the organist and the choir, and the caterers.

Ringling continued in the evening, a variety of methods being rung. Towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Seale, Bagshot, Bentley, Clandon, Haslemere and one unattached member.

HITCHIN.—At St. Mary's Church on Armistice Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Symonds, aged 13 (first quarter-peal) 1, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 2, A. E. Symonds 3, T. R. Scott 4, C. V. Hare 5, H. Else 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, E. Winters 8.

THREE GENERATIONS OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

A FAMILY OF KENT RINGERS.



Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., of Crayford; Mr. F. T. Groombridge; and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., of Chislehurst. Proposed by his grandfather, Mr. F. T. Groombridge was elected a member of the College Youths last week. Thus the family have three generations in membership with the society.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS BELLS TO BE RETUNED AND REHUNG.

What may have been lacking in the quantity of ringers was more than compensated by the quality of ringing during the afternoon and evening at the meeting of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at North Shields on Saturday, November 14th. In fact, not one method was repeated throughout the day. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Oxford Bob, Forward, Little Bob on eight bells, and Stedman and Kent on ten bells.

Following ten in Carrick's Cafe, there was a business meeting, with Canon Milner, Vicar of North Shields, and Mr. Owbridge, vice-president, in attendance.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Benwell on January 16th, and Councillor Payne's resolution to practise a new method at each meeting was adopted. For the Benwell meeting Double Oxford Bob Minor was the method decided upon. The suggestion to hold a summer meeting at Bamburgh was referred to the next meeting.

Mr. J. Clifton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Canon Milner, responding, expressed the hope that North Shields bells would be rehung and returned in time for next year's Coronation.

Members attended from Benwell, Fenham, Gosforth, Gateshead, South Shields, Whitley Bay and the local tower.

FOG UPSETS MANCHESTER RINGING.

The collections on the last Sunday in October in the Diocese of Manchester are given to the Diocesan Fund at a special service in the Cathedral. This year the service was held on November 23rd and attended by many representatives from various parishes, while others sent apologies for non-attendance owing to the fog. The ringers would not face the fog either, but sufficient to ring the ten bells turned up from the Cathedral, Town Hall, Ashton Parish Church, Prestwich, Reddish, Didsbury and unattached members. Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung. The ringing was first arranged by the late president two years ago. When the weather is kind as many as 12 to 15 towers are represented, but this year fog upset everything.

VETERAN LINSLADE RINGER'S DEATH. LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH.

By the death of Mr. William Vickers on November 18th, St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, has lost an old and valued servant. Only last August he completed half a century as verger, but his connection with the church had lasted for much longer than that. It can truly be said that he gave most of his lifetime of 84 years to the service of the church.

Never a change ringer, he was always ready to help the local band when short-handed by ringing the tenor behind to a touch. His son, Mr. Fred Vickers, has been foreman in St. Barnabas' tower for several years.

Mr. William Vickers had served under five priests at the church, and the esteem in which he was held was exemplified by the large congregation which assembled at the funeral on Monday, November 23rd.

In the evening, as a token of respect, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,344 changes) was rung by Miss R. Prudent 1, F. Dedman 2, F. Vickers 3, H. B. Whitney 4, F. Plummer 5, W. Jeffs 6, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 7, E. Belson 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS OF STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The last meeting of the year of the Stockport Branch was held at Denton on Saturday, when in spite of the fog some 40 members and friends were present. The bells were in use soon after 3 p.m. and a variety of methods rung. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Leighton), who gave a very interesting address. The presence of several members of the choir was greatly appreciated.

After the service a short period was spent in examining the church, which has several interesting features. The ringers then made their way into what is left of the schools (the greater part of them was raised to the ground earlier in the year by a disastrous fire) to partake of tea. The usual business meeting followed, and in his opening remarks the Rector, who was chairman, referred to the presence of Mr. J. Harrison, who was celebrating his 84th birthday that day. They extended to him all the very best of good wishes.

Earlier in the afternoon Mr. Harrison took part in a touch of 108 Bob Minor, ringing the treble exceedingly well.

Reference was made to the passing of Mr. R. Ashmore, of Buxton, and Mr. Ashworth, of Bowdon, and the members stood for a few moments in silence as a tribute to their memory.

The meeting dates for 1937 were discussed and the following were arranged, subject to the approval of the authorities concerned: Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on January 30th; April 10th at Reddish; July 3rd, Poynton, or Knutsford if Poynton is not available; September 25th, Marple; November 27th, Staley St. Paul's.

It was then proposed that a note of congratulation be sent to Mr. E. H. Lewis on his appointment to the Mastership of the College Youths.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rector for his services, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared the tea, the organist and the choir, and to anyone who had in any way helped to make the meeting so enjoyable.

A return was then made to the tower, where ringing took place until about 8.30 p.m., when all dispersed to make their way home as best they could through the all-enveloping fog.

CREWE BRANCH WELCOMED AT SANDBACH.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Crewe Branch took place at Sandbach on Saturday, November 21st, and, in spite of very foggy weather, was very well attended, 27 members being present representing nine towers. Ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Triples.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Ven. Archdeacon J. H. Armitstead, Rector of Sandbach, who after tea made a delightful speech, in which he welcomed the ringers to Sandbach, and expressed the wish that his tower should always be included in the yearly list of meeting places.

The secretary of the branch (Mr. R. D. Langford) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon for the splendid tea and also for the use of the bells. He also made reference to the absence of the leader of the Sandbach ringers, Mr. Charles Mason, who has been ill for some considerable time, and is at present in the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital undergoing treatment. It is hoped he will make good progress and soon be home and amongst the ringers once more.

Mr. A. Crawley proposed that the secretary send a letter to Mr. Mason, expressing to him the best wishes of the Crewe Branch for his speedy recovery.

Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the heltry, and several touches, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major, were much enjoyed under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Biddulph, of Lawton.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On November 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *W. Scott 1, S. Gridler 2, H. Herbert 3, W. Lee 4, L. Johnson 5, *A. Pith 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, T. Chimery 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples.

HALBERTON BELLS REHUNG.**A HEAVIER TENOR.**

On Saturday, November 21st, the peal of six bells at Halberton Parish Church, Devon, was dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. S. Evans), and the other clergy present included the Revs. H. G. Chalk (Uffculme), R. Carter, R.D. (Witleigh), L. G. Ketchley, R.D. (Hemyock), L. G. Chamberlain, M.C. (Bickleigh), W. Andrews (Willand) and R. F. Bastow (Chawleigh). Every seat in the church was filled. The lessons were read by the Revs. H. G. Chalk and L. G. Ketchley, the latter also acting as Bishop's chaplain.

The Bishop was conducted to the base of the belfry, at the west side of the church, by the churchwardens, Mr. J. W. Clarke and Mr. T. A. Chave, and, after the service of blessing, the bells were chimed by Mr. W. Vinnicombe, a member of the local band.

In an address on 'the mission of the bells,' the Bishop pointed out that bells were used in times of joy and sorrow, but he emphasised the fact that they were primarily a call to worship.

After the service the bells were kept ringing until nearly 9.30 p.m., the ringers taking part being from Halberton, Chawleigh, Lapford, Talaton, Friendship, Rackenford, Cruwys Morchard, Hemyock, Ashbrittle, Burlescombe, Plymtree, Kentisbeare, Cadeleigh, Down St. Mary, Monkton, Bickleigh, Gullompton, Calverleigh, Bampton, Uffculme, Sampford Peverell and Uplowman. There were also representatives from St. Thomas', Exeter, and Dunsford.

The large attendance of representatives from other towers was a source of great satisfaction to Mr. C. Smith, the enthusiastic captain of the Halberton ringers.

The bells have been rehung with ball bearings, and the tenor recast and increased in weight to 17 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The peal is now in first-class order, reflecting the greatest credit on the bellfounders.

BELL LECTURE

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, gave a lantern lecture on 'Bells and Belfries' to the Shirley Fellowship at the Church Hall, Shirley, on Saturday evening, to an appreciative audience. Messrs. F. E. Haynes, P. Price, M. J. Morris, G. F. Swann and G. E. Fearn assisted with handbell illustrations. Afterwards Mrs. Walker was presented with two beautiful bouquets of chrysanthemums.

A CENTENARY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, at the Church of St. Helen, Berrick Salome, Exon, to commemorate the centenary of the first recorded touch on the six bells (120 Doubles, rung on November 28th, 1836, and recorded on a tablet in the tower), 720 Bob Minor was rung by: C. E. Wigg 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, R. Blaby 3, W. G. Collett 4, M. R. Cross (conductor) 5, O. G. Barnard 6.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, December 5th (not the 12th as originally fixed). Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Mary Wallis Hall. Nominations of district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, December 5th. Usual arrangements. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Special method, Cambridge Court Bob. Meat tea, 1s. each to members, at Express Dairy, High Street, at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, to be followed by meeting, etc. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsbury and Burton Bradstock (6). All ringers cordially invited to attend.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Malmaison, Middle Street, Bradpole.

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

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—Ring of six restored and two trebles added to complete the octave by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Venerable Archdeacon of Lewes on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 6 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. District members are particularly asked to attend. Very important. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Hearty welcome to all ringers. Please notify me those requiring tea.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, on December 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at Messrs. Druce and Smith, 239, High Street. Discussion on recent 'Ringing World' questionnaire in Church Room at 6 p.m. Isleworth (10), 3 to 4.15 p.m. Brentford (6), 4.15 to 5 p.m., and after tea. Come prepared for special practice in London Surprise Minor and Double Court Bob Minor at the latter tower.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in school 6d. Please note Secretary's change of address.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church (10 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Take Fulwood bus at Leopold Street, fare 1½d., opposite Town Hall. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—R. N. Newly, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulveston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells open for ringing 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only. Business meeting afterwards.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BITTON, NEAR BRISTOL.—The Archdeacon of Bristol will dedicate Bitton Church bells to-morrow (Saturday), Dec. 5th, at 3 p.m. The bells have been rehung in a new framework and augmented to a ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for December: Sunday, Dec. 6th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', Dec. 7th and 21st, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, Dec. 29th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W. 20.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—City meeting, arranged for Dec. 5th, postponed to Dec. 18th. Further details later.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th. Southwark Cathedral on the 17th, *St. Giles's, Cripplegate on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardwicke on Thursday evening, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available from 5.30 p.m. Guild service at 6.15 p.m. Meeting and refreshments. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, December 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service in All Saints' Church, 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. C. T. Waters, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles', Pontefract. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/6 each) in Co-operative Cafe. Please advise Mr. H. C. Walters, 8, Elm Terrace, Newgate, Pontefract, by Thursday, December 10th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Bricklands, Broom, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 9th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District & Romney Marsh & District Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome. Kindly send card for tea by December 10th.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on December 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at St. Michael's Rooms, at 4 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 12th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Baghot de la Bere), 5.30. Business meeting to follow tea. Acceptances by the 9th.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Broxham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 2.30. Service, if possible, 3.45. Tea 4.30 *sharp* in the Parish Hall. I have made special arrangements with the Post Office to receive postcards (duly stamped) with reference to numbers for tea.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 o'clock, but kindly notify Mr. P. Massam, Glenroyd, Royds Lane, Rothwell, by Wednesday, December 9th. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley, near Leeds.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Old Palace Banqueting Hall, by kind invitation of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Croydon and churchwardens. Admission by ticket only. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m. Social at the Drill Hall, Union Road (opposite the Bell Foundry), at 8 p.m. Applications for tea tickets to be received not later than Monday, December 7th, by Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon. Will those accepting invitation to tea say whether or not they are able to attend the social?

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service and tea as usual. Please help to make our last 1936 meeting a great success.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Church Road, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells (10) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Watermoor bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea (5 p.m.) and business meeting to follow. Service, 6 p.m., in Parish Church. Bells (12) afterwards. Please advise for tea by Dec. 8th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at Lydney. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea, Church Room, 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 9th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 12th. 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.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting has been arranged for Laxton (6 bells), near Ollerton, on Dec. 12th. All ringers welcome. Rounds to London Surprise. Please send a card for tea to me before Dec. 9th.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Please look up Minor Methods.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD (Chippenham Branch) will hold their monthly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea after. Will visitors please notify early?—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Dodford (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Watford district will be held at Bushey on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Election of secretary and committee. Tower open from 3.30. Tea, etc. Other arrangements later.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery.—A meeting at North Crawley, Saturday, Dec. 12th; 2.30 begin; 4 service; 4.45 tea.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) ready from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. A hearty invitation given to all ringers to come and try these splendid bells.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmorland, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BATH AND WELL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Corfield Hall. Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

SALISBURY GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Bryanston and Durweston also available. All ringers welcomed.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mark's bells available after tea. A card re tea will oblige.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Dec. 9th? — Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

BRADSHAW ST. JOHN, HALIFAX.—The ring of 5 bells given by Eli Fielding, Esq., and installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3.15 p.m. A short peal will be rung by ringers of Queensbury Parish Church, who will also ring for about half an hour after the service. There will be light refreshment in the school after the service.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Washingborough on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. and tea 4.45. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. D. Divall, Kewins, Hartfield, near Tunbridge Wells, not later than the Wednesday previous to the meeting? Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A ringers' service will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 6.15 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

RUABON, NEAR WREXHAM.—The ring of six bells which has been rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-opened on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Wrexham.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On Thursday, December 17th, at 8 p.m., the Bishop of Stafford will dedicate the ring of eight bells recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/- Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

CALVERLEIGH, TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Crediton will re-dedicate the ring of six bells which has been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Visitors requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Green, Frigwell, Calverleigh, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

NEW MILL, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—On Monday, Dec. 21st, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will re-dedicate the ring of six bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary Announcement.—A meeting will be held at Benwell (6 bells) on Jan. 16th at 2.30 p.m. Details later.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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NEW LIGHT ON 'TINTINNALOGIA.'

The article which we publish elsewhere from the pen of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, on the subject of the first of all ringing books, 'Tintinnalogia,' will be a source of surprise to many of our readers even if it does not come as something of a shock. Hitherto it has been generally assumed that this famous work, the earliest text-book on the art of ringing, was written by Fabian Stedman, for whom it was printed in 1668 'by W. G.' Mr. Trollope has discovered very substantial evidence that Stedman was not the author of the book, but that it was written by one Richard Duckworth, an Oxford man, who became incumbent of Hartest in Suffolk at the time Stedman was active in the not distant town of Cambridge.

The principal evidence is found in a seventeenth century volume dealing with Oxford men, 'Athenæ Oxonienses,' in which Duckworth is mentioned as having written 'Tintinnalogia,' and, what is more, the book is described very much in the terms of its original title page. There is further evidence in the diary of Thomas Hearne, an Oxford worthy to whom we owe quite a considerable amount of our knowledge of ringing in Oxford two centuries ago. These two assertions in themselves throw substantial doubt upon the assumption that Stedman was the writer of 'Tintinnalogia,' and with that doubt in mind, other things about the volume take on a greater importance. For instance, there is little question that Stedman wrote 'Campanalogia,' published in 1677, but, as Mr. Trollope points out, there is a marked difference in the literary style of the two volumes. The difference is such that they may well have been written by different people. Then, too, the books have different titles, and in 'Tintinnalogia' there is a preface, not over Stedman's name, but over a nom-de-plume, and the reason for this nom-de-plume has more than once been a matter of speculation. May not this discovery by Mr. Trollope provide the explanation?

The facts which Mr. Trollope has brought to light do not seriously affect Stedman's place in early ringing history; it robs him of one of our cherished notions concerning his activities in promoting the art, but he is still the man to whom we owe publication of the book. And, after all, it is as well to get an accurate knowledge of these things. The Exercise owes a very considerable debt to Mr. Trollope for the painstaking research which he is making into history for the benefit of this and future generations. The care with which he carries out his investigations have been revealed in many articles which he has published in our columns, and the Exercise will have further evidence

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of the skill and patience with which he delves into all kinds of documentary material when in a few months' time it is hoped to publish a history of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which Mr. Trollope has compiled as a result of investigations at sources hitherto unexplored. Our recent article on some of the seventeenth century Masters of the society was based upon Mr. Trollope's work, and gives some indication of the interesting material he has collected. This new light on 'Tintinnalogia' is another important discovery.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Four Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	JACK A. WADGH... .. 7
HENRY G. MILES 2	HAROLD V. FROST 8
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5	REUBEN SANDERS... .. 11
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. W. H. Pasmore has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

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On Tuesday, November 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	BERTRAM WORSDELL... .. 6
REGINALD AMOR... .. 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
JESSE FRANCIS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 8
WILLIAM R. BAXTER... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING 9
ERNEST PARKER... .. 5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Arranged and rung specially for the wedding of Marjorie Ina Hector (youngest daughter of Mr. Samuel Hector, captain of the Trowbridge band) and Battery-Quartermaster-Sergeant George Humphries, R.H.A. The ringer of the 7th, who was conductor, belongs to Bath, the ringer of the tenor to Trowbridge.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3	NELSON ELLIOT... .. 7
CECIL NICE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH CHARMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
THOMAS ADAMS 2	FREDERICK PAGE 6
WALTER CHARMAN 3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung on the 49th anniversary of Mr. W. Charman's first peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 2	FRANK VARTY ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The ringers were afterwards complimented on the striking by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Dodd.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 2	JOHN CURTIS ... 6
*GEORGE D. HADFIELD ... 3	GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 7
ERNEST W. BRADSMOORE ... 4	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CLAYFIELD.

* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Elinor Ruth Fitz-Herbert (daughter of the Rector of Scale) to Mr. Raymond Johnson German, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

BLACKPOOL, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*BERNARD H. HALL ... Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... 3
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	CHARLES SHARPLES ... 6
KENNETH HALL ... 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. J. SMALLS ... Treble	A. G. WARNES ... 5
G. HOWCHIN ... 2	F. J. HOWCHIN ... 6
*G. SAYER ... 3	G. BAILEY ... 7
C. BIRD ... 4	B. J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by B. J. HOWCHIN.

* First peal of Major.

STOW BARDOLPH, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Treble	ARTHUR GEORGE BASON ... 5
ALFRED BASON ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 6
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	FRED WIGMORE ... 7
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. G. BASON.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM CLOVER ... Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	FREDERICK HUGGINS ... 6
MISS MABEL ROBERTSON ... 3	HENRY TOOKER ... 7
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. W. CURSON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Clover.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

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On Monday, November 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
*JOHN H. ARBON ... 2	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	†ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

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

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HENRY GOLDING ... Treble	WALTER AYRE ... 5
*FRANCIS E. TOMPKINS ... 2	HORACE L. WAITE ... 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 7
*HERBERT GATES ... 4	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Oxford and first attempt. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day and as a 69th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Golding.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
ALFRED PYE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JOHN W. EDSTON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

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On Wednesday, December 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*RUSSELL G. SPEARS ... Treble	CYRIL PEASE ... 5
†ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This composition contains the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the sixth the extent home at course-ends.

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On Tuesday, November 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CLEMENT W. CRACKNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WATKIN ... 5
†JACK R. STERD ... 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 6
ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
*SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. E. E. Diaper, who for many years was a regular service ringer at this church, and was interred at Stowmarket earlier in the day.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANTA TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 3120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	*COLIN A. HOPPER ... 6
*DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	†THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	†THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Granta. † First of Granta on tower bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Addsley, parents of the ringer of the 5th, the 58th anniversary of whose wedding occurred on December 7th; also as an 85th birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, late hon. secretary of the association.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

THOMAS H. CULVER ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
†FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 2	JACK DARTERS ... 6
†HUGH MACKINDER ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 4	*HENRY MCCABE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. H. Finch, a local ringer at Woolwich, and a birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Lyddiard.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES HART ... Treble	CHARLES STERLE ... 5
ARTHUR J. HART ... 2	FRED MILES ... 6
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 3	*ERNEST J. LADD ... 7
RICHARD D. DIVALL ... 4	ALBERT RELFE ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 25th peal of Bob Major. Birthday peal for the conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS SPARROW ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
*JOHN E. BLAY ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. W. CORNFORD.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Rev. J. W. Eisdell and of John Dale, steeplekeeper and ringer at the above church for over 52 years.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes

At the Church of St. Thomas of Cantfrevbury.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LESLIE THRIFT ... Treble	ALBERT E. PRYKE ... 5
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 3	*JOHN H. STICH ... 7
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal Cambridge Major.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*A. GERALD GAUNT ... Treble	JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 5
THOS. W. STRANGWAY ... 2	†ARTHUR FIELDHOUSE ... 6
FRANK RAYMENT ... 3	HARRY LOFTHOUSE ... 7
MISS OLIVE RENTON ... 4	*JOHN W. BENTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th on completing 50 years' service at Christ Church tower, and for his 40th wedding day anniversary; also for Mr. James Hey's 70th birthday and for the twelfth wedding day anniversary of the ringer of the 7th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LDDLOW AND CHURCH STREETON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

AARON JONES ... Treble	HUBERT JONES ... 4
JAMES HUGHES ... 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, of Wistanstow, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. R. Baldwin.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently, with 1-2-8 as covering bells.

ALBERT E. ALLEN ... Treble	ERNEST REITER ... 5
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 2	GILBERT BROOM ... 6
CECIL BREALY ... 3	JOSEPH BREALY ... 7
JOHN SALWAY ... 4	JOHN MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BREALY.

First peal by all except J. Salway.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Rossendale, Beverley, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Norwich, London and Cambridge.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. FEASEY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 4
HORACE L. WAITE ... 2	FRANCIS E. TOMPINS ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A 21st birthday compliment to William D. Feasey.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On November 25th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. Crossley 1, Miss McFall 2, Eric Wigley 3, Frank Osbaldiston 4, Kenneth Lewis (conductor) 5, Arthur Whiting 6. This is the first local 720 of Minor on the bells for over 12 years, and the first 720 rung by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.
On Thursday, November 26, 1936, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

*DENIS HOOKER, JUN....	...Treble	WALTER SHERWOOD ...	... 4
†DENIS HOOKER, SEN....	... 2	FRED WANSTALL ...	... 5
CHARLES SACREE ...	... 3	ERNEST J. WANSTALL ...	...Tenor

Conducted by E. J. WANSTALL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES TOMPKINS ...	...Treble	ERNEST SALMONS... ..	... 4
STANLEY YAPP ...	... 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ...	... 5
GEORGE COUSINS, SEN. ...	... 3	GEORGE BROWN ...	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST SALMONS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*REGINALD M. HILL ...	...Treble	R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ...	... 4
SIDNEY HARRISON ...	... 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ...	... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ...	... 3	*C. RAYMOND HILL ...	...Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is shortly leaving Leicester to join the Navy.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

ALBERT H. SMITH ...	...Treble	GEOFFREY FOWLER ...	... 4
SAMUEL QUININ ...	... 2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ...	... 5
GEORGE STOCKER... ..	... 3	REGINALD W. REX ...	...Tenor

Conducted by R. W. REX.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell to E. J. Taylor, who is leaving the district for Torquay; also as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Quintin.

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

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE BLANCHARD... ..	...Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	... 4
*MRS. J. BRAY ...	... 2	*JACK BRAY ...	... 5
*CLIFFORD VESSEY ...	... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	...Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

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

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CASTLE CARY BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

H. P. SPARKS ...	...Treble	W. A. OSBORN ...	... 4
*W. G. LAVER ...	... 2	*L. DAVIS ...	... 5
J. K. LAVER ...	... 3	W. G. PARKER ...	...Tenor

Conducted by L. DAVIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Lang).

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 70 methods, viz. :-

- (1) Surfleet, Wainfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Gedney, Gunby, Bicker and Spilsby Alliance and Kent Little Court.
- (2) Benington, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Wrangle, Leake, Whaplode, Alford, Candlesby, Langton and Tattershall Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (3) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single, Wavertree, Double Court and Hereward Bob.
- (4) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate, Marple, Braintree, Humber, Taxal, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Charlwood Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (5) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, College Exercise, Norbury and Oxford Treble Bob and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Donotter Delight.
- (6) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob.
- (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ...	...Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL ...	... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ...	... 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ...	... 5
VERNON TAYLOR ...	... 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL ...	...Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

There were 173 changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. The Alliance methods, Whaplode, Leake, Surfleet, Wainfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Bicker, Spilsby, Gedney and Gunby, and Kent Little Court are now all rung for the first time.

NEWINGTON, HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN PEARSON ...	...Treble	FREDERICK T. HARDEN ...	... 4
LIONEL A. LEACH ...	... 2	JOHN BARTER ...	... 5
CHARLES TURNER ...	... 3	*JOHN R. V. WIMBERLEY ...	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. Rung in memory of the late Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley, father of the tenor ringer, who was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WINFARTING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

DAVID WHITING ...	...Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	... 4
WALTER ELSBY ...	... 2	CLEMENT J. MORE ...	... 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ...	... 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ...	...Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the conductor. Rung as a compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the fifth on the eleventh anniversary of her wedding.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, various callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM A. WOODS ...	...Treble	FRANK L. FISHER... ..	... 4
*JAMES W. SMITH ...	... 2	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT ...	... 5
†C. JOHN TROTMAN 3	ALDRMAN LINGTenor

Conducted by A. LING.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

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(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following 25 methods: (1) Abbeyville; (2) Vale Royal, Crowland, Combermere and St. Werburg; (3) Willerden, Marple, College Bob IV., Newdigate and Old Oxford; (4) Neasden, Braintree, Charlwood, St. Albans and Wragby; (5) College Exercise, Morning Star and Norbury; (6) Duke of Norfolk and Ockley; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE LORD Treble	† ERNEST BROOKES 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
* HAROLD CHANT 3	* DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in 25 methods.

ORSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Single Court, and two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* JACK VESSEY Treble	FRANK VERNON 4
† THOMAS VESSEY 2	† JACK MILLHOUSE 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. The band would like to express their thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. Shepherd, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 29, 1936, in Two Hours

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Olmout's, College, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

* MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4
* JACK BRAY 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods 'in hand.'

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD)

On Wednesday, December 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. ANDERSON, 3, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ADAM DEAS 7-8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

SEDBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

* MISS KATH. M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8
JAMES HEMMING 9-10	

Composed by EDGAR GOISE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on ten bells.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, Sussex, on November 27th, a date touch of Bob Major (1,936 changes): A. R. Miles 1, Wilfred Booth 2, George Dann 3, A. Lewry (conductor) 4, C. Steele 5, F. Hammond 6, C. Brasier 7, W. A. Kitchenside 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES IN ANOTHER WAY.

We frequently read, in the reports of peals of Grandsire Doubles, of 'ten different callings' being used. When that appears we all know what it means, but actually, while the 'six-score' is arranged in ten different ways, there are only two callings. One is a 120 with two bobs and a single, alternating with plain leads, and repeated, the second half being called exactly as the first. This calling can be applied by beginning with either of the calls or a plain lead:—

	a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.
Lead No. 1.	P.	B.	P.	B.	P.	S.
2.	B.	P.	B.	P.	S.	P.
3.	P.	B.	P.	S.	P.	B.
4.	B.	P.	S.	P.	B.	P.
5.	P.	S.	P.	B.	P.	B.
6.	S.	P.	B.	P.	B.	P.

P. stands for a Plain Lead, B. for a Bob Lead, S. for a Single Lead. Read downward, each of these is half a six-score, and the 120 can only be completed by calling the second half exactly like the first. To the young conductor these may appear to be six different callings; in reality they are one and the same, begun at six different starting points. In the calling where a plain lead comes first the 5th is the observation bell; in those with a call at the first lead the 3rd is the observation bell.

The second composition of Grandsire Doubles is in three parts, instead of two, and has a single at alternate leads, with a bob between them and a plain lead at the other of the four lead ends. This calling, too, can be begun at any point in the cycle, and the 120 is completed by two repetitions of the same calling as used in the first part:—

	g.	h.	i.	j.
Lead No. 1.	P.	S.	B.	S.
2.	S.	B.	S.	P.
3.	B.	S.	P.	S.
4.	S.	P.	S.	B.

From the ringer's point of view, the limit of variety is monotonous; and there is very little more in it for the conductor. If he wants to call the two compositions in all their transpositions the sole tax on his memory lies in recollecting which 120's he has called.

It is this kind of monotony which makes the continual ringing of Grandsire Doubles a deadly dull affair. Anything which will add even a little variety must be welcome, and that is why one or two conductors depart from the orthodox and call what one may term conglomerate compositions. Some of these run to 240 changes, in the course of which each change occurs twice.

We hear little, however, of another form of ringing six-scores of Grandsire which can give the ringers as well as the conductor some small amount of change. There is an alternative single in Grandsire—one which, we believe, is looked upon as theoretically correct, but seldom practised, because the common form has come down to us through the ages.

The ordinary Grandsire single affects the path of all the four working bells; the alternative single, made at the back instead of the front, actually diverts only two bells, and only one does anything different to a plain or bob lead. This is how it looks in figures compared with the ordinary single, which is regarded in the best circles as very inelegant:—

Ordinary.	Alternative.
45312	45312
54132	54132
51423	51423
15432	15423
15423	14532
51432	41523
54123	45132
45213	54312

It will be seen that in the second form a bell, passing treble in 2-3, makes 3rd's and goes into the hunt as at a bob. The bell, passing treble in 1-2, is unaffected and makes 3rd's. The bell passing the treble in 3-4 lies behind and has a single dodge in 5-4 (down), exactly as in a plain lead. The only one which makes a new departure is the bell coming out of the hunt. This, after lying its whole pull behind, has a whole pull in 4th's place (back and hand) and then a single dodge in 4-5 (up).

A different kind of calling is also available, and it has six transpositions. It has three bobs, occurring at alternate leads, a single and two plain leads in each half. If a bob is called at the first lead, the 3rd is the observation bell; if no bob is called at the first lead the 5th is the observation bell.

	k.	l.	m.	n.	o.	p.
Lead No. 1.	B.	P.	B.	P.	B.	S.
2.	P.	B.	P.	B.	S.	B.
3.	B.	P.	B.	S.	B.	P.
4.	P.	B.	S.	B.	P.	B.
5.	B.	S.	B.	P.	B.	P.
6.	S.	B.	P.	B.	P.	B.

Each has to be repeated to complete the 120.

THE RECTOR AND THE GRAVE DIGGER. A LESSON FOR RINGERS.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held on Saturday, November 28th, at Horley. Although only 18 sat down to tea, more ringers turned up afterwards and good practice was put in for the 'lesser fry' before tea. The 'greater fry' had their turn afterwards. All the standard methods were rung. If Horley trebles proved somewhat 'flighty' to handle, this was more than compensated for by some delightful reminiscences by that dear old Horley character, Mr. George Illman, who delighted the company so much that some of them could not eat their tea for laughing.

Members attended from Redhill, Reigate, Burstow, Lingfield, Merstham, the local band, and visitors from Crawley, Balcombe, Worth (Sussex) and Egerton (Kent).

The Rev. W. C. Reeder gave us a very warm welcome to Horley, and in an unusual and interesting address stressed the importance of paying (not necessarily in money) for what they had the privilege of doing (such as bell ringing). In one place at which he was incumbent, he said, no one could be found who would dig the graves, owing to some superstition. Once after a terrific effort he did get a man to dig a grave, and the man did what a good many more people do, put up the price. In consequence the people who were burying their relative complained about the charge. He (the Rector) replied, 'Would you be willing to dig the grave?' They said, 'Certainly not, we are too respectable.' He then told them, if they were too respectable to dig a grave, they must pay the man his price for digging it for them. They must pay for their respectability. Ringers, added the Rector, should learn from this and not be 'too respectable' to come and practise and help to train younger people in the art.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church on Sunday, November 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (Rochester variation): A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, *W. Bowden 3, *J. Nash 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—At St. Botolph's Church for Sunday evening service on November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. T. Stacey (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Wicks 2, R. Smith 3, E. Peartree 4, A. Durling (first quarter as conductor) 5, L. T. Stacey 6, G. J. Butcher 7, C. W. Hammond 8.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: F. Udall 1, H. H. Mance 2, C. Otley 3, F. Howson 4, A. Newman 5, J. F. Grove 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, C. Bartlett 10. First quarter on ten bells by the young ringers of 1, 6 and 10.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

Sixteen towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association at Braintree on Saturday, November 28th. The ringers came from Chelmsford, Braintree, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Great Fey, Kelvedon, Sible Hedingham, Witham, Great Bardfield, Halstead, Dunmow, Great Bentley, Maldon, Bocking, Feering and Black Notley.

A service was held in the Parish Church, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Eddleston), who gave the ringers a warm welcome. The lesson was read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell).

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was 13s. 10d.

Forty-three sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall, including the general secretary (Mr. L. J. Clark), Mr. Daw (Vicar's warden) and Mr. Crozier (church clerk). At the business meeting which followed, the district secretary read a short report of the work in the division during the year. This showed that eight ringing members had been elected and 24 peals had been rung on tower bells. It was gratifying to note that eight members had rung their first peal in the method, five of whom rang their first peal of London Surprise Major. Five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 36.

Mr. A. Saunders was re-elected District Master. The district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) was also unanimously re-elected. In reply, Mr. Ridgwell thanked all those who had attended the meetings during the year and especially the correspondent of each company who helped so much by collecting subscriptions for him. Last, but not least, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, who had done so much by helping others in the art of change ringing. 'I can say,' added Mr. Ridgwell, 'without fear of contradiction, that at the present time, as far as peals are concerned, Mr. Wiffen is the backbone of the Northern Division' (applause).

Mr. H. Hammond also thanked the brothers Wiffen for their great help and influence in change ringing.

Nine new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Sible Hedingham in February.

The general secretary apologised for the absence of the Master (Dr. Spencer Phillips), who was attending a meeting at Leytonstone.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, also to the organist for his services.

Mr. Daw apologised for the Vicar's absence and on his behalf gave the ringers a great welcome and said how much he appreciated their services as ringers.

Bocking bells were also available during the evening, which greatly added to the pleasure of the meeting, and various methods up to London Surprise Major were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A large gathering of ringers is expected at Croydon on Saturday, when the new ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist is to be dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury at 3 p.m. The bells, which replace an old eight, have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the tenor is about 36 cwt.

Visiting ringers, who sent in their names by last Monday, are being entertained to tea by the Bishop of Croydon and the churchwardens. It should be noted that tea will be served in the Welcome Hall, Scarsbrook Road, instead of in the Old Palace Banqueting Hall. After the evening ringing there is to be a 'social' at the Drill Hall, Union Road—opposite Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry.

The contract to recast and rehang in a new frame the ring of ten at Birmingham Cathedral has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

An unusual performance at Honiton Glast, Devon, is recorded in our peal columns. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with 1-2-8 covering. We do not remember having heard of a peal being rung like this before, but it is, of course, just as legitimate a performance as with 4-6-8 or 6-7-8 used as covering bells. Only one of the band had previously rung a peal.

The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal of Stedman Triples at Earls Barton on November 19th was H. Pettit, not Petter as printed.

Mr. F. E. Pitman, of Bromley, is now convalescent after his recent operation. Last Sunday he was very warmly welcomed by his colleagues of SS. Peter and Paul's Church on his return to service ringing.

Mr. C. Savage, who rang his first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples last week at Eastbourne, is a nephew of Mr. A. A. Savage, hon. secretary of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Australia.

Will the gentleman who accidentally took away someone else's property during the meeting at Tring on Saturday please return the same immediately to Mr. W. Ayre, Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

The names of the two new members elected by the Ladies' Guild at their meeting at Headingley St. Chad's were Mrs. Bradley and Miss Hawley, of Sherburn, and not Miss Stitson and Miss Hawley as reported.

THE RIGHT TO QUESTION THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps Mr. George Baker *ought* to have the right to put questions to the Methods Committee and to expect an answer, but in actual fact he has not.

The Methods Committee are appointed by the Central Council to consider and report on matters referred to them by the Council, and the Council alone has the right to which Mr. Baker thinks he is entitled.

If Mr. Baker desires 'a courteous answer' to a question he should ask the Council to deal with it, or, alternatively and with your permission, ask in your columns for an answer from anybody able to give it.

Incidentally, I don't think the Methods Committee—as a committee—are entitled to give the Exercise 'mathematical proofs' of anything, except through a report to the Council.

WILFRED G. WILSON.

Wembley, Middlesex.

WARKTON TOWER LEADER'S DEATH.

RESULT OF A CYCLE ACCIDENT.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr. Horace Patrick, who died at his home rather suddenly on November 27th at the age of 56. He had been tower leader at Warkton Church for a number of years, and was people's warden. He was a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and formerly of the old Central Northants Association.

Although Mr. Patrick only rang Grandsire, he was a good striker and took part in several peals with the local company. About a year ago he underwent a serious operation at Middlesex Hospital, but recovered and was able to return to his employment. About a month ago, however, he was involved in a collision with another cyclist, and, although the results at the time did not appear to be serious, on Sunday, November 22nd, as he was leaving home to ring for service, he collapsed and remained unconscious until he died, death being due to delayed hæmorrhage caused through the accident.

The bells of Warkton Church were rung fully muffled on the following Sunday. A large number of sympathisers assembled at the funeral at St. Edmund's, Warkton, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. B. Hamond. As the cortege approached the church the bells were clung. The local ringers were represented by Messrs. B. P. Morris, A. Toseland, H. O. Mutton and Mr. E. Reid from Weekley tower.

During the evening half-muffled touches were rung, concluding with 'the whole pull and stand' 56 times by Messrs. B. P. Morris, H. T. Eastbrook, Miss D. J. Moir, L. Toseland and A. Toseland. Others taking part were Messrs. R. W. Lawrence and E. Reid. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the local company. Mr. Patrick leaves a widow and a brother to mourn their loss and to them much sympathy is extended.

THE 'TINTINNALOGIA.'

DOUBTS ON STEDMAN'S AUTHORSHIP.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

The 'Tintinnalogia' is the oldest and, in many ways, one of the best books on change ringing. It is always thought to have been the work of Fabian Stedman, but in the 'Athenæ Oxonienses,' written by Anthony à Wood, towards the end of the seventeenth century, there is a short account of a certain Richard Duckworth which ends with the statement that 'he hath written Tintinnalogia or the Art of Ringing, etc., London, 1671. Instructions for hanging of Bells with all Things belonging thereunto.'

Wood was a contemporary of Stedman and Duckworth, and is the recognised authority on the Oxford men of the time. In his young days he had been a ringer, and all through his life he was keenly interested in bells and ringing. With increasing years he became rather morose in temper, and pretended to be very deaf, but, said a man who knew him, he could hear well enough when bells were ringing and could often be seen walking about listening to them, 'which he mightily delighted in.'

Thomas Hearne, the Oxford Diarist, who has left us certain records of ringing in his day, belonged to the next generation. His biographer says that he was 'passionately fond of bellringing, although I do not find that he practised it himself.' Hearne repeated the statement that Duckworth had written the 'Tintinnalogia,' and evidently took some trouble to find out about him. He says in his diary, under the date January 27th, 1726, that he talked with a Mr. Whiteside who had known Duckworth, and that the latter was a very great ringer and had very great skill in it.

It seemed to me, therefore, worth a little trouble to see if anything could be found out about Richard Duckworth. He was born some time about 1630, in Lancashire, according to Whiteside, or in Leicestershire according to Wood. He was an undergraduate at New Hall Inn in 1647, and was one of those who made submission to the visitors appointed by the Long Parliament during the changes following the execution of King Charles I., and by them was made a Fellow of Brasenose College.

According to 'Alumni Oxonienses' he matriculated at University College in 1648, but men in those days frequently changed their colleges. He graduated B.A. in 1651, and proceeded M.A. in 1653. He took orders and was Rector of Hartest-with-Boxted, Suffolk, in 1660; of Tolland in Somerset in 1671; and of Steeple Aston in 1679.

Hearne says that 'he made the latter place much better than it had been by recovering and settling many tithes that were refused, in order to which he went to law with the Parishioners and overthrew them, after which he left the place and became Vice-Principal of Alban Hall under old Dr. Bouchier, but what he did there I know not. This is certain that he had been a schoolmaster also at Steple Aston, and was severe to his scholars, some of which were boys of good birth.'

The only other information about him that I have been able to trace is that he was one of the half-dozen clergymen in Oxfordshire who consented to read James II.'s 'Declaration of Indulgence,' which led to the famous trial of the seven bishops; that when the Prince of Orange (afterwards William III.) came to Oxford and visited the colleges, he was the man who 'speecht it' at

St. Alban's Hall; and that one night someone left a baby in the quadrangle at Brasenose, 'and the child cried and Mr. Duckworth went to the buttery to fetch a candle to see for it.' He lived to a great age.

We know from the title page of the 'Tintinnalogia' that it was printed in 1668 by W. G. for Fabian Stedman; and we know that on February 8th in the previous year it had been entered at Stationers' Hall by Fabyan Stedman; we know, too, that in 1668 he was writing to the ringers at Leicester to introduce the book. That means that he owned the copyright and was responsible for the publication, but it does not mean that he was the author.

The 'Campanalogia' of 1702, which was written by Doleman and one of his companions, is said on the title page to have been printed for George Sawbridge. But what connection there was between Stedman and Duckworth I have not been able to trace. The first was a Cambridge man, the other an Oxford man, and I do not find Duckworth's name among the members of either the Scholars of Cheapside or the College Youths, to both of which societies Stedman belonged. But when the book was published Duckworth was Rector of Hartest in Suffolk, which is no great way from Cambridge. He may often have visited the town and, being a keen ringer, would quite naturally go to the belfry and may have entrusted Stedman with the task of seeing the book through the Press.

We must remember, too, that there is no tradition of the Exercise to help us in the matter. There is a tradition, and I think a sound one, that Stedman wrote the 'Campanalogia' of 1677, and that suggests a comparison between the two books. Now, I have always thought, and have said more than once, that there is a great difference between them. As a text-book the later work is far in advance of the earlier; there is almost as much difference as there is between the 'Campanalogia' of 1702 and the 'Clavis' of 1788. But I have always felt that the 'Tintinnalogia' is much the better written book; indeed, in that respect, it stands in advance of any book on ringing which has appeared until modern times, and I am not sure that I should make even that reservation.

The author, whoever he was, was a scholarly man who could read Latin and could write excellent English, clear and straightforward, always using the right word and never a word too many. If anyone doubts this let him compare the 'Tintinnalogia' with the paraphrase of it which appears in White's 'Rich Cabinet.'

It is very noticeable, too, that the method of explaining ringing in the 'Campanalogia' is quite different from that in the 'Tintinnalogia.' I use to think that Stedman deliberately altered his style because his subject matter had grown so much, and I am far from saying that the later book is not excellently well written. It certainly is.

It will be noticed that Wood gives the date of the 'Tintinnalogia' as 1671. That refers to the second edition, of which no copy is now known to be extant. Fifty years ago Ellacombe possessed one, which was given him by Lady Tite, but what has become of it no one seems to know. The loss is not so great as it might have been since, except for the title page, it was an exact reprint of the first edition. Of that there seem now to be three copies, all of them in good hands. Harvey Reeves did

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BROADCASTING OF BELLS FOR CHURCH SERVICES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. Arthur A. Saxby, I tuned in to the North Regional station on a recent Sunday and heard one cracked bell tolled about 20 times. This was, however, much more pleasant to hear than the so-called ringing from the same station on the previous Sunday, much of which kind of ringing would bring the Exercise into grave disrepute.

C. T. COLES.

THE VILLAGE HANDICAP.

A MENACE TO THE FUTURE OF RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I heartily endorse Canon Coleridge's remarks made at the dinner for the Ancient Society of College Youths, when he spoke of a 'right grounding and right foundation' ('The Ringing World,' November 20th).

May I say how much I appreciate those remarks? I live in a district in which change ringing is comparatively dead. We started in my village as a keen, unorganised band of 'chimers,' chiming regularly for services every Sunday. Then one day I discovered that chiming was not the only use for bells—that they could be 'rung up.' I, therefore, agitated at the following church annual vestry for someone to teach us bell management.

The sexton, a ringer of many years' experience, reluctantly undertook to do this. Quite soon we could manage our bells with some degree of confidence and took to ringing rounds and 'set changes.'

By this time we had been ringing, including the chiming period, for two years, so we organised ourselves and set about the task of 'tackling' change ringing.

Then, quite by chance, an old copy of Jasper Snowdon's 'Rope-sight' came into our hands. My friend and I read it with avidity, and, surprised that the subject could be so clearly expounded and logically taught, determined that the method there outlined should be our method.

The sexton now very seldom attended our practices, as he was too busy with other tasks, so that, at his suggestion, my friend and I, as captain and secretary respectively, kept things going. We introduced Snowdon's method of teaching for a band of beginners and slowly began to make progress.

Then, about the middle of the season, the sexton came back. Imagine our surprise when he openly ridiculed our method, said bells were no use, handbells would get us nowhere; the only way to learn was on the big bells. Resultant from this, confusion reigned in the minds of the more backward members, and we were forced to return to rounds and set changes again.

At the beginning of this season I tried again to introduce Snowdon's teaching, an open breach with the sexton resulting. As this was a very unsatisfactory state of affairs for a church institution, and I refused to work on anything but a 'right foundation and a right grounding,' I resigned and with two others left the team.

I now attend another tower every Sunday, go to all the local association meetings and keep up my theory work, by which means I am able to keep myself in practice. By 'getting about' a lot I find that although our tower was a particularly bad case, the same thing is happening elsewhere, especially in village towers. The backward, 'pull-you-through' and confusing methods of a few old ringers is driving and keeping young men away from ringing.

Surely it is about time that local associations, indeed the ringing fraternity in general, looked seriously on this menace to the future of ringing, especially, as I say, in the villages, where often it is hard to get any ringers at all.

I write this article in due respect to the older ringers, many of whom are very worthy and helpful.

Too often a new band is brought along on a rotten, out-of-date foundation, with the result that otherwise promising ringers become bad strikers and the good name of ringing suffers in consequence.

Sir, I invite the opinion of 'The Ringing World' on this problem, and give my sincere opinion that in many cases the beginner is not backward but that the older men are confusing him, and that where such is the case the older men would best serve the cause of ringing by either leaving the beginner alone or 'getting out.'

H. BENTINCK.

Angmering, Sussex.

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the Exercise good service when in 1895 he published a reprint of this.

I feel a certain amount of regret, which others will share, for anything which may seem to rob Fabian Stedman of any of his laurels, but we are beginning to realise that the art of change ringing was not, as some suppose, the creation of one man, and that there were many talented persons 'who laid the foundations of the art.'

QUAINT INSCRIPTIONS ON NEW ALRESFORD BELLS.

A HAMPSHIRE PEAL RESTORED.

The recently-restored ring of eight at New Alresford, Hants, was fully utilised on Saturday, November 28th, at a well-attended and successful district meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. From 2 to 7.30 p.m., except during service and the tea interval, the assembled members, upwards of 40 in number, kept the bells going in methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major, while for the benefit of some learners in the gathering there were also a few 'touches of rounds.'

The towers represented were North Stoneham, Fareham, Bishop's Sutton, Old and New Alresford, Winchester, Titchborne, Twyford, Bramley, Altan, Upham, Wonston, Swanmore, King's Worthy, Sober-ton and Wickham.

At the Guild service the Rector (the Rev. Canon Robinson) gave a brief address of welcome to the Guild members, and, after referring to the part that the diocese had taken in helping to clear the debt on the bells before they were opened, he dwelt on the necessity for that teamwork in all things, of which change ringing provided so conspicuous an example.

Tea was served at the Bell Hotel, by invitation of the bellfounders, and it was presided over by the district chairman, the Rev. N. C. Woods, supported by the Rector and his churchwarden, and by the Ven. Archdeacon of Winchester, who, in a felicitous speech by the chairman, was introduced to the gathering 'not as a dignitary of the Church, but as a friend of the Guild.'

The bells of Old Alresford (6) and Bishop's Sutton (5) were also available for ringing after tea, and were kept going by members of the Guild.

A FINE TUNING JOB.

The work at New Alresford included the recasting of the treble, the retuning of the remainder, and rehanging the eight in a new iron frame with new fittings throughout. It was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tuning especially is admirable, while the stanchness of the frame makes the going as delightful to the practised hand as the tone is to the ear. The effect of the ring in action has been skilfully enhanced by some cunning adjustments of the louvres, which greatly reduce the sound of the bells in the close vicinity.

A thanksgiving service was held on Sunday, October 25th, on the completion of the work. The Bishop of Winchester preached an appropriate sermon, and an appeal was made for the last £10 required to clear the debt on the bells and repairs to the tower which had been necessary.

It was announced later that the collection and late donations had resulted in the amount required being raised—a total of about £538. This is a remarkable effort for so small a place as New Alresford to carry through in a little under two years.

Representatives of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild from five different towers were present, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after service.

The bells were originally six in number, recast and augmented to eight in 1811 by Mears, of Whitechapel. They were rehung and quarter-turned in 1897 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The inscriptions on the bells are interesting:—

Treble:—
In sweetest sounds let each its note reveal,
Mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal.

Second:—
The public raised us with a liberal hand,
We come with harmony to cheer the land.

Third:—
When female virtue weds with manly worth,
We catch the rapture and we spread it forth.

Fourth:—
Does battle rage, do sanguine hosts contend,
We hail the victor, if he's Britain's friend.

Fifth:—
May he who England's matchless sceptre sways,
Her sacred honour guard, her glory raise.

Sixth:—
May Britons still their ancient freedom boast,
And flattering commerce bless their happy coast.

Seventh:—
(No inscription.)

Tenor:—
May all who I shall summon to the grave,
The blessing of a well spent life receive.
William Keene, James Redman, Churchwardens.
T. Mears, of London, fecit 1811.

All bear the maker's name, the treble with the addition, 'Recast J. Taylor and Co., 1936.'

RINGER AND CHORISTER FOR 50 YEARS.

At Zeals, Wilts, on Monday, November 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to George Parsons, who passed away on the previous Thursday. Mr. Parsons was a ringer and chorister for 50 years.

The quarter-peal was rung by T. Penny 1, F. Ball 2, E. Coward (conductor) 3, C. Bunce 4, L. Perrett 5, C. Deverill 6.

LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS' NEW RECORD.

SEVENTY MINOR METHODS IN A PEAL.

Undaunted by the fact that their friendly rivals in Cheshire had raised the Minor record by seven methods over their previous best, the young Lincolnshire band have regained the laurels by a peal in 70 methods rung in their own tower at Algarth last Saturday.

We have given up being amazed at these extraordinary performances. Prior to Saturday the Cheshire band had rung a peal in 68 Treble Bob methods; the Lincolnshire band has beaten that by two. Their peal included an entirely new extent in eight Alliance methods, and a Little method, none of which had been rung in a peal before. This was the first 720 of the peal, which also included Plain, Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise methods.

The first spliced peal of Minor was conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James in 14 methods in 1911. This form of ringing, however, was not seriously taken up until after the war, for at first it was regarded somewhat as a freak, but the rapid advance made in the last two years can be seen from the following:—

720 IN 9 ALLIANCE AND LITTLE METHODS.

23456	Gedney Alliance
58342	Gunby Alliance
42635	Gunby Alliance
S 35624	Kent Little Court
—63524	Kent Little Court
56432	Kent Little Court
45263	Kent Little Court
24356	Kent Little Court
32645	Kent Little Court
S 63254	Surfleet Alliance
42563	Wainfleet Alliance
35642	Pinchbeck Alliance
26435	Spalding Alliance
54326	Spalding Alliance
S 62354	Kent Little Court
36425	Kent Little Court
43562	Kent Little Court
54236	Kent Little Court
S 25463	Bicker Alliance
63542	Spilsby Alliance
42356	Spilsby Alliance
Twice repeated.	

720 IN 12 ALLIANCE AND LITTLE METHODS.

23456	Tattershall Alliance
64523	Tattershall Alliance
S 35624	Bastow Little Court
—62534	Bastow Little Court
56432	Bastow Little Court
45263	Bastow Little Court
24356	Bastow Little Court
32645	Bastow Little Court
S 63254	Freiston Alliance
26435	Freiston Alliance
42563	Butterwick Alliance
54326	Butterwick Alliance
35642	Butterwick Alliance
S 62354	Bastow Little Court
36425	Bastow Little Court
43562	Bastow Little Court
54236	Bastow Little Court
S 25463	Leake Alliance
35642	Leake Alliance
42356	Leake Alliance
56234	Leake Alliance
34625	Leake Alliance
S 25643	Bastow Little Court
—62543	Bastow Little Court
56324	Bastow Little Court
35462	Bastow Little Court
43256	Bastow Little Court
24635	Bastow Little Court
S 62453	Benington Alliance
46325	Benington Alliance
34562	Benington Alliance

Continued—

53246	Benington Alliance
25634	Benington Alliance
S 64253	Bastow Little Court
—26345	Bastow Little Court
32564	Bastow Little Court
53426	Bastow Little Court
S 45362	Whaplode Alliance
34256	Whaplode Alliance
23645	Whaplode Alliance
62534	Whaplode Alliance
56423	Whaplode Alliance
S 45632	Bastow Little Court
—64532	Bastow Little Court
56234	Bastow Little Court
25364	Bastow Little Court
32456	Bastow Little Court
43625	Bastow Little Court
S 64352	Wrangle Alliance
23564	Wrangle Alliance
45623	Wrangle Alliance
36245	Wrangle Alliance
52436	Wrangle Alliance
S 63452	Bastow Little Court
—62354	Bastow Little Court
24563	Bastow Little Court
52346	Bastow Little Court
S 35264	Alford Alliance
42635	Candlesby Alliance
56342	Langton Alliance
23456	

720 IN 10 PLAIN METHODS.

23456	Lytham
64523	London Bob
—35642	London Bob
26435	Thelwall
42563	Double Oxford
54326	Lytham
63254	London Bob
—42635	London Bob
56423	Double Court
23645	Double Court
45362	Double Court
62534	Double Court
34256	Double Court
—56234	Double Oxford
25463	Thelwall
42356	London Bob
63542	London Bob
—25634	London Bob
46325	Double Oxford
34562	Thelwall
—25346	Hereward Bob
63425	Hereward Bob
54263	Hereward Bob
32654	Hereward Bob
46532	Hereward Bob
—32546	Lytham
—65324	London Bob
—43652	London Bob
26543	London Bob
35264	Double Oxford
S 24356	College Single

No. of methods.	Changes of method.
14	
35	
39	
40	
42	
51	172
57	196
60	199
61	196
66	138
68	138
70	173

The new compositions included in the peal are given below:—

Continued—

63524	College Single
—45632	College Single
26345	St. Clement's
32564	Childwall
53426	College Single
64253	College Single
—32645	College Single
56324	Wavertree
43256	Wavertree
62543	College Single
35462	College Single
24635	College Single
—56243	St. Clement's
25364	St. Clement's
32456	College Single
64532	College Single
—25643	College Single
36425	St. Clement's
43562	St. Clement's
—25436	Childwall
42653	St. Clement's
64325	St. Clement's
36542	Childwall
53264	College Single
—42536	College Single
—65423	College Single
—34652	College Single
26534	College Single
—45263	Childwall
S 23456	

SCOTTISH RINGERS' HARD LUCK.

LEFT IN DARKNESS WITH END OF PEAL IN SIGHT.

A band of Scottish ringers had a piece of real hard luck on Saturday. Members of the St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, company visited St. John's, Alloa, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, and, after ringing into the 18th part of Heywood's Transposition in 2 hours 25 minutes, the electric wires fused and left the ringing room in complete darkness.

The ringing was praiseworthy and would have been the first peal of Stedman by all except the conductor, and the first of Stedman in Scotland by a local service ringing band: R. O. Street 1, H. Sargent 2, R. J. G. Thom 3, N. Leiper 4, T. Winderam 5, E. A. Stafford 6, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 7, S. Lewis 8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF BENHILTON'S VICAR.

INCUMBENT WHO ALWAYS 'BACKED UP' HIS RINGERS.

The ringers and parishioners of All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, have suffered a great loss by the death of the Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Clements, who died suddenly in church on Sunday morning. He was reading the lesson when he collapsed.

It was only a week ago last Saturday that he conducted the service at All Saints' on the occasion of the Surrey Association's meeting there, and part of his encouraging address was reported in 'The Ringing World' last Friday. He had spoken of his frank methods of dealing with those who complained about the ringing of church bells and concluded: 'So do not take too much notice of these disagreeable people, my brothers. As long as your ringing is done to the glory of God and in the service of your fellow-men, go on doing it, sure in the knowledge that your efforts are appreciated.'

The late Vicar was very appreciative of all the local ringers did. He never attempted to interfere with them, but always backed them up. Before evensong on Sunday a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples was rung by R. Foreman 1, G. Rayner 2, F. Randall 3, H. Good 4, G. Chiverton 5, E. Eaticnap 6, W. Cyril Smith (conductor) 7, C. Vallis (first quarter-peal) 8.

PROPOSED ATTEMPT FOR TWENTY-FIVE 720's.

On Boxing Day, December 26th, members of the Yorkshire Association hope to attempt a record peal of Treble Bob Minor of 18,000 changes (twenty-five 720's in 25 different methods) at Felkirk, near Barnsley, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

The existing record has stood since 1816, when twenty-one 720's (15,120 changes) were rung in a peal at Wath, Yorkshire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT MEETING AT SWITHLAND.

The Leicester District's last meeting of the year was held at Swithland on Saturday, November 21st. The bells, a ring of six, were set going at 2.45 to rounds, Grandshire, Plain Bob and other methods. The Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon McKay, conducted the association service and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Swithland. He delivered a most interesting address.

Tea was served in the hall, a company of about 20 sitting down. The chairman, Mr. J. Harris, welcomed the presence of the Rector.

After tea the chairman spoke of the loss the Anstey ringers had just sustained by the death of Mr. Alfred Cufflin. Mr. Cufflin had been towerkeeper at St. Mary's Church for about 33 years.

The chairman spoke of him as the link between the old five bells with the old band of ringers and the new peal of eight with the present young band of ringers.

The company then stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect to his memory.

The chairman thanked the Rector for his interesting address, and the ladies for preparing tea. Tunes on the handbells were given by H. Hammersley, John Hill (aged 12) and S. Harrison, and Grandshire Doubles by E. H. Bagworth, H. Hammersley and S. Harrison.

The company then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing took place, a very enjoyable meeting having been spent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING DISCUSSES 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

With a desire further to promote the sale of 'The Ringing World' among its members, the South and West District of the Middlesex Association issued a 'questionnaire' to the affiliated towers, and on Saturday, when the forms were returned, the Editor of the paper was invited to attend a meeting held at Brentford and address the gathering, which numbered nearly 40, from Baling (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Denham, Sumbury, Hillingdon, Harrow, Heston, Isleworth, Feltham, Ruislip and Uxbridge, with visitors from Fulmer and Portsmouth.

The subject was introduced by Mr. W. H. Coles (Ringing Master). From the returns it appeared that out of 82 members in the district, 25 subscribed regularly and only six others were prepared to take it if the price was reduced to 2d. per week.

Several members expressed opinions at the meeting. Those who had grumbles mostly complained of the price and the fact that the reports of their quarter-peals were not published.

Mr. Goldsmith reviewed at some length the whole position of publishing a paper in the interests of ringers. In dealing with the financial side he pointed out the limited scope for revenue, except through sales, the difficulties and objections there were in subsidies or in charging for the insertion of peals; and he asked, if the price of the paper were reduced, who would undertake the financial risk which would have to be faced? It was obvious, if the returns made to the association were a criterion, that the number of new subscribers would be quite inadequate to make up the loss. With regard to the grievance of the non-publication of quarter-peals, he pointed out that, as a rule, these were of purely local interest.

THE EDITOR'S TASK.

The Editor's task, Mr. Goldsmith proceeded, was to decide which of the material which came to hand in any week was of the widest general interest. If preference were given to quarter-peals, these would soon increase to such a degree that nearly everything else would have to be sacrificed, and if there were some who now thought there was not enough interest in the paper to make it worth their while to buy, many more would take that view if they found records of minor performances predominating. It was not from any desire to exclude quarter-peals that they often did not appear, but from pure force of circumstances, which compelled a choice of this or that to be excluded. He asked those who complained of the non-appearance of their quarter-peals to remember that while as many as possible were published, other material of a wider interest would have to be excluded if all that were sent in were inserted.

Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the association), who presided, mentioned that during his close association with the paper in the absence of the Editor, he saw a number of these complaints. They were not based on the general ground of why were quarter-peals not always published, but 'why was not my quarter-peal printed?' He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Goldsmith for his attendance and his address.

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. W. H. Hellier, the hon. treasurer of the association, on the death of his wife.

A vote of congratulation to Mr. E. H. Lewis on being elected Master of the College Youths for the tercentenary year of the society was passed on the motion of the chairman, who pointed out that it was the first time a president of the Central Council had been Master of the society.

SUGGESTED OMISSION OF SERVICES AT MEETINGS.

For some reason or other, unexplained at the time, the service, which was to have been held before tea, did not take place, the church not being open and the Vicar not putting in an appearance.

Referring to this in the course of the meeting, Mr. H. C. Chandler, a former district hon. secretary, suggested that the district should consider whether it would not be better to omit the service from their ordinary meetings and hold one only on the occasion of the annual meeting. While the clergy were always ready to hold a service on request, he believed that many did so at inconvenience and would be glad to be relieved of it. Mr. Chandler also pointed out that in the days when services were not held, the attendance at meetings was much larger.

Mr. Ellingham supported this view, but the Chairman said he could not accept any motion on such an important matter without notice.

It was understood that the matter would be brought up at the annual meeting in February.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the ringing, which had taken place in the afternoon at Isleworth and Brentford, was resumed at the latter tower. Various methods of Minor were rung, as well as Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. St. Lawrence's tower contains six bells, which, for the past 40 years, have been waiting for the addition of two trebles. The frame is already there for the extra bells.

DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CENTRAL FUND.

The last meeting of the year in the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, always a popular tower, and during the afternoon and evening attracted some 50 or more members and friends. Under the guidance of Mr. T. J. Lock, District Master, touches in many methods, including Cambridge Court Bob, the special

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANY UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Over the annual report of the committee of the Lancashire Association, just issued, is the shadow of the loss of the president, Canon H. J. Elsee, who passed away on Good Friday, after occupying the office for nearly 46 years.

The total membership of the association is 1,530, made up of 85 hon. life members, 11 hon. members, 313 non-resident ringing members, and 1,121 ringing members. The strength of the branches is as follows, the figures in parentheses showing the number of new members elected during the year: Manchester 150 (16), Liverpool 129 (6), Rochdale 126 (2), Blackburn 123 (4), Bolton 120 (9), Farness 97 (9), Rossendale 94 (5), Preston 92 (2), Wigan 88 (15), Fylde 45 (2), Lancaster 44 (7), with 13 'abroad.'

The report records that 43 were crossed off for arrears, and death caused the loss of 18 members.

The treasurer's statement showed a gain on the year's working of £1 Os. 11½d. Although this is considered satisfactory, there are still a large number of members who are not paying their subscriptions. The report appeals to all members to be loyal to this side of the association's work, as during the coming year a very considerable expense would be incurred in reprinting the 'Rules and Diagrams.'

From August 1st, 1935, to July 31st, 1936, 93 peals were rung, including no less than 27 with bells muffled for various causes. Two 'official' peals were rung, one to celebrate Mr. W. H. Shaker's 25 years' service as general secretary, and the other a muffled peal to the memory of the late president. Perhaps the most noteworthy peal of the year, says the report, was that of Grandsire Caters at Wigan Parish Church in May. All the ringers were members of the Wigan Branch and the peal marked a definite advance in that part of the county. Pleasure is also recorded at the progress made at Worsley since the installation of the new peal of bells. Peals of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters have been rung by the local company, and peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters by mixed bands.

ALL-CONDUCTED AND NON-CONDUCTED.

At St. Martin's Church, Chelsfield, Kent, on Saturday, November 28th, after meeting short for an attempt for a peal of Minor, a touch of 1,560 changes (13 six-scores) Grandsire Doubles was rung: A. S. Richards 1, G. V. Murphy 2, D. Sharp 3, E. A. Barnett 4, P. Corby 5.

The conducting was shared by all the ringers, each calling a six-score in turn. The first, seventh and thirteenth six-scores were rung non-conducted. All ten different callings were used.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, November 4th, at the Parish Church, Seale, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): C. Newman 1, E. Gardner 2, H. Jeffreys 3, J. Carter 4, W. Denyer 5, C. Denyer (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the late Capt. Sir Edward Wingfield Verner, Bart., of David's Vere, Seale, who was interred in Seale Churchyard the same afternoon.

OLD MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

(Continued from previous column.)

method chosen for this meeting, and several 'touches of rounds' for some beginners present, kept the meeting going from three to five o'clock. It was regretted that, owing to the Rector being engaged elsewhere, the usual service had to be missed.

Tea was served at the Express Dairy, High Street, with Mr. G. W. Fletcher, vice-president, presiding. At the subsequent business meeting six new members were elected, whilst it was announced that the annual meeting of the district had been arranged for January 30th at St. Andrew's, Kilburn. The special method chosen for the next meeting was St. Clement's Bob Triples, but members were advised not to forget Cambridge Court Bob.

The Chairman intimated that at the annual meeting of the district it was possible that proposals would be brought forward in respect of the financial relations of the districts with the Central Fund, with a view to expanding the latter, and he hoped members would think over the matter between now and the date of that meeting.

The Hon. Secretary said that he had had a proposal sent to him by the hon. secretary of the South and West District, providing that resident members of 65 years of age, after a continuous membership of ten years, should be excused further subscriptions. Whilst sympathising with such a proposal, he said that unless something was done, the Central Fund would lose by this, probably more than it could afford, and it would be as well if this was considered in relation to the proposal put forward by the chairman.

The hon. secretary welcomed the several young ringers present, from Bethnal Green, Kingsbury and elsewhere, and urged them to attend regularly and take every opportunity that offered for practice. Only by this means could they become efficient ringers.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Lloyd) for the use of the bells; to Mr. R. E. G. Geare for arranging the meeting; and to the anonymous gentleman who had paid quite a substantial proportion of the cost of the tea.—This was carried unanimously, and the business meeting terminated.

More ringing, both on tower bells and on handbells, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

NOTICES.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, December 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service in All Saints' Church, 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. C. T. Waters, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles', Pontefract. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby. Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District & Romney Marsh & District Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on December 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at St. Michael's Rooms, at 4 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley, near Leeds.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Welcome Hall, Scarsbrook Road, by kind invitation of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Croydon and churchwardens. Admission by ticket only. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m. Social at the Drill Hall, Union Road (opposite the Bell Foundry), at 8 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service and tea as usual. Please help to make our last 1936 meeting a great success.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Church Road, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells (10) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting has been arranged for Laxton (6 bells), near Ollerton, on Dec. 12th. All ringers welcome. Rounds to London Surprise.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Please look up Minor Methods.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) ready from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting arranged to be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Dec. 12th, has been cancelled.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmorland, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BATH AND WELL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Corfield Hall.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

BRADSHAW ST. JOHN, HALIFAX.—The ring of 5 bells given by Eli Fielding, Esq., and installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3.15 p.m. A short peal will be rung by ringers of Queensbury Parish Church, who will also ring for about half an hour after the service. There will be light refreshment in the school after the service.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. and tea 4.45. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Sec.

BUSHEY.—Saturday, December 12th, annual meeting. Election of secretary and committee. Bells available 3 till 5. Service 5. Tea at 5.30, Institute. Ringing till 8.30 if required. Excellent travelling by coach or train. Watford District, Herts Association.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A ringers' service will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 6.15 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

RUABON, NEAR WREXHAM.—The ring of six bells which has been rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-opened on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Wrexham.

ASPENDEN, HERTS.—The Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the bells (8) which have recently been rehung and some recast by A. Bowell, of Ipswich, on Tuesday, December 15th, after a Confirmation service, which takes place at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On Thursday, December 17th, at 8 p.m., the Bishop of Stafford will dedicate the ring of eight bells recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th, Southwark Cathedral on the 17th, *St. Giles's, Cripplegate on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting will take place at Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but *do send a card*, if you want tea, to Mr. H. Golding, 10, Alma Road, Hemel Hempstead. The secretary, district committee, and representatives on the general committee will be elected at this meeting. Some subscriptions are still outstanding, so come along, and pay up.—W. Ayre, Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The postponed Northern District City meeting will be definitely held on Saturday, December 19th. Particulars of towers next week.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

CALVERLEIGH, TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Crediton will re-dedicate the ring of six bells which has been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Visitors requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Green, Frigwell, Calverleigh, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, December 19th. The list of meetings for 1937 will be compiled at this gathering. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card by the 16th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, December 19th, at Marlow, 3.30 p.m., and Wooburn, 7 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than December 14th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Tea will be provided at a time after the football match at Burnden Park. A peal tablet will be unveiled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday, December 16th?—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports ready.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea (10 bells), on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Silver Jubilee. A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, December 19th, at 3 p.m., to celebrate the silver jubilee of the formation of this branch. Tea at 5 in King Alfred's Chamber. All ringers are invited, especially those who took part in the early stages of the branch. Please come and bring your friends with you, and have a good time with us at Sandy.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NEW MILL, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—On Monday, Dec. 21st, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will re-dedicate the ring of six bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MELTHAM, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On New Year's Eve, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the bells, a ringing peal of six and four stationary bells, which have been restored, including rehanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1937, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, South-over Cottage, Pyrford, Woking. Further particulars later.



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TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—For morning service on November 29th, 1311 Stedman Cinques: C. F. Andrews (conductor) 1, *R. Amor 2, *J. Francis 3, *W. Loud 4, *C. Butcher 5, S. J. Hector 6, *W. R. Baxter 7, *B. Worsdell 8, G. H. Harding 9, *C. Raison 10, N. V. Andrews 11, *W. J. Prescott 12. * Longest touch of Cinques.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Bloom 1, F. Frampton 2, Miss F. Child 3, H. R. Bennett 4, Dr. A. Cunningham (Wareham) 5, A. G. Rose 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Ring for the dedication festival.

FUNERAL OF SUFFOLK RINGER. FORMER DISTRICT SECRETARY.

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Among those present at the funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Tucker Harvey, were Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Stoke Ash, and Mr. W. Tydeman, captain of the local band. In the evening a half-muffled peal was rung as recorded elsewhere.

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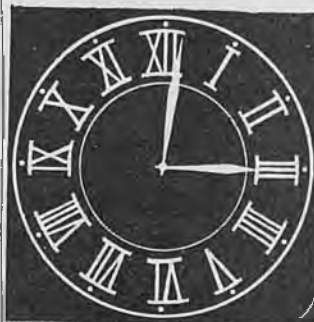
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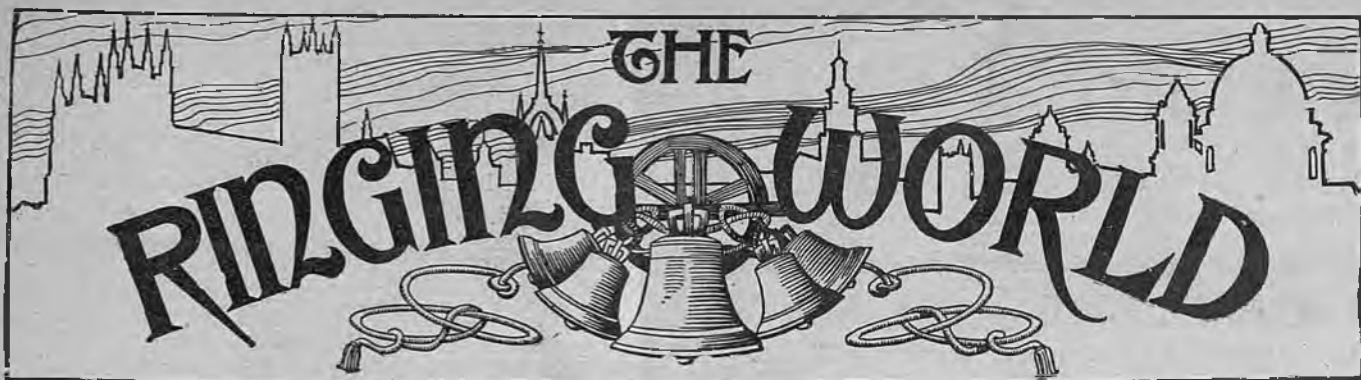
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A YORKSHIRE EXAMPLE.

There is a small mining village near Leeds, where the ringers provide an excellent example of what can be done in a tower when keenness for the art and the right atmosphere are present. Rothwell, as a village, is no more favoured than most other communities, but it has long possessed an efficient company of ringers, and the present band are maintaining the traditions of a past generation. They ring peals occasionally, and in Surprise methods at that, but their greatest contribution is the regularity of their service ringing and the enterprise that is shown in their practices. Last Saturday the Yorkshire Association held a meeting at Rothwell, and occasion was taken to congratulate the band upon the excellent work which they are carrying on.

Two things are tending to the successful progress. One is the keenness of the leader, whose enthusiasm is infectious among his company. Campanologically they do not stand still. As we took the opportunity of pointing out quite recently in this column, stagnation is a cause in many a tower of the depletion of the band, and even the cause of the eventual break-up of the company in some cases. Progress is necessary to maintain interest, and in Rothwell it has had the excellent result, not only of keeping up the strength of the band, but of attracting visitors to the practices. We are fully aware that the rate of progress must depend upon the material available, but there is always some small step forward that the least accomplished can make. Those who have studied our articles for beginners have seen, even if they did not already know, that progress can be made in the easiest of stages—steps which after a bit may develop into strides. There can be no doubt that in those towers where there is a determination to get on, interest is maintained at its highest level, and no lash is needed to keep the ringers 'up to the mark.'

Thus it is at Rothwell; but there, also, there is another source of strength to the unity and purpose of the company. As Sunday School teachers, sidesmen, choristers or servers, all the ringers have an interest in the work of the Church itself, outside ringing, and the result is an atmosphere of service which rises above the mere fascination of the art. Attachment to the Church enhances the pride of service in the belfry. We have always maintained that the best way to fill the ranks of ringers is from within the Church. There is more likely to be success when the ringer is drawn from the Church to the belfry than when he becomes a ringer first, and an effort has to be made to make him a churchman afterwards. The reason is obvious. The churchman is already alive to the importance of church work, and, if ringing adds to

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his interest, he also attaches the right sense of duty to his service in the belfry, a sense which the 'outsider' often does not appreciate when he first comes into the tower. Rothwell is fortunate in the company which for years has kept its bells ringing, and is an example which, if more widely copied, would quickly reduce the number of towers wherein the bells are undermanned, as is unfortunately the case in many parishes.

TEN BELL PEAL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

THOMAS J. HULL Treble	HERBERT G. MASON 6
HAROLD V. FROST 2	JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 7
ARTHUR DAY 3	FREDERICK J. SPICER 8
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 4	† FRANCIS KIRK 9
* ROLAND NEWSON 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal. First peal of Little Bob Royal on the bells, by the association and by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* DENNIS HOLDEN Treble	CYRIL WINWOOD 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
BERT HORTON 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
FRANCIS J. BROTHERTON 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method by all, on the bells, in the county, and by the society.

BOOKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

* DONALD JENNINGS Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 5
† VICTOR MORLEY 2	H. WALTER SMITH 6
* HOWARD SAMS 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
† DOUGLAS JENNINGS 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, on the 58th anniversary of their wedding.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	EDWARD FOSTER 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	WALTER NICHOLLS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Mr. J. F. Milner's 200th peal, 72 of which have been rung on the foundry bells. Mr. Milner and the band desire to express through 'The Ringing World' their appreciation for the warm welcome always extended to ringers by the firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

NEWTON ABBOTT.—On Thursday, November 26th, at Coffinswell Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. Evans 1, H. G. Lewis 2, A. L. Bennett 3, J. E. Lilley 4, C. R. Walker 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6. Touches of Double Court Minor and Stedman Doubles were also rung.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

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

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FREDERICK H. STREVS...Treble	CHARLES BELSEY 5
WILFRED L. RAYNER... .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 6
FRANK J. CHEAL... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 7
WILLIAM A. COOKE 4	†CHARLES A. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NAYLOR.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathleen Cheal, a member of the band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
JACK N. CRIPPS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK H. RANDALL Treble	W. CYRIL SMITH 5
WILLIAM HADLEY 2	†HERBERT PRATT... .. 6
†ROY A. SIMMONS 3	†HARRY W. SIMMONS 7
JOHN HOYLE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by THOS. DAY.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major in the method.
‡ First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on an 'inside' bell. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Rev. S. J. Clements, Vicar of All Saints', who was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	TONY PRICE 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, City,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ...Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	RAYMOND G. COUSINS... .. 6
ERNEST J. KING... .. 3	JACK A. WAUGH 7
†NORMAN H. MANNING ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First attempt for a peal. Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the accession to the Throne of King George VI. The peal was commenced immediately the Proclamation was read in the City of London.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5192 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
SIDNEY T. HOLY 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
THOMAS HAMMING 4	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLY.

Rung in honour of the accession of King George VI. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 3rd and tenor, and first in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

At the Cathedral.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C.

MISS NORA M. BIBBY ...Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
*JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones and Mr. Waller Thomas, two old and respected members of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Thomas, Musberry,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5
THOMAS WALLWORK 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT 6
ARNOLD BRUNTON 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung for the accession of King George VI.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...Treble	*GEORGE STOCKER 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	HARRY W. SMITH 6
MISS RUBY HAZELL 3	*GEOFFREY E. FOWLER 7
MISS ESTHER MATBEWS ... 4	REGINALD W. ROX Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to William Wigmore, grandfather of the ringer of the 5th, within a few days of his 81st birthday. He has been a ringer at Bucklebury for 63 years.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN J. RIDLER... ..Treble	HARRY J. SANGER 5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 2	FRANK SKIDMORE... .. 6
RICHARD CLARK 3	RONALD G. BECK... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. J. SANGER.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... ..Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. M. E. Wilson, of the Cathedral company, Sheffield, and Miss Eva Chafer. The composition was rung for the first time.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE... ..Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	LOUIS HEAD 6
ARTHUR W. JONES 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

First peal as conductor. Rung for accession of King George VI.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... ..Treble	LEWIS BUSH 4
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 2	FRED WIGMORE 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*MISS VIOLET MARSH... ..Treble	FRANCIS G. BLAKE 4
LIONEL H. PINK... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
HAROLD E. WHITE 3	WILLIAM M. LIGHT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the fifth anniversary of the restoration and rehanging of the bells.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (Plain and Treble Bob rung alternately).

Tenor 12 cwt.

BRYAN O'NEIL ... ..Treble	†WILLIAM H. J. PARKER 4
*THOMAS C. TILLEY 2	JOHN E. TAYLOR 5
GORDON W. LIMMER... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First attempt for a peal (a local man for whom the peal was arranged). † First attempt in more than two methods, and hails from Sandhurst. Remainder of band from St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks. A birthday compliment to the sister of the conductor.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE T. COUSINS ... ..Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
STANLEY T. YAPP 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
ERNEST F. SALMONS 3	GEORGE A. COUSINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to the tenorman.

PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE DETACHED TOWER OF ST. MARY'S,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's and sixteen 240's (26 callings).

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER S. EVANS ... ..Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 3
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	JAMES P. HYETT 4
JOHN J. WEBB 3	JOHN J. WEBB ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. P. C. Barber), who is shortly leaving for Ross-on-Wye.

WESTONING, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... ..Treble	FRANK C. TYSON 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON... .. 2	C. HENRY HARDING 5
EDMOND W. WAGSTAFFE 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

First peal as conductor. The last peal on these bells was rung on December 8th, 1923.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...Treble	*THOMAS COLLINS 4
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
*THOMAS J. LOCK 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

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On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MAURICE MILLARD Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS 4
JACK GREEN 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
†JOHN R. KEMP 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Arranged and rung for the proclamation of King George VI.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES W. PARKER Treble	PERCY K. PARKER 4
*MISS ELEANOR REEVE 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal in four methods.

YARNTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
and Ten Seconds,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST PEARSON Treble	F. E. TAYLOR 4
MARIE R. CROSS 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
H. H. ALEXANDER 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the accession of His Majesty King George VI.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER EVANS Treble	LESLIE EVANS' 3
*HARRY OWENS 2	ALFRED OWENS 4

TREVOR JONES Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Wynne, who has been Rector of New Radnor for five years; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd. Treble ringer belongs to New Radnor; ringers of 2 and 3 to Eardisland; 4 and the tenor to Kington.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*VICTOR MORLEY Treble	†RONALD SUCKLING 4
ALBERT L. DIXEY 2	ALEC M. GENERY 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS 3	GEORGE R. TOWNES Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Genery, parents of the ringer of the 5th.

GREAT TRY, ESSEX.—On Sunday at St. Barnabas' Church on Remembrance Sunday for evening service, 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major by the local band. On Wednesday, November 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Smith 1, T. Evans 2, V. Morley 3, G. Evans 4, S. Piper 5, J. W. Dyer (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

FOR BEGINNERS.

SOMETHING NEW IN DOUBLES—OR ISN'T IT?

For those Doubles ringers who are anxious to get away from ringing nothing but Grandsire on the very hackneyed lines of the ten old six-scores, we have from time to time suggested a means of extending the scope of their practice. It is true that five-bell ringing, if it is to be in true Doubles, is extremely limited in scope. But you can get variety in the way in which you ring even Grandsire. You can ring Reverse Grandsire and Double Grandsire and New Grandsire. You can also ring the method by substituting some other bell for the treble. We wonder how many bands have taken the trouble to explore these varieties?

Of methods with a plain hunt other than Grandsire, and still produced by pure Doubles there are comparatively few. Reading is the only one given in the Central Council's 'Collection.' The rest that are printed have the blemish of at least one 'single' in each lead—as New Bob, where second's and fifth's are made when the treble leads and only two bells, those in 3-4, change.

There are, however, other Doubles methods, with a plain hunt, which can be obtained, but which, so far as we have seen, have never been published and probably never rung. They are pure Doubles, and the complete extent can be obtained with bobs and only two singles.

Beginners should learn that extents of pure Doubles cannot be produced without the use of at least two singles. The reason is that all the while 'Doubles' are made, the rows remain of the same nature; that is, they are all 'in-course,' or 'even' as they are sometimes called; and the 'out-of-course' or 'odd' rows cannot by any means be produced.

An 'in-course' or 'even' row is one produced by the regular changing of an even number of pairs of bells, as 21435 from 12345, or 15432 from 14523. It needs the change of an odd number of pairs to put the bells 'out of course,' and that substitution of an odd pair for an even number of pairs is called a 'single.' Once you have produced 'out of course' changes in Doubles you cannot get back to 'in-course' changes without the use of another single.

Extents of New Bob and similar methods are got by calling bobs only, but the singles are there nevertheless. The solitary changing of the bells in 3-4 when the treble leads or in 2-3 if a bob is called is actually a 'single,' and so in New Bob you switch from 'in-course' to 'out-of-course' (or from 'even' to 'odd,' if you prefer that term) and back again alternately with every lead.

So with every method of pure Doubles you must use at least two singles to produce an extent, and you can, as in Grandsire, use more than two, but it must be an even number. There are, as you know, six singles in the three-part 120's.

Now, for the benefit of those who would like something really fresh in the Doubles line (although we shall not be surprised if someone turns round and tells us that the method is as old as the hills), here is something to study:—

	Bob	Single
21435		
24153		
42513		
24531		
42351		
24315		
42135	42135	42135
41253	41253	41253
14235	14523	14253
12453	15432	12435
21543	51342	21345
25134	53124	23154

This method, like Grandsire, runs three leads to the plain course, and, like Grandsire, it has one other bell beside the treble that does something different to the other bells. That bell in the plain course is the 2nd, which leads, double dodges on the front (1-2 up), makes 3rd's and goes back again.

The bell that passes the treble in 1-2, goes out behind, comes back and makes 3rd's; then

Passes the treble in 3-4, dodges in 4-5 (up), makes 3rd's;

Passes the treble in 4-5, dodges in 5-4 (down), and double dodges in 2-1 (down).

At a bob, called, as in Grandsire, when the treble is in 3rd's place on the way down, the bell that has been doing the 'slow' work (the 2nd in the plain course) instead of making 3rd's runs straight out, lies a whole pull behind, makes 3rd's and then passes the treble in 4-5.

The bell that would have dodged in 5-4 (down) omits the dodge, runs straight to lead and does the 'slow' work.

The bell that passed the treble in 3-4, instead of dodging 4-5 (up), lies a whole pull behind and goes straight down to the double dodge in front. The bell passing treble in 1-2 is not affected.

An examination of the figures will show you how the single is made. It retains the bell in the 'slow.'

The calling of any 120 of Grandsire can be applied to this method, of which there are three variants. It will make an interesting little exercise in method 'reversing' if our readers will try to find them for themselves.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL BAND'S SERVICES TO THE CHURCH.

In spite of the very inclement weather on Saturday, the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held a most successful meeting at Rothwell, when upwards of 50 members attended from a wide area. The day was exceedingly cold and sleet fell continuously throughout the afternoon and evening, but those stalwarts who had made the journey were able to spend an enjoyable time in the belfry and the cosy Church Institute.

The bells were raised in peal about 3 o'clock and were kept moving in a great variety of methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative until they were finally lowered about 9 p.m.

A delightful tea was served in the Institute, to which about 40 members sat down. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, supported by the Rev. H. S. Branscombe, Vicar of Rothwell.

The chairman was in a reminiscent mood when proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for granting the use of the bells. He spoke of his early experiences at Rothwell when transport facilities were not as convenient as those of the present day. He also referred to the great traditions in ringing which the Rothwell company had made, and said how pleased he was to see the present band carrying on with the work and making such excellent progress. They had a local band ringing Surprise methods, and this was a feat which, unfortunately, was not very common. He was also very pleased indeed to see the churchwardens present, and felt sure that if this could be seen in other parishes, better results would be seen in ringing.

This was supported by Mr. Sherwood.

In replying, the Rev. H. S. Branscombe spoke of his early days in the ministry when he also commenced to ring. Unfortunately he had to give up ringing through illness, but he had a great interest in it and was pleased to know that his own company were making such good progress.

Mr. Wormald, in replying for the wardens, said how pleased he was to be at the meeting and to take part in welcoming the Yorkshire Association to Rothwell. He himself had been connected with the church since boyhood, and he could, therefore, say how proud they were of their ringers. Not only were they ringers, but every member of the band took an active part in the work of the church apart from ringing. Some were Sunday School teachers, others choristers, sidesmen or servers, so that they all had the work of their church much at heart and it was always a source of pride to him as a warden of the church.

Mr. W. Barton, in voicing the thanks of the association to the local company for the splendid arrangements and to the ladies for the work which they had carried out in supplying and serving the tea, spoke of the social side of these meetings. There was a great deal of work entailed in organising and preparing a tea, and the social atmosphere which it created was so necessary in making these meetings a success.—This was supported by Mr. W. H. Senior.

Mr. P. Massam, the local secretary, in replying, said it was a pleasure to have the association at Rothwell, but hoped it would not be so long before they would come again. It was just ten years since the last meeting was held there, and he hoped they would come again soon.

Miss Mary Stinson, of Drighlington, was elected a member of the association.

After the meeting some of the members adjourned to the reading room where handbell ringing was in progress; others found enjoyment in the billiard room, whilst the remainder sought out the belfry for further ringing.

Members were present from the following towers: Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Birstall, Drighlington, Elland, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Huddersfield, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Shipley and the local company, and visitors from Rotherham. It is pleasing to note that the weather could not damp the enthusiasm of the lady members from Drighlington and Shipley, who always manage to support the district meetings.

The annual divisional meeting is due to be held on March 13th, when it is hoped that arrangements can be made to take this to Longwood, near Huddersfield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FIRST MEETING AT HALVERGATE.

A meeting of the Eastern Branch of Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Halvergate on Saturday, November 28th, and was well attended, 32 members being present. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Ward). Tea was served at the Church Room.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and also to Mr. De Ville, the caterer.

This is the first time the association has held a meeting at Halvergate, and it was appreciated by the local band, who are a very keen and promising set of young ringers. The methods rung during the afternoon were Cambridge, London, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandfire Doubles.

Ringers were present from Norwich, Yarmouth, Wymoutham, Gorleston, Reedham, Norton and Ade.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE LATE MR. EVAN DAVIES' WORK AT CAERLEON.

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held at the old Roman city of Caerleon, near Newport, Mon., on Saturday, December 12th. The attendance was not up to the usual standard owing probably to the inclement weather experienced during the morning. Representatives attended from Aberavon, Cardiff, Llanfrechfa, Llanishen, Llangynydd, Newport, Penarth, Merthyr and Aberdare. The bells, a light ring of eight by Warner, were started soon after 3 o'clock. Later, service took place in the old Parish Church, famous for its beautiful stained glass windows. The Vicar (the Rev. H. O. Williams) officiated.

Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was served in the Gymnasium Hall of the Endowed Schools. At the business meeting the Vicar occupied the chair. The hon. secretary read communications received from the Master of the association regretting his inability to attend, and from Mr. Claud Davies, of Liverpool, wishing the association a successful meeting and regretting his inability to be present. Augmentations and proposed restorations were reported on, which proved that the county of Monmouth will possess one new complete octave and one augmented octave next year. It is also hoped there will be one augmented octave in Glamorgan.

Congratulations were given to the Aberdare band for ringing their first local peal on their rehung bells.

It was agreed that the selection of places for the quarterly meetings be left until the annual meeting, to be held on Easter Monday.

The hon. secretary gave at some length the history of Caerleon bells. He remembered, he said, Mr. Evan Davies coming to Caerleon as schoolmaster in 1881. Mr. Davies' interest was in the bells. There were then five bells or remnants of bells, more or less cracked, one in an ash heap and one a box of old metal. In October of that year these remnants were sent to Warner and Sons, of London. Two months later on December 15th six new bells were dedicated and opened. Although Mr. Davies was not then a change ringer, by the end of the next month, January, 1882, he had taught a band to handle the bells, and Bob Singles were rung for service. Progress continued during 1882-3. At the annual meeting held in December, 1884, a suggestion to complete the octave was made. Estimates were obtained during 1885, and on July 28th, 1886, the two new trebles arrived, were hoisted and hung personally by Mr. Davies.

On March 13th, 1887, the first quarter-peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung by the local men, conducted by Mr. Davies. Other methods were practised, and on January 12th, 1889 (48 years ago within a month), the first peal on the bells was rung, conducted by Evan Davies. It was the first peal on the bells and first peal by all. Of the band that took part in that peal there are three survivors—the writer of these notes, who is still an active ringer, and two others who are not now ringing. In the same year peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung.

Four years later, mainly through the efforts of Mr. Davies, the Llandaff Diocesan Association was formed at a meeting held at Llandaff, and Mr. Davies was elected the first Master.

It was most fitting that the meeting was held at Caerleon, which was really the home of change ringing in those parts, and ringers owed a debt of gratitude to the late Mr. Evan Davies, whose son was doing such useful work for the Lancashire Association in Liverpool.

The question of a printed form of service was discussed, and it was decided to deal with it at the annual meeting.

New members were elected, including four Caerleon ringers. The best thanks were accorded the Vicar, churchwardens and ladies for their kindness and hospitality. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On December 9th, for Confirmation service, 720 of Bob Minor: G. Enever (first 720) 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, F. Cherryman 3, J. Avenell 4, S. Petter (conductor) 5, H. Rance 6.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, December 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,344 London Surprise Major: V. G. H. Remus 1, D. T. Matkin 2, William B. Cartwright (conductor) 3, H. H. Fearn 4, Charles Webb 5, C. H. Stanley 6, S. Grove 7, George E. Fearn 8. Rung for a service held in connection with the Bishop of Birmingham's Appeal Fund.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On November 26th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. Wildblood 1, W. Longman 2, W. Carter (Kidsgrove) 3, W. Dean (Norton, conductor) 4, T. W. Arrow-smith 5, G. W. Biddulph 6. First 720 in the method by all except the ringers of the third and fourth, and rung at the first attempt after one plain course for practice.

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S BEREAVEMENT**DEATH OF MRS. W. H. HOLLIER.**

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Annie Amelia Hollier, wife of Mr. W. H. Hollier, of 29, Duke Road, Chiswick. Mrs. Hollier, who was 59 years of age, was known to many ringers. Mr. Hollier is treasurer of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, of which he was one time a joint secretary, and represents the association on the Central Council. Until this year Mrs. Hollier always accompanied her husband to the Council meetings.

In May last she underwent a serious operation in the Royal Masonic Hospital, Ravenscourt Park, of which she was a life governor. When only partially convalescent she was called upon to nurse her husband in a most serious illness, the strain of which proved very heavy, and again illness overtook her, this time proving fatal.

The funeral took place at the Chiswick New Cemetery on Monday of last week, the last rites being conducted by the Rev. E. J. Fellowes-Brown, M.A. Mr. Hollier was not well enough to attend.

The principal mourners were the only daughter (Grace), Mrs. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. P. Holloway, Mr. H. Davis, Mr. Reginald Cattermole, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Jones, W.Bro. Harry Smith, P.A., G.D.C. (representing Chelt Chapter), W.Bro. E. G. Taylor, P.P.G.Sw.Bro. (representing Vitruvian 87 and Column 5284 Lodges), Mr. J. Hunnisett (representing Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Hunnisett.

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from Vitruvian Lodge, Chelt Chapter; Middlesex County Association of Bellringers; and Mr. and Mrs. Hunnisett.

The sympathy of his many friends in the Exercise will go out to Mr. Hollier and his daughter in their bereavement.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Wisbech on Saturday, December 12th, when the splendid peal of ten were available to members and friends. Among the methods rung were Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The usual service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. H. K. Stallard) giving a short address.

For tea the members were the guests of the Vicar and Mrs. Stallard, and the Vicar presided at the business meeting.

Five new members were elected, viz., one honorary, three performing, and one non-resident life member.

The annual meeting of the branch is to be held in January at Hilgay.

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Repeat twice.
This method,
No. 507 in Central Council MSS., was rung to a peal, it is believed for the first time, on Oct. 19th, 1936, at Helmingham, Suffolk.

A DATE TOUCH.

A date touch of 1,936 Stedman Triples at St. Mary's-Without-the-Walls, Chester, on December 9th, in 1 hour and 13 minutes: P. Swindley 1, H. Lewis 2, N. Harris 3, J. Best 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Griffiths 6, S. Jones (conductor) 7, A. Jones 8.

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CHRISTMAS ISSUE.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As Christmas falls on Friday next, 'The Ringing World' will be published on Thursday. Correspondents are reminded, therefore, that all communications, including notices, must be received at the Editorial Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, by Monday.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have been entrusted with the contract for the restoration of the bells at St. Peter's Church, Thetford, Norfolk.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Milverton, writes to extend his apologies to the band that rang his peal of Stedman Caters, which has proved to be false.

The peal at Romford, rung on December 1st and recorded in our last issue, was Mr. J. E. Davis' 1,100th.

A birthday peal was rung at Bucklebury last Saturday for Mr. William Wigmore, who is 81, and has been a ringer at this Berkshire tower for 63 years.

The three generations of the Groombridge family, who, as recorded last week, are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, all hold the certificate of the society signed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill as hon. secretary. This must be a record, and is a sharp reminder of the long period of years during which Mr. Cockerill has so unostentatiously discharged the secretarial duties.

There is nothing like accuracy in everything pertaining to ringing. We have often heard arguments in the belfry as to the time occupied in ringing a peal, when the so-called 'timekeepers' differ to the extent of a minute or two in their observations. They were much more precise at Yarnon on Saturday, when the timing of a peal was reduced to seconds—3 hours 13 minutes 10 seconds.

The peal at Woolwich recorded last week was H. McCabe's first peal, F. Johnson's first peal 'inside' and H. Mackintosh's first peal of Triples. As printed in our report, the indication marks were attached to the wrong names.

Peals are recorded in this issue in no fewer than six different Surprise methods—and Bristol and Yorkshire are not among them. It is indeed a 'sign of the times' when the 17 eight-bell peals reported are divided among 11 methods.

KING GEORGE VI.'S ACCESSION.

BELLS CELEBRATE THE PROCLAMATION.

The change in the monarchy so unexpectedly brought about last week has been marked by ringing in many places for the new King's accession.

We record in this issue a few peals rung for the event, but in numerous churches the bells were rung on Saturday, and in some provincial towns on Monday when the proclamation was officially read.

The Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth is to take place on the date previously fixed for that of the former King, and ringers will be able to go on with their arrangements for the event. There will be nothing lacking in the bells' expression of the nation's rejoicing on that great occasion.

CANCELLED MEETINGS.

The meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) at St. Thomas', Pendleton, has been cancelled.

The Hertfordshire Association's meeting advertised for to-morrow at Hemel Hempstead is unavoidably postponed until after Christmas.

Owing to a telephonic misunderstanding we last week announced the cancellation of the meeting of the Lancashire Association at Whittle-le-Woods, instead of the meeting at Burton-in-Westmorland. We desire to express our regret to all concerned for any inconvenience caused.

QUESTIONS TO THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I don't know why Mr. W. G. Wilson butts in, unless his letter is inspired from other sources.

Mr. Trollope in the past, as spokesman of the Methods Committee, has answered questions, not very willingly perhaps, nor very courteously, but, nevertheless, he has done so.

Why, then, may not the Exercise have an answer to the question put to the Methods Committee in your issue of November 27th?

An answer will oblige.

Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

'THE TINTINNALOGIA.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the articles in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' there is a copy of the 'Tintinnalogia,' by Fabian Stedman, London, 1671, in the Bodleian Library at Oxford.

Launton, Bicester.

F. SHEARPE.

NEW PEAL OF TWELVE AT CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.

A FINE RING FROM THE TOWN'S BELL FOUNDRY.

Great Gathering of Ringers for Dedication.

The Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, is now in possession of a fine peal of twelve bells, with a tenor of 36 cwt., cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have made the town of Croydon famous, not only throughout England but in many distant parts of the world, by the products of their foundry. The new peal was dedicated on Saturday in the presence of a large congregation, among which were nearly three hundred ringers.

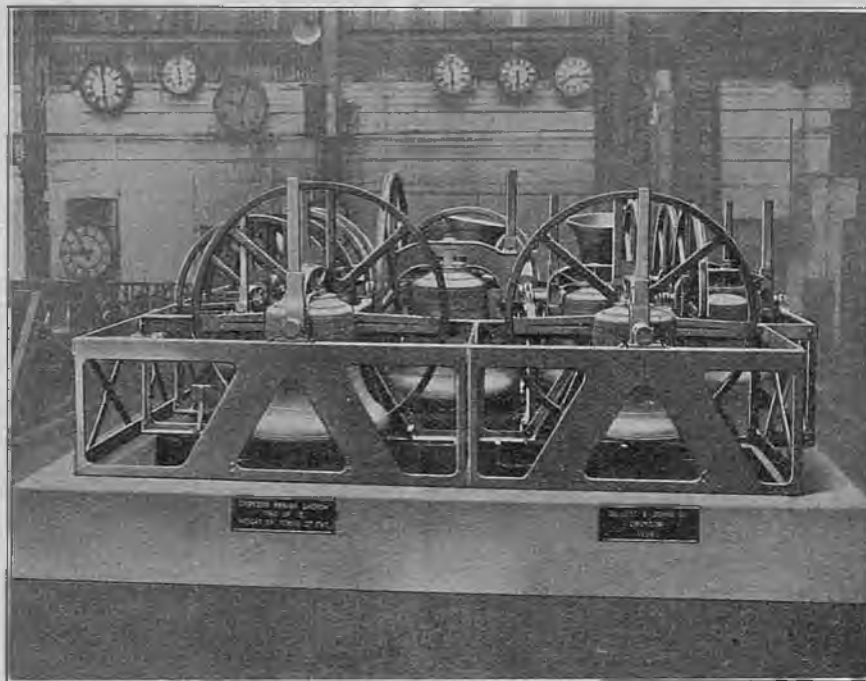
It was a great disappointment that the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had promised to perform the ceremony, was unable to do so owing to national events, which required his presence in the House of Lords at the very hour fixed for the dedication. The duty was discharged by the Bishop of Croydon (the Rt. Rev. Edward S. Woods), who is also Vicar, and the occasion proved a memorable one.

In 1610 a new saint's bell was given by Francis Tirrel, citizen and grocer of London. It was recast in 1757, but was destroyed in the fire of 1867.

The restoration of King Charles II. gave a great impetus to many pursuits, including the new art of change ringing, and during the next half-century the bells were augmented to the full octave, whilst in 1730 the Society of Croydon Ringers was formed.

In 1733 a complete ring of eight bells was installed by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, and in 1816 they were rehung in a new frame. The tenor bell of Thomas Lester's ring cracked in 1836, was recast at Whitechapel, and, while being hauled up into the tower, the tackle broke and the bell fell down, doing great damage to the tower and smashing itself to pieces. It was taken back and again recast, and this time safely installed in the tower, its weight being 22 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

These bells remained until the disastrous night in January, 1867, when, melted by the intense heat, all the bells except the tenor 'ran down in a glowing stream.' The tenor again fell and was smashed to pieces. Some very fine casts of the Last Supper of our Lord were made from the metal of these bells, and one is to be seen in the tower of the church. They were rung for the last time on December



THE BELL FRAME AND BELLS IN THE FOUNDRY.

Croydon has for many centuries been closely associated with the Archbishops of Canterbury, and it remains to this day an isolated part of that diocese. Within the church lie buried six Archbishops, who died between 1583 and 1757; while between the years 1534 and 1909 nine Bishops have been consecrated in the church. A church stood on the site in Saxon times, but a devastating fire in 1867 destroyed a building that was begun in the time of Archbishop Courtney (1381-96) and completed in that of Archbishop Chicheley (1414-43). Only the tower, south porch and outer walls remained after the conflagration, and the present church was rebuilt by Sir Gilbert Scott and consecrated in 1870.

The earliest notice of a bell in the tower is in a register dated 1403, in which it is recorded that 'One John de Aldermaston, who was buried in ye church, left by his will xx sheep for the purchase of a Saint's bell.'

EARLY BELLS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

On May 20th, 1538, there was buried in the church a certain Sir Andrew Corvehill, a secular priest, his burial being one of the first to be recorded in the registers. His two brothers were Sir William Corvehill, a priest of Much Wenlock in Shropshire, and John, a monk of the same place. Sir William died in 1546, and the burial register at Wenlock proclaims his skill as a 'good bellfounder and maker of the frames for bells.' It is quite possible that Croydon Parish Church owes its first peal of bells to this priestly bellfounder.

In 1547, during the reign of Edward VI., an inventory of church goods records that 'There ar fyve belles in ye Stepel and a Saunce (Saint's) Bell.'

31st, 1866, by four members of the Croydon Society and four of the Beddington Society. It is strange to record that the society held its annual dinner on the night of the fire in January, 1867, and so the ringers were among the crowd who sorrowfully watched the church and bells destroyed.

A new peal of eight with a 30 cwt. tenor in E was installed in 1869 by Messrs. Taylor at the restoration, under the direction of the late Lord Grimthorpe, and was rung for the last time on Sunday, July 5th, 1936.

A MASSIVE FRAME.

The frame and gear were a source of trouble for many years. They are now replaced entirely with new work throughout, as a result of a munificent gift from the late Lady Edridge, widow of the late Sir Frederick Edridge, whose devoted service and able administration of church affairs as Vicar's warden extended over a period of 30 years.

The new frame is a massive construction of iron castings, fixed to a reinforced concrete grillage which bonds the walls together and is designed to strengthen the tower materially.

The new fittings include cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, clappers of an improved design, and special facilities for lubrication and maintenance by the steeplekeeper.

The eight 'Grimthorpe' bells, in the light of present-day knowledge, were of incorrect design and unsatisfactory in tone, owing to the falsity of harmonics. They have been recast, and increased in weight, through the generosity of individual donors and subscribers.

In view of the association of Archbishop Whitgift and succeeding Archbishops of Canterbury with Croydon for centuries down to the

DONORS OF CROYDON'S NEW BELLS

present day, the cost of recasting No. 6 of the former peal (now No. 10) has been subscribed by a large number of well wishers connected with the Whitgift Foundation and Schools. The 'Whitgift Bell' Fund was organised by Miss Brodie, the daughter of the late Robert Brodie, who was the first headmaster of Whitgift School; and the bell which was used from time immemorial as the 'tolling bell' and 'call bell' will continue to perform those duties.

Four additional bells, the new trebles, are gifts to complete a ring of twelve.

The casting of the tenor bell, the gift of Mr. T. R. Edridge, nephew of the late Lady Edridge, was witnessed on October 21st, 1936, by the Mayor of Croydon, the Bishop and churchwardens, Mr. H. G. Williams, M.P. for South Croydon, and a party of 200 parishioners.

The tower clock, erected by Gillett and Johnston in 1869, has been reorganised to chime true Westminster quarters on Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 8. Sundry alterations to the movement and transmission gear have been carried out to simplify the connections and to improve the appearance of the ringing chamber.

A new belfry floor has been erected to ensure easy access for the steeplekeeper for maintenance and regular inspection.

The belfry louvred windows have been partially blocked with panels of a specially selected material to prevent the sound from beating down on the immediate neighbourhood, and the effect outside is certainly one that will eliminate all cause for reasonable complaint.

In the course of procedure required for the granting of a Faculty the proposed scheme of restoration and additions was reviewed by sundry authorities, and valuable assistance in this direction was rendered by Mr. T. F. W. Grant (diocesan architect), by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council of Bellringers), and by Major J. H. B. Hosse.

THE BELLS.

The inscriptions and weights of the new peal are as follow:—

Treble.—G sharp. Given by old friends of the Parish Church. 5 cwt. 3 qr.

2.—F sharp. To commemorate 45 years of happy married life of Frank Lloyd and Helen Mills. Married in Croydon Parish Church, May 18th, 1881. 6 cwt. 14 lb.

3.—E sharp (F). In memory of Eugénie Harriet Brouneau. The gift of Cyril and Nora Johnston. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

4.—D sharp. In memory of Arthur Anderson Johnston. Given by his wife and son. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

5.—C sharp. To ring in the Kingdom of God. In memory of the ministry in this parish (1904-1909) of Leonard Hedley Burrows, Bishop of Sheffield. The gift of Percy and Margaret Squire, 1936. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

6.—B sharp (C). Recast as a gift from Arthur H. Harding. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

7.—A sharp. Recast 1936. A gift from J. C. Kinnear, priest, in memory of George and Angus Kinnear. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

8.—G sharp. The new frame and fittings for the old eight bells and the recasting of No. 8 were given by Lady Edridge. 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

9.—F sharp. This bell was recast as a gift in memory of Emily Jessie Edridge by her son Dick. 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

10.—E sharp (F). Vivos Convoco. Mortuos Plango. In piam memoriam D.D. Alumni amicique scholarum Johannis Whitgift. Anno MCMXXXVI. 19 cwt. 2 lb.

11.—D sharp. May God bless all whom we do call. Given by Annie Williams in memory of her family The Blakes, who have lived in this parish since the year 1500. 26 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor.—C sharp. This bell was recast as a gift in memory of Sydney George Edridge by his son Dick. 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Total weight of the peal: 160 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Each bell has inscribed on it also the name of the founders, 'Gillett and Johnston, Croydon,' and the date, '1936.'

THE ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE.

The great church was filled to capacity for the dedication ceremony, the congregation including representatives of the civic as well as the religious life of the town. A procession was formed in the Parish Church Schools and entered the church through the west door. The hymn, 'Unchanging God,' was sung as it passed up the aisle in the following order: Cross bearer, choristers and gentlemen of the choir, the master bell founder, the visiting clergy, the macebearer, the Mayor of Croydon, the Town Clerk, the vergers, the staff of the Parish Church, the Deputy Rural Dean, the churchwardens and the Bishop and Vicar of Croydon.

After appropriate prayers, Psalm 150 was sung, during which a small procession made its way to the western tower, where the Bishop performed the act of dedication and the bells were rung in some excellent rounds by the local ringers. The sound came rather vaguely down into the church so that except near the tower they were but faintly heard, but outside the tones were full and satisfying, and the immediate comment was that they were a fine peal. When the bells had ceased, the Bishop of Croydon addressed the congregation from the pulpit.

The Bishop of Croydon, in his address, said his first word must necessarily be one of the deepest regret, on the part of everyone, at the enforced absence of the Archbishop, for the reason which they

all completely and entirely understood. The Archbishop must be in his place in the House of Lords at that very moment to swear allegiance to their new King and in order that he might be able to offer personally the first prayers in Parliament for the new King and Queen. The Archbishop sent a message that morning, in which he said, 'Pray express to your people my most real regret. The disappointment is as great to me as it can be to them. I must be content to send my Benediction to the bells and to the people, whose joys and sorrows they will celebrate and whom they will summon to that remembrance of God which, in these strained and anxious days, stands forth as the supreme need of the nation.'

The Bishop went on to express thankfulness that throughout the crisis through which we had just passed, the nation and Empire had preserved a steady, calm dignity; and the hope, deeply charged with prayer, that all that had happened might be overruled by God's providence for the true welfare of the realm and Empire. Before the service closed he would ask them to join with him in heartfelt prayer, both on behalf of him who had thought it his duty to renounce the Throne and the King and Queen, who had taken on the tremendous burden of Sovereignty. The Bishop added that the first 'peal' on their splendid new bells would coincide almost exactly with the proclamation in London of the new King.

Proceeding, he said he thought he could justly describe that as an historic occasion. They had with them the Mayor and members of the Corporation, who never failed to be with them on great occasions in the life of their own community and in the national life. He also extended a special welcome to the visiting ringers, some 300 of them, who had come from all parts of the country, and represented, he

understood, 60 different churches in 15 different dioceses. They were specially honoured in having with them the president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers (Mr. E. H. Lewis), and he deeply regretted that the past president, Canon Colebridge, was prevented from being with them by duties in his own parish. He was glad that they had present that day the donors of the bells and many others who in one way or another had helped to provide the very necessary finances, without which that great peal would not have been possible.

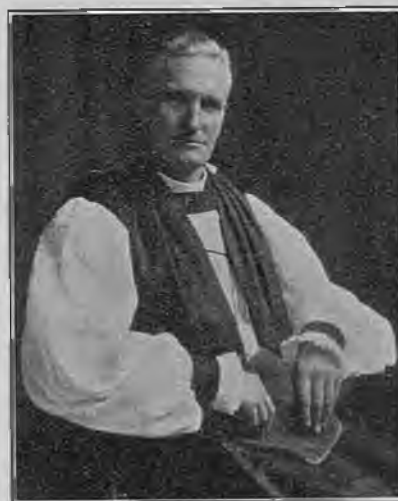
The Bishop went on to refer to the long history of the Parish Church, which was founded as early as the ninth century. They had a record of Vicars from the year 1289, and he stood which covered 657 years of the continuity of Church and State.

There that day as the 52nd Vicar of the list This was a reminder, if one were needed, of State.

The Bishop went on to outline the history of the bells in connection with the Church. The new peal, which he had just dedicated on behalf of the Archbishop, was due to the generosity of many donors, friends and lovers of Croydon and its Parish Church. The old frame had been replaced by new work throughout, and there were four new trebles, given to complete the ring of twelve, the only peal of this number—with the exception of the ring at Southwark Cathedral—in the county of Surrey. The cost of the work had been £1,867 10s., of which £74 still had to be raised. It showed the measure of the generosity, loyalty and enthusiasm of those who wanted Croydon to have a peal second to none. He hoped the gifts that day would substantially reduce the balance outstanding.

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

Proceeding, the Bishop said it was interesting to recall that by means of the magic of wireless the sound of the bells went out literally to the ends of the earth. They were proud of the fact that their steeple was the only one in all the land from which the bells of a Parish Church had been broadcast regularly month by month. The Bishop went on to speak of the message of the bells which, in days when God was often ignored and forgotten, were a voice calling men everywhere to repent and change their lives, to turn aside from the ways of selfishness and seek God's way. The church bells were a sharp reminder that this remembrance of God ought to be far more than merely a fleeting thought, a vague aspiration or a kind of sentiment. The bells called them to nothing less than to express this remembrance by the actual coming together of God's people to spend time in



THE LORD BISHOP OF CROYDON, who dedicated the bells on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

BISHOP'S THANKS TO BELL FOUNDERS

God's House for worship, prayer and praise. Nothing could take the place of that. Unless those who belonged to Christian society would take the trouble to come together and observe, at least once a week, an hour in the spiritual oasis, then the whole life of their State would become more secular and the Church would lose some of the source of its power. Let the splendid bells of Croydon's old Parish Church summon the whole community to a fresh dedication of corporate life to God; let bells call them individually to a new loyalty and a new dedication to God's service and be a reminder that the spirit of God was at work in the world to-day.

After the hymn, 'Pleasant are Thy Courts above,' had been sung, special prayer was offered for the King, and following the Blessing came the recessional hymn, 'Rejoice to-day with one accord.'

As soon as this had ended, the new bells were heard in changes for the first time, the following band ringing three courses of Stedman Cinques: W. H. Hewitt (St. Margaret's, Westminster) 1, H. J. Skeet (Croydon) 2, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 3, T. W. Taffender (Kingston) 4, R. Davis (Croydon) 5, H. N. Pitsoy (Banshead) 6, G. Hoad (Reigate) 7, E. H. Lewis (Brasted) 8, C. H. Kippin (Beddington) 9, A. W. Clark (Croydon) 10, D. Cooper (Croydon, conductor) 11, H. V. Young (Leatherhead) 12.

Nearly 300 ringers and other guests were entertained to tea by the Bishop and churchwardens in the Welcome Hall, where Mr. E. H. Lewis, on behalf of those present, congratulated Croydon on its peal of bells. He had not heard them outside the tower, he said, but he had heard them inside and was thoroughly satisfied. There was a beautiful circle of ropes and the bells were nice to ring. He hoped there would be some really good twelve-bell ringing on them and that Croydon would soon be following Ipswich. He would like to say to those who were present that there were other methods for twelve bells besides Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. Mr. Lewis went on to thank the Bishop and churchwardens for their generosity in asking them all to take part in the ceremony, and, secondly, for their splendid hospitality.

BISHOP THANKS MR. JOHNSTON.

The Bishop of Croydon said they were delighted to see so many ringers present on what he had already described as an historic occasion. He would like to take that opportunity of thanking Mr. Johnston and all the members of his staff for the truly magnificent work they had put into this new peal of bells (applause). He was particularly delighted to see the church clock going once more. It had been a serious deprivation to have the clock stationary and he was pleased they were once more moving with the times. Encouraged by this magnificent peal of bells they would continue to go ahead. Not only had Mr. Johnston's firm splendidly carried out the work, added the Bishop, but Mr. Johnston himself had been instrumental in raising a large part of the money which had provided Croydon with a peal of bells second to none in the country (applause). He concluded by bidding the visitors welcome and hoping the ringers would enjoy their few hours in Croydon.

Ringers then returned to the tower, where under the able direction of Mr. Dan Cooper, the tower master, everyone who desired to do so enjoyed a pull on the bells. They were admitted in batches to the ringing chamber, and many rang on twelve for the first time. There were frequent 'touches' of rounds for those who hesitated to try their hand at changes, but many short touches of Cinques were rung, as well as a half-course of Cambridge Maximus.

The ringing chamber had been renovated in the course of the restoration, and now, brightly illuminated and with freshly decorated walls, is a pleasant apartment in which to ring.

The bells handle splendidly, the circle is perfect and in the ringing chamber the sound has been nicely modulated. Everyone, therefore, was able to enjoy their first experience of this latest ring of twelve bells.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have provided their town with a peal of bells worthy of their great reputation, and the completion of the scheme crowns the desires and efforts of the head of the firm, Mr. Cyril Johnston, whose ambition it has been for 30 years to see in the Parish Church a ring of bells made in the town and equal to any comparable peal in the country.

While ringing was in progress, the foot of the tower proved a convenient meeting place for ringers, of whom there was a constant stream coming and going throughout the evening.

When ringing ceased most of the visitors made their way to the Drill Hall in Union Street, where a 'social' had been planned. This was quite informal, but entertaining items were provided. The programme began with community singing; then there was a demonstration of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's 'ringing machine,' on which, to the diversion of the audience, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung, while in introducing the machine Mr. Goldsmith gave the audience some new light on bells and bellringing. An excellent conjuring and ventriloquial entertainment followed, and change ringing on handbells was also included in the programme.

The authoress of the now famous novel, 'The Nine Tailors' (Miss Dorothy Sayers), was among those present, and, having been introduced to the audience by Mr. Johnston, spoke to them of the interest in change ringing which inspired the theme of her book. She admitted

that in mastering the subject she had filled several exercise books by writing out figures.

Mr. Johnston thanked those who had contributed to the programme, and a happy evening came to an end shortly before 11 o'clock, after a memorable day.

AUTHORESS OF 'THE NINE TAILORS.'

MISS DOROTHY SAYERS SEES RINGING AT CLOSE QUARTERS.

In expressing pleasure at her visit to Croydon, Miss Dorothy Sayers has written to Mr. C. F. Johnston: I was immensely grateful for the opportunity of hearing your beautiful peal, and watching the ringers and the bells at close quarters. It was also most delightful to meet all those prominent members of the ringing world, and I must say again how very much I felt honoured by the extraordinarily kind appreciation they all expressed of 'The Nine Tailors.'

Referring to the 'ringing machine' demonstrated at the social, Miss Sayers said: It was most fascinating to watch in actual movement the thing I had tried so hard to understand on paper, particularly the Kent Treble Bob which occupies so large a place in my story. I got quite excited recognising the movements of the Slow Hunt bell, and seeing No. 3 actually stand to make her fourth's place at the Bob!

GREETING FROM YORKSHIRE.

On the same day that Croydon bells were dedicated, a similar ceremony took place at Bradshaw, Yorkshire, where five bells, also cast at the Croydon Foundry, were opened by the Bishop of Wakefield. The following telegram from the Rev. E. B. Brayford, Vicar of Bradshaw, was read to the assembled gathering of ringers at Croydon: 'New ring of five at Bradshaw, Yorks, sends greeting to new ring of 12 at Croydon.—Brayford, Vicar.'

A HERTFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

WOOD HEADSTOCKS AND TEAK FRAME FOR RUSHDEN BELLS.

The bells at Rushden Church, Herts, were rededicated by the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans on November 27th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. V. Rossborough), assisted by the Rev. C. C. Wood (Rector of Hinxworth and Rural Dean), and, in spite of the foggy evening, the church was filled to overflowing.

In the course of his address the Archdeacon congratulated the parishioners on the success of their efforts to secure the restoration of their bells. These form a ring of five, with a tenor weighing nearly 6½ cwt., which have been rehung with new fittings, including wood headstocks, in a new teak frame, the whole of the work having been successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, under the supervision of the architect, Mr. William Weir.

The 'opening peal' was rung by the Wallington band of ringers, and other towers represented were Sandon, Cottred, Ardley, Walkern, Broughing and Baldock. All the ringers were very pleased with the 'go' of the restored bells.

A MIXED HUNDRED.

Mr. Francis Kirk rang his one hundredth peal on Saturday. His list is more than usually interesting from the great variety of methods he has rung. The number of peals conducted is in parentheses.

On tower bells.—Doubles: Stedman, 1. Minor: 1 method, 4 (1); 2 methods, 2 (1); 3 methods, 4 (2); 4 methods, 2 (2); 6 methods, 1; 7 methods, 3 (1); Spliced Oxford and Kent, 1 (1). Triples: Stedman, 4; Grandsire, 2.

Major: Plain Bob, 6 (2); Little Oxford Bob, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 3 (1); Spliced Oxford and Kent, 1 (1); Double Norwich, 2; Duffield, 1. Surprise: Superlative, 3; Cambridge, 7; New Cambridge, 1; Aldenham, 1; Bushey, 1; St. Albans, 1; Wembley, 1; Cassiobury, 1; London, 4; Bristol, 5; Ashted, 1; Oxhey, 1; Hertfordshire, 1; Elstree, 1; Uxbridge, 1; 4 methods spliced, 3; 3 methods spliced, 1; Eryri, 1.

Caters: Stedman, 2; Grandsire, 2. Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 1; Plain Bob, 4 (1); Little Bob Royal, 1.

On handbells.—Bob Minor, 1; Bob Major, 15 (2); Grandsire Caters, 1. Rung for four associations, in 29 towers, in six counties, with 126 ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILLESBOROUGH.—On Sunday, December 13th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Double Court: K. G. Carlton 1, P. Page 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, L. J. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells. For evening service, 720 Double Oxford: R. J. Carlton 1, T. R. Mogg 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, J. L. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 29th, at the Church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (taken from Carter's Odd Bob peal): Miss O. L. Ashbrook 1, F. E. Hawthorne 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, E. J. King 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, T. W. Taffender 6, H. P. Cannon 7, H. Peters 8. Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Caters, as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Berry, of Greenwich.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT OFFICERS RENOMINATED.

The Leatherhead District's last meeting of the year was held at Ewell on December 5th. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock and continued until 5 p.m., when the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Holland) conducted the Guild's form of service, the address, given by the Rev. G. Milsom Jukes, of West Ewell Church, dealing with the messages of different bells, from the common door bell upwards.

After the service a move was made to the Mary Wallis Hall for tea, to which 24 members and friends, including the two clergy, sat down. The Vicar welcomed the Guild's visit to Ewell and said he hoped to see them there again soon.

The hall proved to be a cosy place for tea and meeting on such a cold day. It was named after a poor servant, who, from her small wage of about £8 a year, saved nearly enough to cover the cost of building it, in order to have an alternative place of worship from the Parish Church.

After tea the clergy had to leave to attend to other duties, and so, on the Ringing Master's proposition, Mr. J. Corbett, the Guild's hon. treasurer, was voted to the chair for the business meeting, which was short.

The chief business was the nomination of district officers for next year. The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Harman) said he wished the meeting would find a new Ringing Master, as business prevented him from carrying out his duties as fully as he would like to, but as no one seemed to jump at the job, he was again renominated, as were also the district secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith), auditor and members on the Executive Committee of the Guild, with Mr. W. J. Whiting's name added to the latter.

The Hon. Secretary also mentioned the Executive Committee's decision that the contents of the Benevolent Fund boxes should be handed to each district secretary at the district's annual meeting, so that the treasurer should have the whole sum for inclusion in his yearly balance sheet. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to those who had helped make a successful and pleasant meeting.

Ringing was again resumed until nearly 9 o'clock in Triples and Major methods to suit all capabilities, the bells being finally lowered in peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE YEAR'S WORK IN SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Great Baddow on November 28th, 24 members attending from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Maldon, Springfield, Little Waltham and Writtle, also a visitor from Sudbury.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Holmes). A very interesting and instructive address was given by Mr. Hussey, of Chelmsford. The organist (Mr. Wheeler) accompanied the singing. The collection for the Association Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 7s. 9½d.

A very enjoyable tea was served in the Vicarage Room by the lady ringers of the local band and their friends, the Vicar presiding.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, who was attending a meeting in another division, the Vicar presided.

The hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Shadrack) reported that since the last annual meeting the division has lost by death Canon Macdonald, an honorary member, and Mr. A. Tarbun, a life member of Widdford. As a mark of respect the members stood for a few moments in silence.

During the year five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 41 (against 33 for 1935), representing 16 out of the 20 towers in union with the association. There had also been visitors from 12 towers outside the division. Fourteen new ringing members had been elected.

Eleven peals had been rung, viz., 1 Maximus, 5 Major, 1 Triples and 4 Minor, the conductors being P. Groen (4), H. Mansfield (3), H. Devenish (2), G. Green and G. R. Pye (1 each). Ten members had rung their first peal, seven their first in the method; one had conducted his first peal, one had conducted a peal of his own composition. Great Waltham bells were being restored. In conclusion Mr. Shadrack thanked the Master, the hon. general secretary, the tower masters and secretaries for the willing help they had always rendered and all those who had helped to make the meetings enjoyable and successful.

Mr. H. Mansfield, of Maldon, was elected Master of the division, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack re-elected hon. secretary.

A vote of thanks to the past District Master and the hon. secretary was proposed by Mr. Mansfield, and Mr. S. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Hussey, the organist, and the ladies for preparing and serving the tea.—The Vicar and Mr. Hussey replied.

Handbell ringing followed and a return made to the tower. The bells of Chelmsford Cathedral were available during the evening and several members went there to have a pull.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A WELCOME TO WEDNESBURY.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, December 5th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, Staffs. The bells, a ring of ten, were placed at the disposal of the members and the usual service was held. Despite the inclemency of the weather, a fair number of members was present. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Jones (Vicar), who also gave a very interesting address. He gave the members a hearty welcome to his church and parish and said how pleased he was to meet them. He could see by those present what a real interest in bellringing there was in the district.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Church House, where a substantial tea was in readiness.

The Vicar occupied the chair at the business meeting, at which several new members were elected, including three of the Wednesbury band. The Vicar of Wednesbury kindly allowed his name to be added as a vice-president. Mr. A. E. Reed, of Willenhall, was ratified as a member, having been previously elected in St. Thomas' belfry, Dudley.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting, which is the annual meeting, at Dudley. It was also resolved that the quarterly peal be attempted at Wednesbury, subject to the permission of the Vicar and local band, which, needless to say, was kindly granted.

Mr. Harry Boswell made an earnest appeal to members to support 'The Ringing World' in the coming year and help to increase the circulation of the paper.

Mr. W. C. Rhodes proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar of Wednesbury for granting us permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, for his able and interesting address and for the use of the tower and bells and for presiding at the business meeting; also to the organist; to the ladies for their kindness in preparing and serving the tea; and to Mr. A. J. Hubble for his services in making the arrangements for tea and meeting, which were greatly appreciated by all present.—The Vicar returned thanks for all concerned and closed the meeting with prayer.

Several members again returned to the belfry and kept the bells merrily going in various methods until nearly 9 o'clock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH ACTIVITIES.

A very well-attended quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, December 5th, members attending from Bletchley, Beechampton, Bredwell, Buckingham, Drayton Parslow, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Weston Underwood and the local tower.

Service was conducted by the Vicar of Stony Stratford (the Rev. E. A. Steer), the Guild form being used.

At the tea the branch were welcomed as the guests of the Rev. E. A. and Miss Steer, whose kindness was very much appreciated. After tea, as no special business was to be transacted, a brief outline of the working of the branch and its activities was given by the secretary. The monthly meetings that had been arranged at various places in the branch were thought to be doing good and were very well attended.

The chairman, the Rev. H. A. Byard, of Newport Pagnell, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. E. A. and Miss Steer for their hospitality and for making the arrangements for the meeting. This having been suitably responded to, further ringing took place in various methods to suit all who wanted to ring.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch was held at St. Mary's, Taunton. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and an hour later service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Heaton-Renshaw) addressed the gathering. Tea followed in the Corfield Hall, and was much enjoyed. The president of the branch took the chair at the meeting, and the annual report and balance sheet were adopted. Three new members were elected.

Then followed the election of president and other officials. None of them desired to be re-elected, but the meeting thought otherwise, when they were all reinstalled in office: Rev. F. L. Grosvenor, president; Mr. P. Merson, hon. secretary; Mr. J. Hunt, Ringing Master.

The hon. secretary was also elected as representative on the Diocesan Committee.

The meeting was a great success. Forty-five sat down to tea, and with a few latecomers over 40 took part in ringing on the fine peal of 12 bells. Rounds, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob Royal were included.

BISHOPS FIRST VISIT.

On Sunday, December 13th, for the Confirmation service, at Lyme Regis, Dorset, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major: Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 1. F. Hiscock (first quarter of Major away from the treble) 2. J. E. Philbrick 3. H. G. Keeley 4. C. W. H. Powell 5. G. Whitmore 6. F. E. Blackmore 7. F. Price 8. Rung as a compliment to the Bishop of Salisbury on his first visit to the parish. Also in honour of the accession of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

SCHOOL GUILD'S QUARTER-PEAL.**RAPID PROGRESS OF WEST BUCKLAND BOYS.**

At East Buckland, Devon, on Thursday, December 3rd, on the occasion of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. C. E. Curzon, M.A., as Bishop of Exeter, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles by the West Buckland School Guild: Rev. J. H. B. Andrews (conductor) 1, C. S. Gread 2, H. L. Morgan 3, P. R. Dale 4, D. Turner 5, E. V. Westcott 6. First quarter-peal on the bells, recently restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. First quarter-peal by any of the band and first attempt.

This modest report is of greater interest than is revealed by the announcement of the success attained. In anticipation of the restoration of the bells of East Buckland, which were rededicated on October 15th, the boys of West Buckland School, who attend East Buckland Church, where their chaplain, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, is assistant priest, formed a Guild of ringers. None of them had learned to handle a bell before this summer, and they have only been practising change ringing since October. But, as may be gathered, under the encouraging leadership of their chaplain, they are greatly enthusiastic and all ring regularly for Sunday services, in alternation with the local band.

The tenor at East Buckland is 7½ cwt. The four back bells were cast in 1718 by E. and W. Evans, of Chepstow. Two trebles were added in 1906 in an auxiliary frame above the other four. This year the old wooden frame having become insecure, it was decided to rehang the bells in a metal frame on one level, and at the same time to retune and quarter-turn them.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**GLOUCESTER BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 5th, and was well attended. There were visitors from London, Coventry, Hinton-on-the-Green, Minchinhampton, Ruardean, Westbury, Newent and Cheltenham. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. Chapman. The Rev. W. C. Prichard, Rector of St. Michael's, was also present. After service the Rector invited the members to tea at the Parish Reading Room, 38 sitting down.

At the business meeting, with the Rector presiding, the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Mr. S. E. Romans (chairman), Mr. W. H. Harris (branch hon. secretary), and Mr. T. Baldwin (representative on Management Committee).

The Rector was heartily thanked for his kind hospitality on the proposition of Mr. S. Romans, seconded by ex-Sgt. Williams, and the Rector suitably responded.

Handbells were then brought into use by the two oldest veterans, namely, Mr. J. Austin and ex-Sgt. Williams. Members then returned to the tower, and touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

BELL LECTURE TO MUSICIANS.**DEMONSTRATION AT BOURNEMOUTH.**

A lecture on the 'Ringing of Bells, English Style,' was given by Mr. F. Frankland Rigby, deputy captain of St. Peter's band of ringers, Bournemouth, to the Incorporated Society of Musicians at the Hotel Metropole, Bournemouth, on Saturday afternoon, November 28th.

The chair was taken by Mr. J. D. Chandler, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., F.R.S.A., who introduced Mr. Rigby to the meeting.

Mr. Rigby began by pointing out the difference between the Continental style of sounding bells and the English style of ringing them. A model of a bell hung for ringing was exhibited and explained, after which Mr. Rigby showed the number of changes possible on the different numbers of bells.

He was ably assisted in his demonstration by some well-struck changes on handbells by Mr. F. W. Townsend's youthful party of handbell ringers from St. James', Poole. Courses of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung, also Bob Minor and Major, with a touch of Triples to demonstrate the calling of bobs and singles.

Mr. Rigby revealed to the very interested gathering that John Bunyan appeared to be the most picturesque figure in the history of change ringing, and read a passage by him after he had given up the practice of the Exercise.

The lecture was brought to a close by an excellent course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, which brought prolonged applause from the listeners.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rigby for his talk, Mr. Davis for constructing the model and Mr. Townsend's party for the handbell change ringing.

After tea a party was conducted over St. Peter's tower by Mr. A. V. Davis, captain of the St. Peter's band.

BELL LECTURE.

A lecture on bells and bellringing was given on Wednesday week to the Halesworth Congregational Church Guild by Mr. F. C. Lambert, leader of the local ringers. He incorporated in it some interesting local history of Suffolk bells, and illustrated it with handbell ringing, in which he was joined by Messrs. A. H. Took, W. Kemp and W. J. W. Wright.

FIRST QUARTER PEALS.

HOLBORN, LONDON.—On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. C. Alford 1, W. E. Seabrook (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, R. W. Greer 4, U. W. Wildney 5, H. Belcher 6, E. Brett 7, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 8.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.—On December 6th, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *D. Bowen 1, Miss M. Barrett 2, F. Wilson 3, R. Spears 4, *J. Humphries 5, *C. Symm 6, P. Barrett (conductor) 7, *W. Yeabsley 8. * First quarter-peal. † First in method on tower bells. ‡ First in method. First quarter-peal by a local band at this church.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, December 6th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. D. Atfield 1, W. Falconer 2, H. Stovold (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, T. A. Doick 5, G. Marshall 6, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for ringers of treble and tenor, from Pulborough.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, on Thursday, December 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): J. Elsell 1, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 2, E. Baber 3, E. Gower 4, H. Reynolds 5, C. Savage 6, F. Dallaway 7, L. Faulkner 8. First quarter-peal in the method for ringers of treble, 3rd, 5th and 6th. First quarter in the method as conductor.

SALISBURY.—At St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, November 25th, in connection with St. Paul's sale of work, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): F. Manns 1, L. E. Harris 2, J. Robinson 3, A. Southey 4, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 5, T. Macey (first quarter-peal) 6. Ringers of 1 and 6 belong to St. Paul's, the rest to St. Martin's.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, November 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Oxenham 1, Miss R. Redpath 2, A. J. Hopper 3, Miss M. Redpath 4, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 5, D. M. Sharp 6, G. V. Murphy 7, C. A. Hopper 8. First quarter-peal of Treble Bob by A. J. and C. A. Hopper. Rung by a local band.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, on November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Parkes 1, H. Springate 2, F. Southgate (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, H. Hogart 4, C. Norris 5, F. Belsey 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. The conductor is from Milverton, Somerset.

PRITTEWELL.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on November 16th: William Dudley 1, *Robert Watts 2, John Belehams 3, John Fowler 4, Albert North 5, Stanley Baybutt 6, Frank Luffkin (conductor) 7, *Norman Townsend 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman. First quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. A. White (longest length) 1, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 2, E. Chapman 3, J. R. Main 4, D. York 5, George Ette 6, T. Abbott 7, R. Smith 8. A 21st birthday compliment to E. Chapman.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, November 15th, for the civic service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,231 changes): H. Fairhurst (first quarter) 1, H. Davenport 2, G. Bottomley 3, A. Burgess 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Tipper 6, W. Matthews 7, H. Dean 8, J. Bradbury 9, H. Lomas 10, J. Worth (conductor) 11, J. Clarke 12.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 15th, for divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Newbury 1, A. H. Winch (conductor) 2, Hannah Darvill (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, A. Harman 4, A. C. Otway 5, W. J. Whiting 6, A. H. Smith 7, G. Marriner 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. W. Webb 1, A. Jones 2, F. J. Cattermoul 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, H. C. Chandler 5, W. T. Godfrey 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, E. R. Gladman 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor. All are local Sunday service ringers.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. N. Nash (first quarter-peal, at the age of 16) 1, S. O. Holloway 2, H. H. Fearn 3, W. Mumford 4, C. Webb 5, E. J. Cole 6, G. E. Fearn (conductor) 7, T. Russell 8.

LLANTRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 1st, at the Parish Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10½, 120's, five callings): *Howard Pooley 1, Robert Smith 2, Gwyneth Smith (conductor) 3, William Powell 4, George John 5, *Edward Pratt 6. * Longest length. Rung before the evening service on the patronal festival by members of the local band.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, December 5th, at All Souls' Church, Bolton, Mr. John Marsden, a member of that tower, was married to Miss Edith Bentham, a niece of Mr. R. W. Mosley, another member of the band. In honour of the occasion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the ceremony by E. B. Webster 1, R. Holden 2, J. Helme 3, J. Yates 4, P. Crook, sen. 5, H. Johnson 6, C. Brownlow (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. W. Mosley 8.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church, on Advent Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: Miss May Lidbetter (first quarter-peat away from tenor) 1, Miss Doris Lidbetter 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, Miss Olive L. Ashbrook 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, J. Herbert 7, H. Brooks 8. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

REDBILL, SURREY.—On October 29th, at St. John the Evangelist's Church, for the institution of the Rev. J. Macvicar, M.A., to the benefice by the Bishop of Southwark, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: Alan Gear 1, Alfred Gear 2, B. Wells 3, Mrs. Shelton (first quarter-peat) 4, A. Shelton 5, W. Claydon 6, A. Willett (first quarter-peat as conductor) 7, H. Moon 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, October 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Harwood 1, *R. W. Barber 2, R. Davey 3, C. Parnell 4, A. King 5, *R. Tooley 6, E. Kett (conductor) 7, H. Jermy 8. *First quarter-peat of Stedman.—On November 9th, Mayor's Day, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters: P. Newstead (first quarter-peat, aged 16) 1, J. Harwood 2, A. Moy 3, A. King 4, R. Davey 5, C. Parnell 6, W. Lee 7, R. W. Barber 8, B. V. Collison (conductor) 9, H. Jermy 10.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on October 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: H. G. Jones (first quarter-peat) 1, A. Worsfold 2, Mrs. F. W. Housden 3, Miss G. Collinson 4, F. W. Housden 5, E. J. Ladd (conductor) 6, A. E. Richardson 7, B. V. Collison 8. Rung by an entirely local band of service ringers at this church.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peat of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes): R. Blaby 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Rev. R. P. Farrow (first quarter-peat in the method) 3, F. G. Biggs 4, Mario R. Cross 5, G. R. Cross 6, R. Biggs 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8. A peal of London was specially arranged for the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who was on a visit from Dorset, but as there was not time for a peal it was decided to ring a quarter-peat.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters: C. Parks 1, R. Davies 2, D. Buxton 3, H. Skelt 4, G. H. Humphries 5, H. Pratt 6, F. Mitchell 7, A. Clark 8, D. Cooper (conductor) 9, G. Ades 10. First quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters by the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at St. John's Parish Church, Croydon, whose bells are at present being recast at the Croydon Bellfoundry. They would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Beddington ringers for their hospitality in granting them the use of the bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—At the Parish Church for matins on Advent Sunday, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Parish 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders (74 years) 3, F. Nichols 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—For evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday, November 29th, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples: R. G. Bell 1, C. L. Leman 2, W. Norris 3, H. L. Long 4, F. H. Crook 5, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 6, H. G. Cashmore 7, J. Horton 8. A welcome to Raymond George, the infant son of Walter Paul, whose christening took place just before ringing commenced.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church for evensong on October 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. C. Sharpe 1, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 2, A. E. Austin 3, A. Beale 4, F. Hurry 5, S. Brown 6.—For evensong on November 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. J. Twitcheit 1, B. D. Buttress 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, A. Beale 4, A. E. Austin 5, S. Brown 6. The Cambridge was called by A. E. Austin and the Oxford Treble Bob by B. D. Buttress.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

On November 28th, at the Parish Church, Mitcham, Surrey, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Seymour, of Bledlow, Bucks, a quarter-peat of Double Norwich Major (1,264 changes): W. S. Smith 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, D. Wright 3, R. Charge 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, C. Potheary 6, W. H. Joiner 7, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th, *St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

CALVERLEIGH, TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Crediton will re-dedicate the ring of six bells which has been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, December 19th. The list of meetings for 1937 will be compiled at this gathering. Ringing from 3 o'clock.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, December 19th, at Marlow, 3.30 p.m., and Wooburn, 7 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Tea will be provided at a time after the football match at Burnden Park. A peal tablet will be unveiled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea (10 bells), on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Silver Jubilee. A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, December 19th, at 3 p.m., to celebrate the silver jubilee of the formation of this branch. Tea at 5 in King Alfred's Chamber. All ringers are invited, especially those who took part in the early stages of the branch. Please come and bring your friends with you, and have a good time with us at Sandy.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Please turn up and make it a meeting.—J. Porter.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, the 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Important business at the meeting. Please turn up.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—City meeting on December 19th as arranged. St. Dunstan-in-the-East (8 bells) available 3.30 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for service will take place at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on Sunday next, December 20th, at 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

NEW MILL, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—On Monday, Dec. 21st, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will re-dedicate the ring of six bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MELTHAM, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On New Year's Eve, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the bells, a ringing peal of six and four stationary bells, which have been restored, including rehanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 2nd, 1937, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1937, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, or any District Secretary. Further particulars later.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Sixteenth annual dinner will be held at the Cadena Cafe, Wine Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Messrs. W. Kynaston (Swindon), J. Austin (Gloucester), H. Knight (Wroughton), J. S. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), W. Yeend (Cheltenham), G. Nailor (Chippenham), S. Price (Stonehouse), A. Prince (Bath), stewards and officials, or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.



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WALKER.—On December 11th, to Mabel (nee Bate-man), wife of Harold Walker (late Lincoln and York), Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, the gift of a son.

DEATH.

HOLLIER.—In loving memory of Annie A. Hollier, of Chiswick, who passed peacefully away from her sufferings on December 2nd, aged 59 years. R.I.P.

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The extracts which we give to-day from the annual report of the Ladies' Guild reveal some of the difficulties under which the ladies' organisation has to carry on its work. There are approximately three hundred active members, in addition to some 65 non-ringing honorary members and they are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the country. It is only the loyalty of the members and the enthusiasm of the officers that can keep the Guild intact, for it is practically impossible for all to keep in real touch with the organisation. And yet, with all the limitations upon it and the discouragements, which must be many, the ladies contrive to make their Guild an active force in the Exercise.

What would a 'mere man' do as district secretary in face of some of the obstacles! Fancy having to run a 'district' like the Northern District, which extends from Nuneaton in Warwickshire to Leeds in Yorkshire, and from Ashton-under-Lyne in Lancashire to Nottingham? Or a district like the Southern District in which the members are as far apart as Hastings and Truro, from east to west, and as Oxford and Portsmouth from north to south? Can one wonder that there is a difficulty in getting in subscriptions, or that meetings are necessarily small in numbers? The Northampton District is the smallest, but members have to travel thirty to fifty miles in turn to attend meetings. In the Lincolnshire District, the secretary and vice-president (who is really the district chairman) live 80 miles apart, and yet interest is maintained. It needs unbounded enthusiasm on the part of the responsible officials to achieve results, but the general secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) is able to report 'increase in membership and renewed interest.'

In the coming year the Guild will celebrate its Silver Jubilee, and everyone will hope that record success may be attained. Despite the scoffers, who think the Guild redundant, in view of the facilities that are offered by the territorial and diocesan associations, most ringers will, we think, admit that the existence of the Guild gives the ladies a suitable status in the Exercise. We know there are still some ringers who think the belfry should be the exclusive preserve of the male sex, but the march of time has brought women into practically every walk of life which a generation ago was thought to be the strict domain of men, and it is admitted that the arts and professions have gained thereby. The upward trend in belfry reform has been helped by the presence of ladies in the towers, and those who used to sneer at the capabilities of women at the end of the rope have to admit that there are to-day many clever women among

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WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1936, in Three Hours & Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JAMES MARTIN 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
JOHN WILKINSON 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE 9
JOHN BOOTH 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the proclamation of King George VI.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JOHN G. NASH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
HARRY HOSKINS 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung on the occasion of the Proclamation of the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth and in honour of His Majesty's accession.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

*JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	JOHN HALL 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 2	HARRY MIDDLETON 7
JOHN THOMAS 3	J. WILLIAM HEATH 8
JAMES HEMMING 4	GEORGE J. HEMMING 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Middleton on the 70th anniversary of his birthday. Six members of the above band rang in his 60th birthday peal in 1926.

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On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE Treble	A. NUNNELEY WOOD 5
JOHN A. GREEN 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6
FRANK J. GREEN 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

Rung in honour of the accession of His Majesty King George VI. Composition No. 111 in Central Council Collection.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS N. WIGGINTON Treble	RICHARD SMITH 5
GEORGE LADD 2	JOHN CURRY 6
*NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH 3	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
*CLAUDE W. STUBLEY 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George VI.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	GEORGE W. STIERE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 144). Conducted by C. T. COLES.

Rung on His Majesty's birthday, in honour of the accession of King George VI. Also rung as a compliment to Miss Evelyn Sanders, daughter of the ringers of the tenor, on her sixth birthday.

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On Tuesday, December 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES E. SCOTT Treble	ADAM DEAS 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 2	WILLIAM ROBSON 6
STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED W. HILL Treble	FRANK F. HILL 5
G. ARTHUR BOWMER 2	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 6
WILLIAM H. T. KING 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON 7
JOHN J. TURNER 4	*WILLIAM BERESFORD Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

* First peal.

BUCKFASTLEIGH.—On Wednesday, December 16th, at the Parish Church, in 50 minutes, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,248 changes): H. O. Collyer 1, A. L. Bennett 2, J. E. Lilley 3, A. W. Myers 4, T. G. Myers 5, E. J. Taylor 6, C. R. Walker 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK D. HISCOCK Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX 5
JOHN E. PHILBRICK 2	GEORGE H. WHITMORE 6
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 3	*FRANK E. BLACKMORE 7
HENRY G. KERLEY 4	FRANK PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells and the first peal of Major ever rung by a local band in West Dorset. Rung in honour of their Majesties, King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth. It was also the 32nd anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER Treble	ARTHUR HEYWOOD 5
*HAROLD OWEN 2	JOSEPH OWEN 6
MISS C. ANNIE CROOK 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
ALBERT EDWARD SANDIFORD 4	OWEN OLIVE Tenor

Conducted by MISS G. ANNIE CROOK.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*LEONARD KNOTT Treble	ERNEST J. TRIMMER 5
*REGINALD A. REED 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
WILFRED ANDREWS 3	*R. GORDON CROSS 7
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 4	*ROBERT G. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

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

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	GEORGE W. STIERE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung with half-muffled bells for the funeral of the Very Rev. the Provost E. C. Kirwan, a true friend of the ringers. The band consisted of past and present members of the Cathedral Society and the Master of the Guild.

NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

JOHN MEADOWCROFT Treble	*ARTHUR HAMBLER 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	IVAN KAY 6
JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. 3	*REGINALD PLATT 7
*NORMAN HAMBLER 4	ALWYN TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of this church.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEORGE J. BUTCHER Treble	ALAN J. HOPPER 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
DERICK M. SHARP 3	JAMES E. BAILEY 7
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER
* 100th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK CHAPMAN Treble	*WILFRED S. POPE 4
*EDWARD BISHOP 2	JAMES G. POWELL 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. JARVIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for accession of King George VI. A birthday compliment to W. H. Lambert, of Benenden.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
*EDWARD GREENACRE 2	FRED WIGMORE 5
CECIL EBBERTSON 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. King George VI.

FLITTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING Treble	FRANK C. TYSON 4
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD 2	EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* First peal 'inside.'

SCOTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents.

*DENNIS F. BELL Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 4
HERBERT C. READ 2	WALTER MEDLER 5
*ALFRED W. KING 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells since they were rehung and new treble added. The band regrets that Mr. G. Bell, of Scotow, was unable to take part in the peal owing to illness.

COGENOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of six 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, London and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROLAND JONES Treble	WILFRED JOYCE 4
JACK DAVEY 2	THOMAS HOLLOWELL 5
PHILIP JONES 3	EDWARD HASTINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

* First peal. First peal by all in seven methods. Rung to celebrate the third anniversary of the first peal, rung at the same church, by the ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 4
FRANK BRADLEY 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 5
J. ALFRED BARRATT 3	JOHN E. HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Rung on the front six after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to the mother of Mr. Bradley on her 70th birthday.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and James,

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 16 cwt.

*WALTER J. GOSNEY Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
H. JIM RALPH 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL 5
FREDERICK J. MARSH 3	†WILLIAM E. TREVITT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. Both at first attempt. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday (December 20th) compliment to Miss Anita Rees, of the Rectory.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS E. STREAD Treble	FRANK SANDFORD 4
HARRY OWENS 2	TREVOR JONES 5
LESLIE EVANS 3	THOMAS R. ECKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd are local men.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
FRANK H. HICKS 2	JAMES G. POWELL 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3	ARTHUR J. HART Tenor

Conducted by A. F. LEWRY.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

REFERENCE INDEX TO OUR 1936 ARTICLES.

The articles which have appeared under this heading have been, as we have already pointed out, intended as a help to those who are called upon to give instruction, as well as to learners themselves. Purposely they have followed no set plan, for the reason that all 'beginners' are not in the same stage. Indeed, we are all 'beginners' of some kind or other, and that is why sometimes the articles are a little more advanced than those which absolute beginners can, perhaps, understand.

Now that we have got to the final week of the year it may be as well if we catalogue in some degree the articles which have appeared in 1936. It will, we hope, facilitate future reference by those who may have need of them as hints in teaching future pupils. The subjects are, so far as possible, grouped.

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CONDUCTING FROM A 'NON-OBSERVATION' BELL.

Here is a letter from Australia with reference to what we wrote about conducting from a non-observation bell:—

Dear Sir,—In your issue of August 28th, this subject is discussed in your usual clear manner, and to me it seems the concluding words in paragraph 1 are particularly apt and sum up the position. You then discuss calling the bells 'Before' and 'In the Hunt' in Grandsire Triples.

In the case of compositions in one part, such as Holt's Original, or other notable 'peals,' 'lengths,' etc., the plan, I venture to think, is admirable. But if, in the case of touches or peals in 4-5-6-7-8-10-12 parts, all the bells falling into 3rd's place are to be noted throughout,

would this not, in effect and in a broad sense, reduce all compositions of whatever length to one part? I quote a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as an example to illustrate my meaning:—

234567

752634—1

527634—4

275634—4

Repeat nine times, with S. at half-way and at the end. (If a Holt single be preferred, the 2nd is retained at the part-end throughout.)

On the face of it, the calling is for the 2nd 'Out,' 'Before,' 'In' in the first half, and the 3rd likewise in the second. (No need to discuss the alternative when Holt's single is used.) But if the young conductor is to adopt the bells Before, the position is by no means so clear or so simple. He must memorise the bells, thus: (1) 5.2.7; (2) 6.2.4; (3) 3.2.5; (4) 7.2.6; (5) 4.2.2(S.); and in the second half substitute 3 for 2.

Actually this was the first quarter-peal I called, and, though but a lad at the time, I found no difficulty in doing so from the 4th, and even after 30 odd years I would prefer this plan to 'taking' all the bells 'Before.'

The subject, as all ringers will admit, is a 'big' one. In a given case, five notable men will probably conduct the same touch or peal on five different plans, and by the fact that each would be successful shows that each plan is correct.

For a number of years I have thought the subject was worthy of a 'text book,' but finally concluded that if such a book were issued by one individual alone, it would probably be adversely received by the ringing brethren.

But, Mr. Editor, from the point of view of the young and ambitious ringer, I still am of opinion such a book would be welcomed in the British Isles, and, maybe, command a ready sale. I particularly refer to the ringer of two or three standard methods, who has no one available to whom he can look for help in the initial stages of calling.

If, therefore, the Central Council could be induced to discuss this matter and endeavour to find men who would undertake such a work it would make a notable addition to the publications already issued. I commend it for your consideration and leave to others the question of methods and numbers of bells.

ERNEST F. BEHAN.

Carlton, Melbourne, Australia.

We do not think we have suggested that all peals and touches of Grandsire should be called by the bells 'Before,' because it is perfectly true, as our correspondent points out, that to do so would sometimes be a more laborious task than calling by other means. We illustrated our article by explaining how easily Holt's ten-part can be called by the bells Before, but in the following issue we also showed how, in peals of a different type—Parker's twelve-part was the illustration—other 'observations,' such as calling a bell In and Out of the hunt and into other positions, can be used just as easily. Perhaps, however, Mr. Behan had not received that issue of 'The Ringing World' when he wrote his letter.

OTHER DOUBLES METHODS.

For the benefit of those who tried to find the three variants of the Doubles method which we published last week, but did not succeed, here are the figures:—

12345	12345	12345
21354	21354	21354
23145	23145	23145
32415	32415	32415
23451	23451	34251
32541	32541	43521
23514	35214	34512
32154	53124	43152
31245	51342	41325
13425	15324	14352
14352	13542	13425

'The Mad Hatter' writes as follows: 'Your Doubles method is Reading Doubles, No. 12 in the Central Council's Collection, but with the Plain lead as bob, and the Bob lead as the method. Given thus, the method is asymmetrical, while as Reading Doubles it is symmetrical.'

Of course, we knew this, but as a 'method' it is different to the others, and it produces an additional lead in the plain course. The variations, again, are all different, just as there are often four methods of Minor with the same framework, but differing, as we have pointed out previously, by the addition or omission of 2nd's and 5th's places over and under the treble respectively.

FATHERS AND SONS.

At St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, South Wales, on Sunday, October 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Williams 1, Latimer Williams (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, J. Hanson 4, A. W. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, Haydn Dobbins (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. In this quarter-peal three fathers and three sons took part. Specially rung as a wedding compliment to the curate, the Rev. J. W. Jones.

NEW PEAL AT BRADSHAW, YORKS. RING OF FIVE DEDICATED.

The gift of Mr. Eli Fielding, an old and esteemed resident of the village, a new peal of five bells was dedicated at the Church of St. John, Bradshaw, Halifax, Yorkshire, on Saturday, December 12th. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Seaton).

The church, which is situated on the edge of the famous Ogden Moors, was well filled for the ceremony. Directly the bells had been handed over to the care of the Vicar, a few rounds were rung by the ringers of Queensbury, who have undertaken the responsibility of instructing a young band at Bradshaw.

The Bishop in his address expressed gratitude to the donor of the bells for his gift, thanks to the Queensbury ringers for their services, and words of advice and encouragement to the youths who had come forward to be instructed in the art of change ringing.

After the service bells were rung to Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

The bells are another fine example of the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, who were represented by Mr. S. R. Roper. The tone and go of the bells is all that could be desired, and a great asset to Sunday worship in this village has been added by the installation of the peal. The weight of the tenor is 8 cwt, 0 qr. 12 lb.

THE PROVOST OF GUILDFORD.

DEATH OF A VICE-PRESIDENT OF GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The diocese of Guildford has lost a prominent and much-loved figure in the person of the Provost, the Very Rev. Ernest Cecil Kirwan, and with his passing the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Ringers has lost a vice-president who had endeared himself to all the members.

The Provost had been in indifferent health for nearly two years, and for some weeks past had been in a nursing home. He was 69 years of age.

Educated at Bath College and Keble College, Oxford, his theological training was received at Cuddesdon College, and he was ordained deacon in 1891, and priest the following year.

After two years in a curacy at Bracknell, Berks, he was appointed in 1893 to a curacy in Guildford, and except for six years as Vicar of Camberley and Yorktown the rest of his active life was spent in Guildford in the service of the Church and town. He was inducted as Rector of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's in 1907, and when Holy Trinity became the Cathedral of the new diocese, Canon Kirwan became the first Provost. He never spared himself in the multifarious duties which fell to his lot, and his devotion to his work led to the breakdown in his health.

From the inauguration of the Guildford Diocesan Guild he made its progress a matter of keen personal interest, for his own ringers had always a warm place in his heart, and he extended this interest to the new Guild when it was formed. He regularly attended the annual meetings and dinners, sometimes presiding, and he also, whenever possible, was present at the meetings of the committee, of which he was an ex-officio member. In the Guild, as in the town and diocese, his loss will be deeply felt.

At the funeral on Saturday afternoon, attended in the Cathedral by a large and representative gathering of churchmen, the Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett) and past and present members of the Cathedral Society. After the service a half-muffled peal was rung.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES.

The Ashford District of the Kent County Association met at Wye on Saturday, December 12th, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild. Although the weather was none too favourable, about thirty were present, representing ten different towers. No service was held, but the Vicar, Rev. D. W. Metcalfe, joined the company at tea at the King's Head Hotel.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the Vicar presided. In presenting the report and balance sheet for the year, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Conley) stated that there had been a net increase in practising members of thirteen, making a total of 153. The district had only two hon. members, yet in spite of this the receipts were higher than last year, amounting, with the collection for the benevolent fund, to £16 2s. 6d. The expenses had also been somewhat higher, so that the amount paid to the central fund was rather less than last year. The meetings of the district had been well attended throughout the year, the lowest attendance being thirty.—Both the report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Secretary then gave a report of the Central Committee meeting at Maidstone, and was thanked for doing so.

For the Romney Marsh Guild, Appledore was again chosen for the annual meeting to be held on January 16th, when the same enter-
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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WEATHER AFFECTS ATTENDANCE AT EASTERN MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract on Saturday, December 12th, and was rather poorly attended, owing, no doubt, to the bad weather. About 20 ringers were present from Bodsworth, Campsall, Goole, Hemingbrough, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Rotherham, Selby Abbey and Sherburn-in-Elmet. All Saints' Church bells (8) were rung during the afternoon and evening, and St. Giles' (10) were available during the evening. Good use was made of both, the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

Evensong in All Saints' Church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Shipley), and the preacher was the Vicar of St. Giles', Pontefract (Rev. C. C. T. Naters).

Tea was partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe, and the business meeting was held in St. Giles' belfry, the Vicar presiding.

Three new non-resident members were elected—Messrs. Martin Walker and Tom Hall, of Uleby, Lincolnshire, and George Dobbs, of Killingholme, Lincolnshire.

The Secretary explained that Pontefract was substituted for Goole for the meeting as Goole is at present without a Vicar. Mr. Hill, of Goole, extended a provisional invitation to the district for the annual district meeting to be held in March. This, of course, is subject to the approval of the new Vicar on his arrival in Goole in the new year.

Mr. Cryer proposed, and Mr. Vigor seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar of the two churches for the use of the bells, and this was responded to by the Vicar of St. Giles'. He extended a hearty welcome to the members to Pontefract.

Mr. Hill proposed, and Mr. Bradley seconded, a vote of thanks to the organist of All Saints' Church and the local companies. This was responded to by Mr. Walters.

It is hoped to arrange a special practice meeting at Howden early in January, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Neath. About 40 ringers attended, including visitors from Aberdare, Bridgend and Newton Porthcawl. The bells, a peal of six rehung this year by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and going well, were rung from 3 p.m. Service was conducted by Rev. Canon R. W. Jones, B.A. (Rector), assisted by Rev. E. V. Dodd (curate). Mrs. Richards presided at the organ, and the choir, some of whom are ringers, was in attendance.

A very interesting address was given by the Rector on the Parish Church and bells of St. Thomas. Three of the bells date back to about 1700. There is also a bell (no date) on the floor of the church which had been brought from Chili with four others and given to Ostermouth, St. David's, Swansea, Hafod and Clyne.

Tea, partaken of in the Church Hall, was very generously given by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thomas. About 40 sat down and did full justice to all the good things provided. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to the donors.

At the business meeting, with the Rector in the chair, a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. D. Williams, of Sketty.

Mr. E. Stitch was re-elected hon. district secretary, and Mr. D. L. Rees elected auditor.

Morrison was chosen for the March meeting.

Two new members were elected, and the chairman kindly became an hon. member.

It was reported that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor had been rung at Llanelly as a quarterly peal for the Guild, and it was hoped to be able to ring one in each quarter.

Votes of thanks were given to the chairman and to all others who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. A course of London Surprise Minor came to grief six changes from home.

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timers will assist with the social part of the meeting as on the last occasion. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

One peal has been rung for the Guild since the last meeting, a notable one in some ways, being the first local peal at Aldington for fifty years.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his attendance at the meeting.

In a brief reply he said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Wye, and hoped to have the pleasure of doing so many more times.

After a short touch on handbells, the company returned to the tower and made good use of the bells until 8 p.m., when an enjoyable meeting closed.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEMBERS ENTERTAINED BY PRESIDENT.**

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 12th, when 63 members and friends were present from Burslem, Brown Edge, Bucknall, Cheadle, Crewe, Disley, Draycott, Kids Grove, Kingsley, Longton, Lawton, Leek, Marple, Macclesfield, Norbury, Norton, Newcastle, Stockton Heath, Stoke, Stone, Tunstall, Uttoxeter, Warrington and Wistaston.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. Churton, of Stoke, seconded by Mr. G. H. Hall, of Brown Edge, to the Rector of Stoke (Rev. P. Harthill), who kindly provided the tea.

The Rector gave a very hearty invitation to all present, and expressed his wish to be with them next year.

He was supported by Rev. K. G. Symcox, curate. The Rector, who is president of the association, was in the chair, and was supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson, hon. secretary, Mr. Kenneth Thacker, assistant hon. secretary, Rev. K. G. Symcox and Mr. Sidney Churton.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting and of the annual committee meeting had been approved, Mr. J. E. Wheeldon commented on the secretary's report, which appeared in our issue of November 27th, and stated it was the finest report he had had the opportunity of listening to.

Mr. R. D. Langford, hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Crewe Branch) thanked the Rector and ringers for the welcome extended to visitors when they attended any of the meetings of the association. This was supported by Mr. C. K. Lewis (Stockport, Bowden and Mottram joint secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild).

RINGERS' DINNER.

The annual dinner of the St. Aidan's Guild and guests (Blackhill Branch of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association) took place on Friday, December 11th, in the Church Recreation Hall. A gathering of about 28 sat down to an excellent meal, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. Jenkin Jones). The toast of 'The King' was honoured. A toast to 'The founder of the bells (Mrs. Lee),' was proposed by Mr. Baley, and Mr. F. W. Marshall submitted 'The St. Aidan's Guild,' both of which were suitably replied to.

A social was afterwards held, the proceedings including a small whist drive. Songs were sung by Messrs. Johnstone, Tyson, Lynn, and the Rev. W. Chapman (curate). The arrangements were successfully made by the Ringing Master (Mr. Macfeggan), and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

HUNTINGDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY G. LINDOFF.

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COVENTRY.—On Sunday, November 8th, at Stoke Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Sibley 1, W. J. Smith 2, E. H. Johnson 3, J. Jagger 4, F. Pervin (conductor) 5, D. Ellender 6, W. T. Cox 7, F. Rouse 8. Also rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal by W. J. Smith, in which J. Jagger also took part.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We extend to all our readers the heartiest wishes for 'A Merry Christmas.' The prayer for 'Peace on earth; goodwill to men' has seldom been more necessary than to-day.

Bellringing will be included in the television programme to be broadcast on Christmas afternoon. Four members of the College Youths will ring Stedman Triples on handbells: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, H. Langdon, W. Roughton and A. B. Peck. This will be the first occasion that ringing will be 'seen on the air.'

Mr. Tom Hibbert, the popular secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has spent his long ringing life endeavouring to raise the standard and quality of peal ringing. On Saturday week (as recorded in our last issue) he conducted a peal of Bob Major at Bucklebury. It was rung for the 81st birthday of the Bucklebury veteran, Mr. Wm. Wigmore, who has been a ringer at the tower for 63 years.

Recording this event, Reading's only daily paper, the 'Evening Gazette,' informed the public that the ringers 'rang a peal of Plain Bob Major, firing 5,040 changes in three hours 12 minutes from the belfry.' The emphasis is ours.

As one of Tom's friends said to him the next day, 'Well, old man, your standard of ringing has sadly deteriorated, according to the local paper.' But then, Tom himself once said on a public occasion, that all newspaper men are akin to Ananias, or something to that effect. The reporter of the 'Evening Gazette' seems to have done his best to prove it.

The many friends of Mr. Ben Jarman, of Harpenden, Herts, will be sorry to hear that he is in the London hospital and has undergone a serious operation. It is hoped he will make a speedy recovery.

The name of the ringer of the second in the half-muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Benilton, on Thursday, December 10th, should read Arthur A. Hadley, not William, as published.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLGIRLS LEARNING TO RING.

MISS JOAN KYNASTON'S EFFORTS AT FRENESHAM, N.S.W.

Among the letters which have brought us greetings is one from Miss Joan H. Kynaston, of Frensham, Mittagong, New South Wales, where she is teaching as a member of a school staff. She took with her from England all the keenness of an enthusiastic ringer, and is endeavouring to interest some of the senior girls of her school in the art.

The Rev. C. C. Cox obtained a set of handbells, which were sent out last December.

Since their arrival, says Miss Kynaston, I have shown a number of people how to use them. It was very difficult at first, as I was the only member of Frensham who knew anything of change ringing. I am proud to say that I now have a team of senior girls who can ring Doubles of Bob and Grandsire, Plain Bob Minor, and have attempted Grandsire Triples and Stedman. Their enthusiasm knows no bounds, and I very much hope they will continue as ringers when they leave school, especially if they are able to visit England.

The ringers at St. Mark's, Darling Point, have been extraordinarily kind and good to me. They gave me the warmest welcome on my first visit, and each time since then. In August Mr. Kearns very kindly arranged for some of his ringers to meet us at the church, and they taught the five girls I took from Frensham how to handle big bells.

We have twice rung a plain course at the school service, and the parents have shown great interest in the bells. In due course I hope that members of the school may help to build up a tradition of change ringing in the State.

RECOLLECTIONS OF HARTEST.

BELLS CAST WHEN RICHARD DUCKWORTH WAS RECTOR.

Sir,—The article by Mr. Trollope about the 'Tintinnalogia' and Richard Duckworth is interesting. It may be of further interest to our readers to know that while Duckworth was Rector of Hartest-cum-Boxted a new peal of bells was erected at the Parish Church, Hartest. They were all cast by John Darbie. The treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th were inscribed, 'John Darbie made me, 1661.'

The tenor, about 11 cwt., 'John Darbie made me, 1661. William Coppinge, Richard Murrell, Churchwardens.'

These bells are in size and tone like a peal of six with the fifth left out. Although they were rehung in 1880 in a new oak frame, it is no easy task to ring them. That they have been rung through the ages there is little doubt. On one occasion, about 100 years ago, one of the ringers, after ringing a short time, dropped down dead in the tower.

The old ringers, whom I knew when a boy, had an old set of handbells with wooden handles and no springs. The clappers consisted of a short piece of iron with an eye turned on one end, and on the other end was a ball of wood about the size of a marble, according to the size of the bells. The bells were rough and not polished, but just as they came out of the mould. They were not very musical. What has become of them I am unable to say. The old ringers whom I knew were illiterate. They used to ring 120's of Grandsire, and they all had their own bells to ring, which makes me think they did not ring by rule. However, they were always pleased to see a visiting ringer. I believe the bells are seldom rung now.

Glensford. T. SLATER.

PEALS OF TWELVE BELLS.

RAPID INCREASE IN NUMBER.

The new peal of bells at Croydon Parish Church, the opening of which we chronicled last week, brings the total number of ringing peals of twelve to 55, all but two of which are in England. Since the war there has been an amazing growth in the number of rings of twelve, which 25 years ago totalled only thirty-four—thirty-two of them in England.



THE TOWER OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S CHURCH, CROYDON.
[Photo: C. H. Price.]

York Minster was the first tower in which a peal of twelve was installed, but York has not had this number continuously. A long period intervened when there was only a peal of ten. The Gloucestershire tower of Cirencester has had a ring of twelve for the longest consecutive period, but St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, runs it close, for two trebles were added to the then existing ten by Rudhall in 1719.

In Shipway's day, that is, 120 years ago, there were thirteen rings of twelve in existence. These were in the following towers: St. Bride's; Christ Church, Spitalfields; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; St. Michael's, Corn-

hill, and St. Saviour's, Southwark, London; Birmingham, Cambridge, Cirencester, Liverpool, Norwich and Shrewsbury.

Of these, Spitalfields afterwards disappeared in a fire which destroyed the tower and bells. St. Peter's, St. Albans, is another tower which once had a peal of twelve. These were subsequently reduced to the original ten.

It is not uninteresting to note that in Shipway's list of churches with peals of ten bells (1816) eighteen are now among the twelve-bell towers. They were St. Mary-le-Bow, London; Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston, Canterbury, Exeter, Halifax, Ipswich, Leeds, Leicester (St. Margaret's), Oxford, Painswick, Reading, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Wakefield, Worcester, Yarmouth and York.

The following is the present list of rings of twelve, in addition to which there will soon be ringing peals of the same number at Manchester Town Hall and Leicester Cathedral.

LONDON.		Tenor.
		Cwt.
St. Paul's Cathedral	...	62
St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside	...	54
St. Bride's, Fleet Street	...	28
St. Michael's, Cornhill	...	41
St. Giles', Cripplegate	...	36
St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark	...	50
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields	...	30½
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch	...	28½

THE PROVINCES.		
Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, St. Michael and All Angels'	...	25
Aston, Birmingham, SS. Peter and Paul's	...	25
Birchington, Kent, Waterloo Tower, Quex Park	...	15½
Birmingham, St. Martin's	...	37½
Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe	...	50½
Cambridge, St. Mary-the-Great	...	28
Canterbury, Christ Church Cathedral	...	30
Chelmsford, Essex, St. Mary's Cathedral	...	34½
Cheltenham, Glos, St. Mary's	...	22½
Christchurch, Hants, Priory Church of Holy Trinity	...	30
Cirencester, Glos, St. John's	...	29
Croydon, Surrey, St. John-the-Baptist	...	36
Exeter, Devon, St. Peter's Cathedral	...	72
Halifax, Yorks, St. John's	...	25½
High Wycombe, Bucks, All Saints'	...	31
Ipswich, Suffolk, St. Mary-le-Tower	...	32
Kidderminster, Worcs, St. Mary and All Saints'	...	24½
Leeds, Yorks, St. Peter's	...	41
Leicester, St. Margaret's	...	33
Lincoln, Cathedral	...	24
Liverpool, St. Nicholas'	...	39½
Macclesfield, St. Michael and All Angels'	...	26½
Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. Nicholas' Cathedral	...	37½
Norwich, St. Peter Mancroft	...	27½
Oldham, Lancs, St. Mary's	...	33
Oxford, Christ Church Cathedral	...	31
Painswick, Glos, St. Mary's	...	26½
Reading, Berks, St. Laurence's	...	23½
Saffron Walden, Essex, St. Mary's	...	24
St. Albans, Herts, St. Peter's Cathedral	...	23½
Sheffield, Yorks, St. Peter's Cathedral	...	41
Shrewsbury, Shropshire, St. Chad's	...	43
Surfleet, Lincs, St. Laurence's	...	12
Taunton, Somerset, St. Mary's	...	30
Tewkesbury, Glos, St. Mary-the-Virgin	...	23
Trowbridge, Wilts, St. James'	...	24
Wakefield, All Saints' Cathedral	...	31
Walsall, Staffs, St. Matthew's	...	26
Waltham Abbey, Essex, St. Laurence's	...	38½
West Bromwich, Staffs, Christ Church	...	23
* Winchester, St. Swithin's Cathedral	...	31
Wolverhampton, Staffs, St. Peter's	...	33
Worcester, St. Mary's Cathedral	...	49½
Yarmouth, Norfolk, St. Nicholas'	...	30½
York, St. Peter's Cathedral	...	60

IRELAND		
Dublin, St. Patrick's Cathedral	...	45

AUSTRALIA.		
Melbourne, St. Paul's Cathedral	...	31½
* Winchester bells are now being recast and increased in weight.		

STEPNEY SCHOLARS. FIRST QUARTER-PEAL OF TRIPLES.

To mark the ordination of the Rev. W. H. Bathurst as priest, the Stepney Scholars rang the first quarter-peal of Triples by the Guild on Sunday, when 1,260 of Grandsire was brought round on the back eight bells of St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney: *H. E. Thompson 1, †G. C. Cox 2, *T. G. Fox 3, G. W. Cecil 4, *A. A. Jarvis 5, H. A. Pinchbeck 6, L. J. Fox (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor) 7, C. Andus 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples. † First quarter-peal. All are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Dunstan's.

WILLIAM, LORD BRERETON. FIRST MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In the following article Mr. J. Armiger Trollope writes of the first Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, William, Lord Brereton. In our issue of November 27th we gave a brief outline of the career of Lord Brereton, a great Royalist as well as a ringer, to whom, in large measure, the society owes its origin.

In this three hundredth year of the existence of the Society of College Youths a good many of the members will no doubt be glad to hear something about the man who was the first Master and principal founder, especially as we are told in the books that nothing is known of him.

The Breretons were a very old family, which had been settled in Cheshire from before the reign of Henry I. The eldest stock lived at Brereton, a village a few miles from Crewe, and there were branches in other parts of Cheshire, in Ireland, and in Norfolk. Many members of the family served the State in the Army, the Court, the Church, and the Law.

From very early times it was the custom to call the eldest son William and the second son John; and as this was so in the junior branches of the family as well as in the elder, there were a great many William Breretons, several of whom had the honour of knighthood conferred on them, and many Johns. In the reign of Henry VIII., Sir William Brereton was second in command to Sir William Skeffington, the Lord Deputy of Ireland and was afterwards Lord Justice. His son, Captain (afterwards Sir) John and Andrew were active in the Irish wars, and other members of the family are mentioned in the State papers of the time.

LORD BRERETON'S ANCESTRY.

Another Sir William Brereton held an office in the royal household. He was involved in the disgrace of Anne Boleyn, was charged with having committed adultery with that unfortunate queen, and was beheaded for treason on May 17th, 1534. Another Sir William, son of Captain John and grandson and heir of the Lord Justice, was Sheriff of Cheshire. He died in 1559 and was succeeded by his son, a boy of nine years old, who was baptised at Brereton, February 6th, 1550. This William served in the Low Countries and was knighted at Flushing by Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, the English Commander-in-Chief. About 1586 he built the hall at Brereton, a building of stone and brick, which is usually considered one of the finest examples of Elizabethan architecture extant. The tale is told, but on very doubtful authority, that the great queen laid the foundation stone and afterwards visited the completed house.

On May 11th, 1624, Sir William was created Baron Brereton of Leighlin in the peerage of Ireland, and in 1630 he died, aged 80 years. He had four sons, William, born 1579, who was entered a student of Lincoln's Inn in 1586; Robert, born 1584; William, born 1586, and John, afterwards Sir John, born 1591. As all of these predeceased the old lord, the title and estates fell on his death to his grandson, John's son William, who was born on February 28th, 1611, and baptised on March 8th at Gawsorth.

Of his boyhood and early manhood nothing is known. I have not been able to trace his name among the alumni of Oxford or Cambridge, or as a student at one of the Inns of Court, though the names of several of his family appear. In after years he applied for a legal post which

seems to show that, like most young men of his class, he did have some training in the law. His student days were over and he was 26 years old when he and his friends founded the Society of College Youths. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Goring, afterwards Earl of Norwich, who held a position of great importance at the royal court and managed to secure a very large income by getting hold of monopolies. Through the influence of his father and his own social position, Brereton was brought into close contact with the king and all the leading men of the time.

SHORT RINGING CAREER.

His active connection with the College Youths did not last many years, for clouds were gathering on the political horizon, and in 1642 the Civil War broke out. Brereton threw himself warmly into the cause of the King, went down to his own county, gathered arms, raised forces, and garrisoned his house. On the other side was his distant cousin and namesake, Sir William Brereton, of Handforth, 'a gentleman of competent fortune in that county and Knight for the Shire in Parliament, but most notorious for a known aversion to the government of the Church.'

Sir William came down from London with a troop of horse and dragoons, inflicted a sharp defeat on the Royalists, and fortified Nantwich. Chester City, through the influence of the Cathedral, was for the King; his adherents made it their headquarters; and from the two camps the opposing forces strove for the control of the county. The issue was decided in 1644, when Thomas Fairfax, the best general the Parliament had (save only Oliver Cromwell) marched from Yorkshire, joined Sir William Brereton and routed the King's army at Nantwich, after which the Royalist cause never revived again in Cheshire.

Lord Brereton fought at Nantwich and after the defeat escaped southward, but he was surrounded and taken prisoner with his son and wife at Biddulph Hall in Staffordshire. He petitioned the Parliament to be exchanged, but his request was refused, and he was told that he must first give satisfaction for killing several of the Parliamentary side in cold blood at Nantwich. A year later, however, he was exchanged for Sir John Harcourt, and after that he retired to his own house and took no further active part in the war.

ESTATE SEQUESTERED.

But his troubles were by no means over. The Parliament had fought the war partly on the ground of the illegal raising of money by the King; and now faced by the necessity of providing the sinews of the war they themselves adopted much the same plan. A Committee for the Advance of Money was appointed, who assessed the value of the estates of country gentlemen and then levied a rate accordingly. Brereton was assessed at £2,500; appealed against it, had it altered, and finally settled the demand by paying £240.

When the Parliament finally triumphed the estates of those gentlemen who had been guilty of 'delinquency' (i.e., of bearing arms for the King or supporting his cause) were sequestered and among the list of those seized in Cheshire appears Lord Brereton's. The delinquents were allowed to redeem their estates by paying a fine, variously fixed from one-third to one-tenth of the value. Lord Brereton was assessed at £4,605 5s. 10d.

*Clarendon.

and ordered to pay one-sixth. He paid half of what was demanded, appealed for a reduction of the balance, and finally received his discharge at Goldsmith's Hall on May 6th, 1648. The estate was said to be worth £1,400 a year. His brother John, who as a boy of sixteen had ridden out to serve the King, was also punished by sequestration, and Lord Brereton compounded for the claims on him by paying £150. Thomas Sidway, the estate bailiff, had to pay £120.

Mr. Robinson, the Vicar of Brereton, was ejected for delinquency, and in his place Lord Brereton appointed a John Holm, whose doings and opinion were not to the likings of the Puritans of the district. He refused to keep the fasts and thanksgiving days appointed by Parliament or to subscribe to the Covenant. He would not do it, he said, for ten times the value of the living. Some fanatic complained of all this to the Parliament and laid the blame on Lord Brereton. 'This sads,' he wrote, 'the heart of the honest part in the parish.' The Puritans of Churchhulm and Middlewich also complained that Lord Brereton had hindered their ministers and prayed that they might be paid out of his estates.

In 1660 came the Restoration of the Monarchy and Lord Brereton, like many another country gentleman, looked for restitution and compensation for all the losses he had borne. He petitioned the King for a grant to himself and his son after him of the office of Custos Brevium in the Court of Common Pleas. Whether his request was granted does not appear, but on May 31st, 1661, a warrant was issued to pay Lord Brereton £500 as the King's free gift.

TRIALS OF OFFICE.

He was made Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire in conjunction with Edward Stanley, Earl of Derby, who was also Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and Lord of the Isle of Man. This division of the office was unusual, and was done in this case because while Brereton represented the Cavalier gentry of the county, Derby's territorial and family influence in the district was so great that he could not be passed by. The arrangement was not satisfactory. There was a great deal of ill feeling between the Breretons and the Stanleys. The latter were suspected of being lukewarm in the royal cause; and 'ten loyal subjects,' headed by Lord Brereton, sent a petition to the King against Thomas Stanley of Alderley, who wished to obtain the honour of a baronet. They protest that their action was not malicious and point out that Stanley had made some persons 'take bonds never to acknowledge a king' and (this, no doubt, was a sore point) his son Peter had bought part of the Marquess of Winchester's estate from the Commissioners of Delinquents' Lands.

Derby ignored Brereton and tried to govern the county as if he did not exist, and this offended and irritated Brereton. There was confusion and complaints sent up to Whitehall. Secretary Nicholas wrote to Derby that 'the King hears the militia is in no good position because the earl will not consult with Lord Brereton about the appointment of deputy lieutenants. All diligence must be used in settling the matter.'

In reply, Derby excused himself by blaming Brereton for not signing the Commissions, and brought down upon himself a sharp rebuke. 'His Majesty is much dissatisfied and begs him to use expedition and let his next letter report his diligence. The reason why Lord Brereton

refused to sign the deputations was that the Commissions and instructions had not been sent to him nor his advice taken about Cheshire which the King expects to be done as he is joined in the Commission.'

Matters did not much improve and later on Richard Leigh writes to the Secretary at Whitehall that, having two Lords Lieutenant, he finds it hard to please both. Lord Derby now seeks to oblige all he can and Lord Brereton is so wedded to his own humour that nothing else can please. Some of the country gentlemen sent a request that both Brereton and Derby should be dismissed and Lord Gerard appointed Lord Lieutenant; but this was not done. A hint seems to have been given to Derby to devote himself to his other lieutenancy of Lancashire and his lordship of Man and to leave Cheshire to Brereton.

PETITIONS TO WHITEHALL.

There was a good deal of dissatisfaction in the county and Brereton reported that he was keeping a strict watch. Several of the suspects he arrested and imprisoned in Chester Castle, for the Habeas Corpus Act was not yet passed. One man, John Griffiths, was especially obnoxious to him. He had been a captain in the Parliamentary Army and a dependant of the Stanleys. Lord Derby made him Collector of Excise in the county, although disqualified under the Act of Indemnity from holding Government employment. Him, Lord Brereton clapped into prison together with other persons connected with the government of Chester under the old regime, and naturally they and their friends did their best to make trouble for him.

Petitions were sent to Whitehall that Griffiths might be released so he could attend to the King's business, but Brereton countered them by saying that Griffiths was a seditious person, who tried to prejudice the King and Council against those who opposed his wicked attempts, as most of the gentry in the county would testify. It was not the Excise business that troubled him, for he had offered never to act again if he might have his liberty. He tried to escape from the castle, and, therefore, the writer suspected him of greater matter than had yet been found out.

Brereton complains that he serves the King in a place where he can please no party. One, Zachary Croftin, had left preaching, turned cheese factor and rode up and down the county sowing sedition. After he was arrested he boasted that he had written one bishop silent who could not speak, and another dumb who could not write.

LORD BRERETON'S DEATH.

Part of Lord Brereton's duties was to enforce the laws against Nonconformists. He reports that he took some persons at a Presbyterian Conventicle, but let them go, this being their first fault, on promise not to do the same again and on paying the soldiers who secured them; but others taken at an Anabaptist meeting were sent to gaol, obstinately refusing to give bonds or take the oaths, but saying they must obey the spirits.

Having got all these people into prison and the expected trouble having been averted, the Lord Lieutenant was at a loss to know what to do with them. He therefore applied to London for instructions and an Order in Council was issued directing him to release them all on good security and after they had taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. Only Griffiths and another

were to be kept and his lordship was to gain proofs against Griffiths.

A month later, February 20th, 1664, in reply to some Government communication, George Brereton wrote that his father was laid up with an excessive cold, but would attend to the King's business so soon as he could come abroad; but he never did come abroad again. His illness worsened and in April, 1664, he died and was buried on the 21st at Brereton. There is no memorial at present to him in the church.

During the last three years of his life he was member of Parliament for Cheshire, but he took no active part in the proceedings and indeed his other duties must have prevented any long stay at Westminster. Two months later Lord Derby showed his relief at getting rid of his troublesome colleague by writing to Secretary Bennet and thanking him for obtaining for him the lieutenancy of Chester without a companion.

TITLE BECOMES EXTINCT.

There was a John Brereton who joined the College Youths in 1657 and was Master in 1660. I should like to think he was Lord Brereton's younger brother, the boy Cavalier of 1642, only he is said by Ormerod, in his monumental 'History of Chester,' to have died in 1656, but I have found some mistake in Ormerod's account of the Breretons and this may be one. John Brereton graduated B.A. at Oxford in 1646 and M.A. in 1649.

Lord Brereton was succeeded by his son William, an amiable and accomplished man, who was one of the founders of the Royal Society. He was educated at Breda at the expense of his grandfather, the Earl of Norwich, and was a poet, algebraist, and musician. Owing to the losses and expenses sustained by his father in the Civil War he was compelled to dispose of the Cheshire estates, and when he died administration was granted to his creditors. He was buried at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. His son John died in 1718 and was succeeded by his brother Francis, who died childless in 1722, when the peerage became extinct.

George Brereton, Lord Brereton's younger son, was at Oxford. He was created Master of Arts by virtue of the King's letter. Anthony Wood says: 'He never suffered anything for the King's cause, yet because he was a lord's son, got a fellowship of All Souls' College, where speaking evilly of Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Ralph Snow they found means to eject him thence.' George Brereton afterwards took orders and was a Prebendary of Lincoln.

The above account is based largely on State papers and is taken from a 'History of London Ringing in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries,' now in course of preparation.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

ANNUAL REPORT REVEALS DIFFICULTIES OF ORGANISATION.

The annual report of the Ladies' Guild has just been issued to members. While it reveals general progress, the difficulties attending its organisation are manifested in comments by the district secretaries. The scattered distribution of the ladies makes it difficult to keep the members in touch with the activities of the Guild.

The active members number 297, and the non-ringing life members 65. They are distributed as follows:—

District.	Active.	Honorary.
Central	85	18
Lincoln	25	14
Northampton	37	9
Northern	33	3
Southern	57	9
Western	53	7
Unattached	7	5

The report of the general hon. secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) states: During the twelve months since the issue of the last report there has undoubtedly been a noticeable increase in the membership and renewed interest in most districts. The time has come to consider the advisability of altering the districts to enable the country to be more adequately covered, and a committee was formed at the annual meeting at Bath to go into the matter.

The year 1937 marks the 25th anniversary of the Guild's formation, and it is hoped to hold a dinner in London to celebrate the event. The date has been provisionally fixed for October 23rd, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

The district secretaries deserve a hearty vote of thanks for their work during the year, and the best way to show this is by supporting the meetings which they arrange.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES' COMMENTS.

Here are some pertinent extracts from the reports of the district secretaries:—

Central District: On the whole the meetings were very well attended, except the December meeting. Three honorary members and nine ringing members were elected at the meetings, but eleven members have lapsed since the last report was printed.

Lincolnshire District: The balance for the year is not as good as previously, a few members having withdrawn. Those of our branch who really are interested attend every meeting possible, but others are very lax. They pay their subscriptions and there their interest ends. If only members would realise that attendance at meetings is necessary for the welfare of the branch and very much appreciated by the officials, I am sure more would attend. In our district, the vice-president and secretary live 80 miles apart, so that if it were not for the use of cars it would be impossible to carry on, as the railway is hopeless. We find that joint meetings with branches of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild are a great help to all concerned.

Northamptonshire District: Although our district covers a small area compared with other districts of the Guild, it is not proportionately simple or convenient for the arrangement of meetings accessible to the majority of members. Distances of 30 or 50 miles are usual for all of us in turn, therefore an average attendance of about 10 members cannot be considered unsatisfactory. I would appeal, however, to each member to do her utmost to come whenever the Guild visits her neighbourhood; it is when those who could come do not do so that the Guild suffers and is less able to carry out its objects. To keep our membership up to 35 in number we must judiciously encourage all the beginners that we come across, so that they are not lost during the dangerous stage that comes between the novelty of the learner and the accomplishment of the change ringer. The continued support of all the 'old members' is the greatest help. For us all, shall we put our minds to better striking? Following on improvement in our own towers there might be great results on the valuable occasions when we meet.

Northern District: I am pleased to state that the meetings held at Manchester and Ossett were a credit to the district, and I would like to thank members for their support in attending these meetings. At the Manchester meeting a change of secretary is recorded, Miss Cawthorne resigning after six years' service to the district, this making the third change in secretaries since the formation of the district. The accounts of the district are very satisfactory, the subscription receipts being above average and practically up to date.

Southern District: The Southern District has held meetings at Aldershot, Leatherhead, Reading and Ash. The attendance (with the exception of Leatherhead when there was thick fog) has been good, and the secretary wishes to thank her keen supporters who have made the meetings a success. Ten new members have been elected and four have dropped out. The secretary appreciates prompt payment of subscriptions, and thanks those who are always to time.

Western District: The district has made fairly satisfactory progress during the past year. There has been only one new member, and several of the older ones appear to have dropped out. Also subscriptions have not come in as well as usual. On the other hand there seems to be greater interest in the meetings, and the attendance has greatly improved, though this might be still better if some members would really make an effort to be present when the meeting is within reasonable distance.

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SIX DORSET RINGERS' FINE RECORD

FORTY YEARS OF BELFRY COMRADESHIP.

When 24-year-old Tom Foote went to the little Dorset village of Marnhull as a young man life seemed to be dull among the village lads. There were no motor-cycles, no films, very few dances, because that was 40 years ago.

So he got other five bachelors together, and in November, 1896, started a bellringing team at the Parish Church. The six men, all now grey-haired, still wend their way up the belfry steps to the tower, and in completing 40 years' unbroken service as a team they have created a wonderful record.

They estimate that they have rung for 10,000 hours.

And one of them, Alfred Drew, who is 75, has probably rung for many hours longer than that, for he has been sexton of Marnhull Church for most of his life.



FORTY YEARS TOGETHER.

The ringers of Marnhull, Dorset, who have rung together at the Parish Church for 40 years. Mr. T. Foote (the captain) is seen, congratulating Mr. Alfred Drew (aged 75), the oldest member.

[Photo by Dorset Press Services.]

The ages of these six fine old countrymen total 406 years. Mr. Tom Foote, the captain of the team, is 64, Henry Haskett is 73, Mark Denn 72, Walter Drew 62, and John Crew 60.

Mr. Foote started on his bellringing career when he was 17, at Donhead St. Mary in Wiltshire.

'It is extremely difficult to persuade young men to go into the tower nowadays,' Mr. Foote told an interviewer. 'They think too much about town life, the pictures, dancing and going off to the seaside on Sundays. Yet bellringing is as fine and healthy an exercise as you can find. Look how it has kept this team fit for 40 years.'

Once in the days of a former Rector this Marnhull team resigned, and the reason provides a funny story. Henry Haskett was a maltster, and maltsters had to work every day of the week. Henry was often busy at the kiln on Sundays, but he managed to take his 'rope' in the tower all the same.

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ROUND BLOCKS AND TRANSPOSITIONS IN PEAL COMPOSITIONS.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Some credit for this latest discovery of mine is due to Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, Kent, because it was a doubt expressed by him about the relationship of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise and a similar peal that led me early in November to test these two peals to try and find out whether Round Blocks and Transpositions existed in peal compositions as well as in Methods, Principles and Systems.

They do exist, and the three symmetrically arranged peal compositions which follow together with their Round Blocks and Transpositions prove the fact indisputably.

No. 1 for 2nd's place Methods.

W. M. H.	23456	2nd part.	Round Blocks.	Transpositions.
—	43652	x 62534	= 46532	46532
—	26435	x 45623	= 46325	52643
—	43265	x 62453	= 54263	46532
—	52436	x 34625	= 54632	35264
—	42635	x 64523	= 42635	23456

Composed November 3rd, 1936, by George Baker.

No. 2 for 8th's place Methods.

O. F. I.	23456	2nd part.	Round Blocks.	Transpositions.
—	63254	x 45362	= 65324	65324
—	25346	x 36524	= 46325	34562
—	34256	x 52364	= 54263	65324
—	25463	x 36245	= 65243	42635
—	35264	x 56342	= 35264	23456

N.B.—No. 2 peal is No. 1 peal converted from 2nd's place methods to 8th's place methods. The Round Blocks are the same in both peals; where they appear to differ, the proving value of either shows they are one and the same Round Block.

No. 3 for 8th's place methods.

F. I. O.	23456	2nd part.	Round Blocks.	Transpositions.
—	35426	x 56234	= 36524	36524
—	23564	x 35642	= 34562	65243
—	32465	x 53246	= 62345	36524
—	63254	x 45362	= 65324	42635
—	35264	x 56342	= 35264	23456

No. 3 peal was the first of the two peals published in 'The Ringing World' on November 27th last. Three of the Round Blocks are foreign to the first two peals, so it is not the same composition.

The three peals here given have regular part-ends, and all are symmetrical in their Bob formations, consequently 'Rounds' turns up as the last row of transpositions, as it does in Methods, Principles and Systems that are symmetrically constructed.

Where the first part of a peal contains more than five courses, or where the part-ends of a peal are irregular, or where the Bob formations are asymmetrical, as in the following peals, 'Rounds' will not turn up as last row of Transpositions.

Middleton's peal of Cambridge.

M. W. H.	23456			
—	43652	x 25463	= 65243	65243
—	56234	x 64352	= 36524	53462
—	23564	x 35642	= 34562	34625
—	52364	x 63542	= 54263	26354
—	35264	x 56342	= 35264	65243

A similar peal: Wrong before Middle:

W. M. H.	23456			
—	52436	x 26534	= 36524	36524
—	45623	x 32465	= 65243	42356
—	36524	x 54263	= 46532	36524
—	53624	x 25463	= 52643	23456
—	65324	x 42563	= 65324	65324

N.B.—Three of the Round Blocks of Middleton's differ from the similar peal, so they are not the same compositions.

(Continued from previous column.)

But one Sunday Henry was very busy at his work—and he was hungry. So when he dashed into the bell tower he started to munch a biscuit. Alas! he was caught by the Rector, who said, 'I won't have bellringers taking refreshment in the tower. If they can't wait till the ringing is over I would rather they did not come at all.'

So the bellringers in sympathy with hard-worked Henry Haskett resigned in a bunch.

But the Rector soon discovered his folly, and before the next Sunday he had repented, and the six ringers were in their places.

And they will be in their places on New Year's Eve to ring the old year out and the new year in.

SUFFOLK GUILD'S APPRECIATION OF UFFORD BELLS. BEST GOING RING IN THE DIOCESE.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ufford, the bells newly rehung, with four new bells, being a great attraction. Fifty-two sat down to tea, provided by Mrs. Drake. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the founders, and Mr. Ernest Bilney, the churchwarden of Woodbridge, was elected to the chair.

Mr. Charles Mee was also present, and much satisfaction was expressed at the first-rate work he had put in in repairing the tower and making it fit for the new bells, and in altering the position of the clock. The fine tower at last now looks as it should, instead of one window being blocked out by a badly painted clock face.

Much appreciation was also shown for the more comfortable arrangements of the tower, now the best appointed, and containing the best going ring of bells in the diocese.

A collection was made, amounting to 28s. Thus the Guild has now raised more than the £10 required to fit the frame for some trebles to be added later.

A vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for sending such a good ring of bells to the diocese.

The Guild met at Framlingham on December 12th, and ringers were present from Ufford, Little Glemham, Hacheston, Framdsen, Diss and Debenham. They came from all quarters by bus, motor or cycle, and they first met at the Parish Church of St. Michael. The ringing included Bob Major, Grandsire and other methods.

After wards the party of 17 sat down to tea at Simpson's restaurant, and a business meeting followed, at which Mr. G. Berry presided.

The Rev. H. Drake, hon. secretary, presented a report, which showed the Guild had had a successful year.

It was decided that the next meeting should take place in February at Stowmarket.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon H. C. O. Lanchester (the Rector) for the use of the bells, and two new members were elected.

Handbells were brought into use on the second visit to the tower, after which further ringing took place on the tower bells. Later a visit was made to Dennington.

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BOXING DAY.—Come to St. Giles', Camberwell; all ringers welcome; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; variety of methods.—T. W. Taffender.

MELTHAM, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On New Year's Eve, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the bells, a ringing peal of six and four stationary bells, which have been restored, including rehanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 2nd, 1937, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Creswell Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. For tea, please notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmlton Road, Creswell. (Bristol, for practice.) All welcome. — M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. E. Steele, Hawthorne, Caverswall Wood, Mier, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Business meeting at 3.15, followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15. The address will be given by the Rev. E. W. Morley, Rector of Stockbridge. Important: Please let us know if you are coming. St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Anne's Parish Church on Jan. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Ringing visitors welcomed. Subscriptions due, reports ready.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, Herts, on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Welcome 5.30. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Radley, 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Broxbourne, Herts, by Tuesday, Dec. 29th.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and election of officers of the West Norfolk Branch will take place at Swaffham on Saturday, Jan. 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go to any method.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Jan. 4th? — R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1937, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, South-over Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, or any District Secretary. S. Nicolas' bells available 3.30 to 5.30.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, Jan. 6th, and oblige?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

WATFORD.—Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea, 5.30, in the school. Tower open till 8.30. Nearest station, High Street. Coach service, Market Place. Excellent services.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270. (Herts Association.)

COSGROVE, NEAR BLETCHLEY.—On Sunday, Jan. 17th, at 3 o'clock, the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the new treble of six installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Will secretaries of neighbouring branches please note that in future all meetings of the Swindon branch will be held on the **second** Saturday in each month (unavoidable circumstances excepted).—W. B. Kynaston, Hon. Sec.

GREETINGS.

To all my many friends. Kind regards and heartiest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sydney R. Roper,

Croydon.

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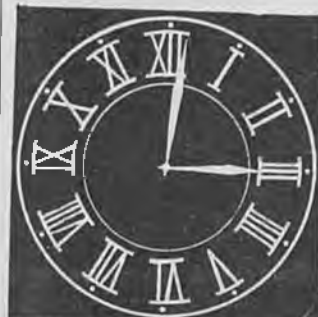
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